

Electronic invoicing- co-operation in Sweden for a standard

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E-commerce /e-procurement in public sector

Swedish Association of Local Authorities, Swedish Federation of County Councils and Swedish Agency for Public Management promote

e-commerce/e-procurement in public sector to get

More efficient administration

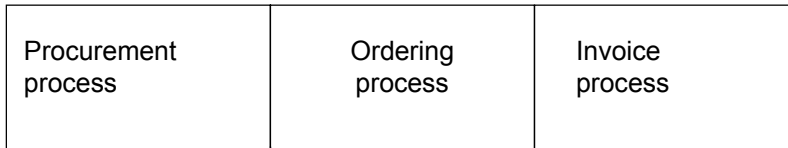
- Cost saving, giving resources to core activities
- Increasing quality

Public procurement in Sweden 35 Billion Euro, appr 70 % by local authorities and county councils

One important part of our work: We recommend an open branch standard SFTI (Single Face To Industry)

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Public procurement, Branch standard SFTI so far



Branch standard SFTI so far, for benefits:

- improved compliance to framework agreements and increased price awareness
- reducing invoice processing time
- improved financial control
- better and easy available statistics

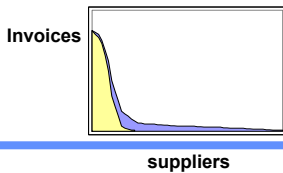
E-commerce/e-procurement in public sector, current situation

- 75 of the 290 local authorities in Sweden have begun to use e-commerce/ e-procurement
- 50 local authorities are planning to introduce e-procurement
- 72 local authorities can envisage introducing e-procurement over the next few years
- ¼ of the county councils have started with e-procurement

Many local authorities have already made assessments on the benefits obtained by e-procurement

E-invoice a necessary complement to EDI
An example from a swedish municipality shows it:

	Suppliers	Invoices
Framework agreements (EDI possible)	150	60 000
Suppliers with periodic invoices(,energy,telephone)(EDI)	100	20 000
Other suppliers	5 000	77 000
	5 250	157 000



A working group for e-Invoices

- was established in May 2003 under SFTI
- with representatives from
 - buyers and sellers and
 - appr. 25 IT companies (software industry with ERP systems, purchasing systems,work flow etc and
 - banks
- Cooperation also with the other initiatives in Sweden

The goal: to have only one or a few standards in Sweden

- First we defined what an invoice should contain (according to law and experience)
- Another working group had focus on transport and technic

Electronic invoice-the result

A co-operation which gave result:

- a standard now since June,2004, "Svefaktura" (Swed-invoice)
- an open standard
- not only for public sector-also business to business
- a very simple invoice, but with possibilities to have more information in it
- plans for implementation within 3-12 months by some of those who have participated in the work (IT-providers and banks)
- -Co-operation planned with Confederation of Swedish Enterprises

Thank you!

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