

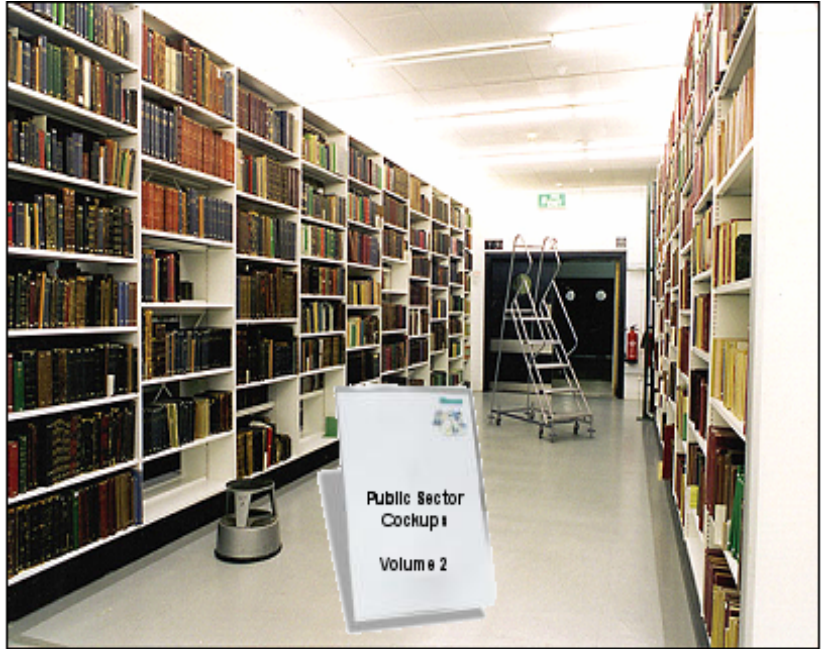
IT'S A FIX!

We can exclusively reveal here in *The Maw* that yet another public sector IT project has gone down the pan!

Although ministers are staying tight-lipped over the affair, we know wrong has been done, and we're going to spill the beans.

An aggrieved company (who wish to remain anonymous, but lets call them "O3 Mobile") has alerted us to tendering irregularities in the LAN/WAN project being run by United Libraries. In line with government guidelines, all major procurements are required to undertake a transparent procurement process—we have irrefutable evidence that shortcuts have been taken, potentially wasting huge amounts of your hard-earned taxes.

Although this may sound like sour grapes from a losing tenderer, Mr I Fleesum, head of public sector sales at O3 Mobile commented: *"Although we had the inferior solution, we wooed their procurement boys and were sure we'd got the business. I don't understand how anyone could have bettered our terms and backhanders. It's a sad day when the best solution is chosen. The United Libraries project manager has certainly altered the whole face of public procurement with his meddling."*



Mr Fleesum added: *"I have written to the board of United Libraries to express my disgust at the whole situation. I can't believe that they did not know what was going on all along. It's just a high-level conspiracy to penalize the entrepreneur."*

As a wholehearted supporter of "writing wrongs" we're calling for a full investigation—somebody must be held accountable for the whole fiasco.

Heads must roll, from the dim-witted project manager right up to the Home Secretary, not that we have any political axe to grind of course.

Independent consultants, no doubt at exorbitant daily rates, should be brought in to rectify the whole fiasco.

PPSO SIG in Drunken Quiz Shocker

Shocking scenes were witnessed in Birmingham last night as the normally-staid PPSO SIG industry body raised the rafters with arguments over quiz answers.

Quizmaster John Zachar was caught in the crossfire when opposing teams disagreed over the supplied answers, no doubt fuelled by an orgy of over-indulgence at the dinner table.

A spokesman for Birmingham University commented "we haven't seen such a spectacle for weeks—not since the students went on vacation".