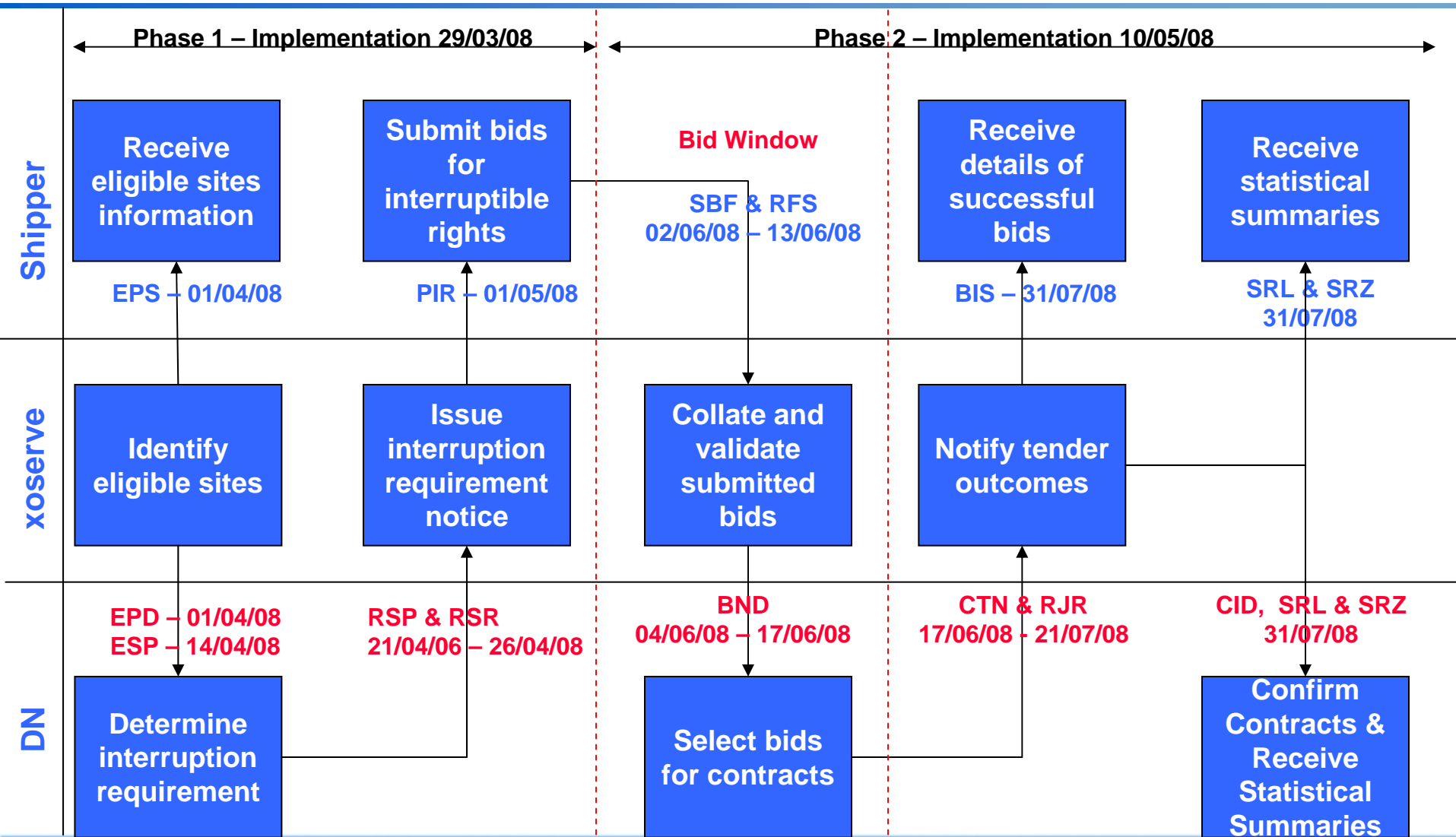


Data Flows Supporting The Tender Of Interruptible Contracts



Shipper Facing Interfaces – Phase 1

- The purpose of the following information is to provide details of how the Shipper facing processes will work:
- All Shipper Files will be sent via the Information Exchange (IX) mechanism.

Preliminary Eligible Supply Point List To Shippers (EPS File)

- A list of all supply points eligible for interruption will be sent to Shippers on 1st April 2008.
- The file will confirm to Shippers the sites that will be included in the tender process. If Shippers believe that a site has been omitted xoserve should be contacted so that the reason can be identified.
- If the omission is due to a Supply Point Administration error the normal process for correction should be observed, if it is due to a processing error the site will be added to the dataset.

Publish Interruption Requirements To Shippers (PIR File)

- A file containing all of the supply points that reside in locations that require interruption will be issued in 1st May 2008. Shippers will be able to submit bids against supply points contained in this file.
- Shippers who have had a confirmation request accepted but who have yet to receive a transfer of ownership record (TRF) will have the site included in their PIR file as will the current registered shipper.
- If a confirmation request has been accepted after the PIR file has been issued a further PIR file will be sent to the nominating Shipper containing the new record enabling the Shipper to submit a bid.
- An additional PIR file will be sent to the incoming Shipper each day that confirmation request is accepted, this will continue up until the end of the bid window.
- Shippers whose sites become superseded (taken over by another shipper) prior to the close of the bid window will not receive a PIR file denoting the change. Any bids by the outgoing shipper will therefore be cancelled.
- The incoming Shipper must attain the transfer of the site (TRF received) by the day after the bid window for the bid to stand, otherwise it will be cancelled.

Interruption Offers

- An e-mail will be sent to all Shippers on 30th May 2008 confirming the bid window start and end dates and times. The PIR file also contains the bid window start and end dates.

Shipper Facing Interfaces – Phase 2

Shipper Bid File (SBF File)

- Shippers can place bids using the SBF file from the start of the bid window on 2nd June 2008 until 13th June 2008. Bids must observe the DN requirements detailed in the PIR file and DN's cannot change the terms of the bids submitted by a Shipper.
- Bids can be amended during the bid window by resubmitting the Q03 record in the SBF file naming the bid number and the new values of the bid.
- Bids can be cancelled during the bid window by submitting the Q04 record in the SBF file by naming the bid number.
- Bids can be linked by populating the Bid_link_Ref field in the SBF file. This will denote that only 1 of a number of linked bids can be accepted by the DN.

Response To Shipper File (RFS File)

- A response showing whether the bid has passed validation will be sent to Shippers three times each day throughout the bid window at 11:30, 14:00 and 17:05. The file will contain the bids that have been submitted up to each time point.
- A final RFS file will be sent the day after the bid window has closed in order to respond with a rejection to any bids submitted after the bid window has closed.
- Reasons for rejected bids will be given in the S72 record by way of a rejection reason code.
- Sites under nomination that do not attain a full transfer by the day after the bid window closes cannot be accepted by the DN.

Bids Information To Shippers (BIS File)

- Shippers will be notified about the success of their bid in the BIS file on 31st July 2008. The DN will indicate whether the bid has been successful by populating the contract indicator field.
- If shipper is awarded a contract who then loses the site via a transfer, the incoming Shipper will take over the contract and be notified of the contract details.

Summary Reports (SRZ & SRL Files)

- Summary Files giving management information relating to the tender process will be sent to all Shippers in the Shipping Community irrespective of whether they participated in the tender process.
- The files are sorted into information by location Id (SRL) and by LDZ (SRZ). For reasons of confidentiality, bid details will not be shared if less than four shippers have bid in the location or LDZ.

Information Provision – Post Tender

Identification Of Interruptible Sites

- Shippers wishing to ascertain whether a site has an interruptible contract can speak with the end consumer or use the Internet Access To Data System (IAD). The M Number (or LMN for CSEPS and Unique Sites) is entered and an indicator is displayed to show whether a contract exists.
- The registered shipper can enter the M Number or aspects of the site address to view the terms of the contract.
- Any queries relating to the DN Interruption Process or IT Solution should be directed the Distribution Network representative who will pass them on to xoserve for resolution.