

Consultancy Services

Consultancy Services (CS1)

26TH APRIL 2023 - 25TH APRIL 2027

Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Services (MDC1)

11TH JANUARY 2022 - 10TH JANUARY 2028



Combined Framework Guide

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NPA provides legally compliant frameworks and DPS' which can be used by local authorities, social landlords and other public sector organisations to procure works, products and services for consultancy, compliance, refurbishment and modernisation, energy efficiency and development projects.

The Northern Procurement Alliance brand, which is part of the LHC Procurement Group (LHCPG), offers advice, support and guidance to all public sector organisations across North England, with access to LHCPG's suite of

framework solutions, which are built on more than 50 years of public sector construction procurement expertise and knowhow.

This means no matter how large or small your scope of work requirements are, you will have peace of mind that our extensive range of pre-approved suppliers will deliver your project on time, on budget and to the agreed quality standards.

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WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THIS COMBINED FRAMEWORK GUIDE?

This combined framework guide will provide an end-to-end overview of NPA's entire construction-led consultancy frameworks portfolio. Each framework has been developed to provide an efficient, value for money procurement route for local authorities; registered social landlords; councils, boards, and trusts, and other public sector bodies seeking a comprehensive range of high-quality consultancy services across multiple disciplines.

Services available include:

- Architectural design
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP)
- Asset management consultancy
- Multi-disciplinary consultancy

Each distinct framework brings together trusted suppliers recognised for their specialist expertise and designed to ensure our clients have access to services enabling them to meet the rapidly evolving needs of local communities.

NPA's construction consultancy framework portfolio includes:



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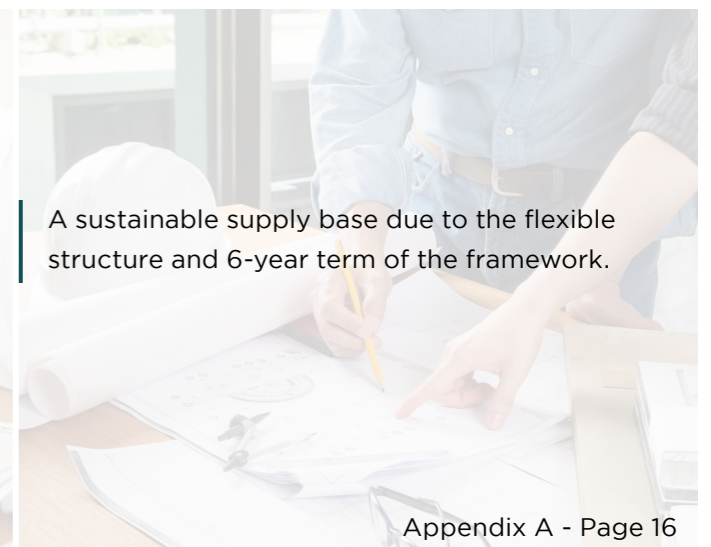


Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Services (MDC1)



Designed to increase public sector access to specialist expertise and support regional and local economic growth.

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A sustainable supply base due to the flexible structure and 6-year term of the framework.

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WHY HAS THIS FRAMEWORK BEEN DEVELOPED?

CN 2022/S 000-022121, CAN 2023/S 000-012065

This framework has been developed to provide an efficient, value for money procurement route for local authorities; registered social landlords; councils, trusts, and other public sector bodies seeking a comprehensive range of high-quality consultancy services across multiple disciplines.

Key benefits - at a glance:

- ✓ Higher service standards through access to innovative companies of varying sizes.
- ✓ Greater customer service by focussing on collaboration and social value.
- ✓ A diverse supply base that reflects the North and Central communities we serve.
- ✓ Increase public sector access to SME expertise and support regional and local economic growth.

About this framework

This Consultancy Services Framework is the first framework of its kind to have been provided by NPA to the North and Central region and is a direct result of NPA's continued focus on bringing meaningful innovation to procurement framework design to meet the challenges faced by local authorities, registered social landlords, councils, boards, trusts, and other public sector bodies.

By combining our procurement and design expertise, and our track record in creating award winning frameworks aimed at ensuring greater diversity and inclusion, social value, and equal opportunities have culminated in the creation of our latest consultancy framework CS1.



“ In addition to large and medium-sized consultancies, of the 117 appointed companies across 21 lots are comprised of 80% SMEs, and between 35% and 60% in each lot are micro and small companies. Providing the public sector access to a more diverse range of SME and micro firms to support regional and community growth initiatives. ”

Dean Fazackerley

Head of Technical Procurement at LHC Procurement Group

The tender was carried out in strict accordance with the EU Procurement Directive and UK public sector procurement rules. Places on the framework were awarded to 21 different suppliers in three workstreams. The companies appointed to the framework are registered, qualified organisations with a track record in supporting public sector.

The term of the framework is from **26th April 2023 to 25th April 2027**. However, individual call off projects can be completed beyond the four-year duration of the framework as long as a contract is in place prior to the framework expiry date.

APPOINTED COMPANIES

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Our vision for the framework

The CS1 framework has been created to help organisations build capacity, strength and provide a comprehensive range of high-quality consultancy services across multiple disciplines to the public sector.

Following client feedback on the restrictive nature of value bands, combined with the vision to remove barriers for SMEs, this framework has been designed to be open and accessible.

The transparency and ethos of the framework encourages micro-SMEs to collaborate or partner with larger companies to bid, which in turn encourages growth through the four-year lifetime of the framework, making it more sustainable in the long term.

Our Client Support Managers and Technical Support Managers will be on hand to provide guidance around how to short-list applicants if a smaller list of bidders is required.

Aimed at projects of all sizes to meet client need and truly reflect the current market, it will also help organisations to offer something more through the evaluation of bidders' focus on EDI and customer service.



LHCPG Lifetime Values

In addition to providing our clients with competitively tendered Framework Agreements for building works, goods, and services LHCPG is committed to delivering tangible social value and community benefits that meet local and regional needs. LHCPG work with our clients and appointed companies to ensure that wherever possible projects delivered using our Frameworks leave a social legacy.

LHCPG has aligned its activities to create the LHCPG Lifetime Values, which uses the four key value categories as identified in the value toolkit by the Construction Innovation Hub (CIH). CIH has been established by Government to progress innovation in the construction sector.

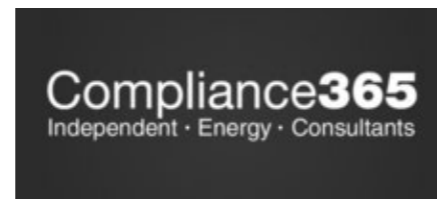
During the life of the Framework LHCPG will work with clients and appointed companies to promote, identify, implement, and monitor the impact of these value categories, which could be supported by social value and community benefit initiatives alongside the delivery of the works or service contracts in meeting local/regional needs.

APPOINTED COMPANIES

ACROSS THE NORTH AND CENTRAL ENGLAND



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Holmes Miller



APPOINTED COMPANIES

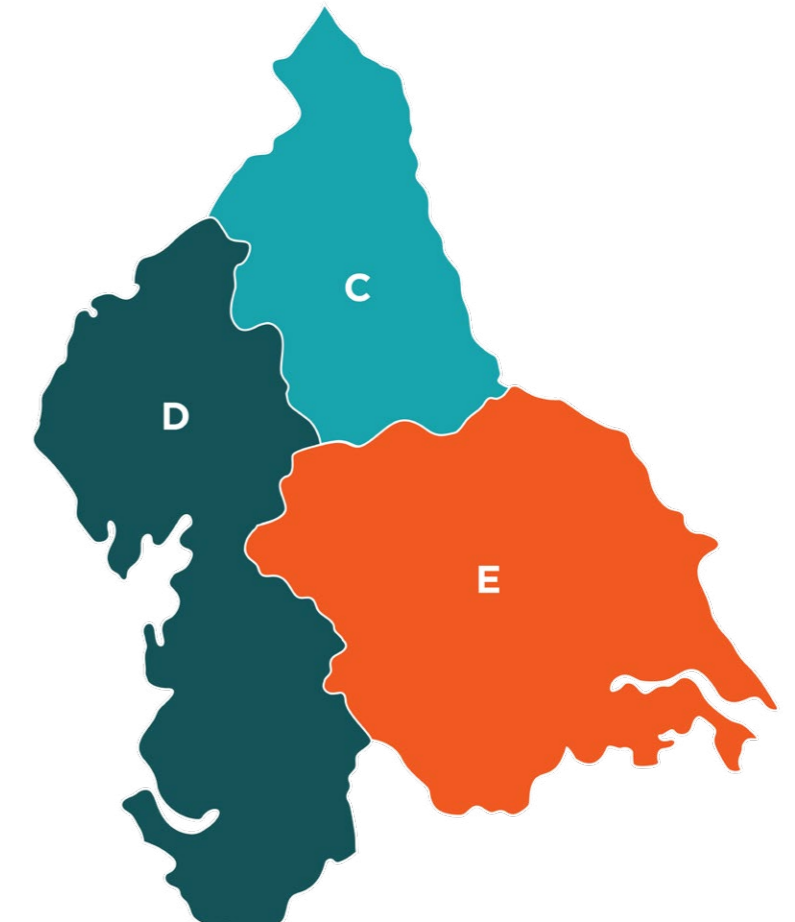
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Ryder



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WORKSTREAM 2 - MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING (MEP) CONSULTANCY

The services for each lot within this MEP workstream covers building services elements such as mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems (All Appointed Companies are listed alphabetically).

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing		
North East England- C	North West England - D	Yorkshire and the Humber- E
Bailey Partnership (Consultants)	Bailey Partnership (Consultants)	Bailey Partnership (Consultants)
Butler & Young Services	Butler & Young Services	Butler & Young Services
Clear Safety Services	Clear Safety Services	Clear Safety Services
Couch Perry & Wilkes	Couch Perry & Wilkes	Couch Perry & Wilkes
David Miles & Partners	David Miles & Partners	David Miles & Partners
Ridge and Partners	Ridge and Partners	Ridge and Partners
Wallace Whittle	Wallace Whittle	Wallace Whittle
Watts Group	Watts Group	Watts Group

Building services engineer (HVAC)		
North East England- C	North West England - D	Yorkshire and the Humber- E
Bailey Partnership (Consultants)	Bailey Partnership (Consultants)	Bailey Partnership (Consultants)
Butler & Young Services	Butler & Young Services	Butler & Young Services
David Miles & Partners	David Miles & Partners	David Miles & Partners
Ridge and Partners	Ridge and Partners	Ridge and Partners
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WORKSTREAM 3 - ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

The services for each lot within this workstream are designed to provide clients with asset management services (All Appointed Companies are listed alphabetically).

EPC assessments		
North East England- C	North West England - D	Yorkshire and the Humber- E
Energy & Compliance Technology	Energy & Compliance Technology	Energy & Compliance Technology
integrated Environmental Solutions	integrated Environmental Solutions	integrated Environmental Solutions
Rand Associates Consultancy Services	Pellings	Rand Associates Consultancy Services
TWC Consulting [Zero Carbon Consultants]	Rand Associates Consultancy Services	TWC Consulting [Zero Carbon Consultants]
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Retrofit consultancy (PAS2035/PAS2038)		
North East England- C	North West England - D	Yorkshire and the Humber- E
ECD Architects	ECD Architects	ECD Architects
LivGreen	LivGreen	LivGreen
Rand Associates Consultancy Services	Pellings	Rand Associates Consultancy Services
Rider Levett Bucknall UK	Rand Associates Consultancy Services	Rider Levett Bucknall UK
Taylor Lewis	Rider Levett Bucknall UK	Taylor Lewis
--	Taylor Lewis	TWC Consulting [Zero Carbon Consultants]
--	TWC Consulting [Zero Carbon Consultants]	--

Digital co-ordinator		
North East England- C	North West England - D	Yorkshire and the Humber- E
BIMBox Associates	BIMBox Associates	BIMBox Associates
ECD Architects	ECD Architects	ECD Architects
Holmes Miller	Holmes Miller	Holmes Miller
Rider Levett Bucknall UK	Rider Levett Bucknall UK	Rider Levett Bucknall UK
Ridge and Partners	Ridge and Partners	Ridge and Partners
Ryder Architecture	Ryder Architecture	Ryder Architecture

WORKSTREAM 4 - HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTANCY

The services for each lot within this workstream covers aspects of health and safety consultancy (All Appointed Companies are listed alphabetically).

Environmental Consultancy		
North East England- C	North West England - D	Yorkshire and the Humber- E
Atkins Réalis	Atkins Réalis	Atkins Réalis
Clear Safety Services	Clear Safety Services	Clear Safety Services
Rider Levett Bucknall UK	Pellings	Rider Levett Bucknall UK
Thomson Gray	Rider Levett Bucknall UK	Thomson Gray
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EVALUATION

CRITERIA

The process involved a single stage open tendering procedure as set out within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The following qualification criteria were used to assess the suitability of appointed companies.

Financial Stability Assessment

Appointed Companies were assessed on a range of financial information including liquidity and profitability and checked via Creditsafe. The results of this check were assessed on a pass/fail basis.

Minimum Insurance Cover

Throughout the duration of the framework Appointed Companies are required to have the minimum levels of insurance to be considered as set out in the table below:

Insurance	Value
Employers (Compulsory) Liability Insurance	£5,000,000
Public Liability Insurance	£5,000,000
Professional Indemnity Insurance	£2,000,000

Accreditations and Certifications

In order to be considered eligible for this Framework, Appointed Companies were required to evidence that they held both the applicable qualifications and accreditations for each Lot/ Workstream they were applying for.

Workstream 2 – Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Consultancy

Lot	M&E	M&E Qualifications (Mandatory)
2a	Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing	Membership of a suitable and recognised professional body such as the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), Electrical Contractors Association (ECA), Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) or equivalent with experience is a requirement of this lot.
2b	Building Services Engineer (HVAC)	Membership of a suitable and recognised professional body such as the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) or equivalent with experience is a requirement of this lot.

EVALUATION

CRITERIA CONTINUED



Workstream 3 – Asset Management Consultancy

Lot	Asset Management	Asset Management Qualifications (Mandatory)
3a	EPC Assessments	The requirements for this lot are that bidders are Domestic Energy Assessor (DEA) certified for domestic and Non-Domestic Energy Assessor (NDEA) certified for non-domestic. Registration with government departments according to current legislation such as the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) is a requirement for this lot.
3b	Retrofit Consultancy (PAS 2035 and 2038)	The requirements for this lot are that bidders are certified and hold a current valid PAS related qualification such as a PAS Coordinator to cover both domestic and non-domestic installations and assume responsibility for the management of all roles.
3c	Digital Coordinator	The requirements for this lot are that bidders have validated BIM experience and a background in architecture, structural or mechanical, electrical systems etc. Qualifications from an industry recognised source such as via The Institution of Structural Engineers (IstructE), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), British Standards institute (BSI) etc are required.

Workstream 4 – Health and Safety Consultancy		
Lot	Professional	Health & Safety Qualifications (Mandatory)
4	Health & Safety Advisor/ Consultant	The requirements for this lot are that bidders are competent and experienced and hold a suitable qualification such as the National Examinations Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH), or Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) at a suitable level.

Compliance with Equality Act 2010

Applicants were required to evidence through several confirmatory statements that they are compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and have robust measures in place to promote equality and diversity within their organisation.

Quality Weighting 70%

General Quality Questions 40%

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Questions with regard to raising awareness of the standard, obtaining reliable information and prioritising safety, net zero and compliance.

Framework Management

Questions focussed on communication and collaboration, customer service and business continuity.

Social Value

Focused on improving the environment and local initiatives.

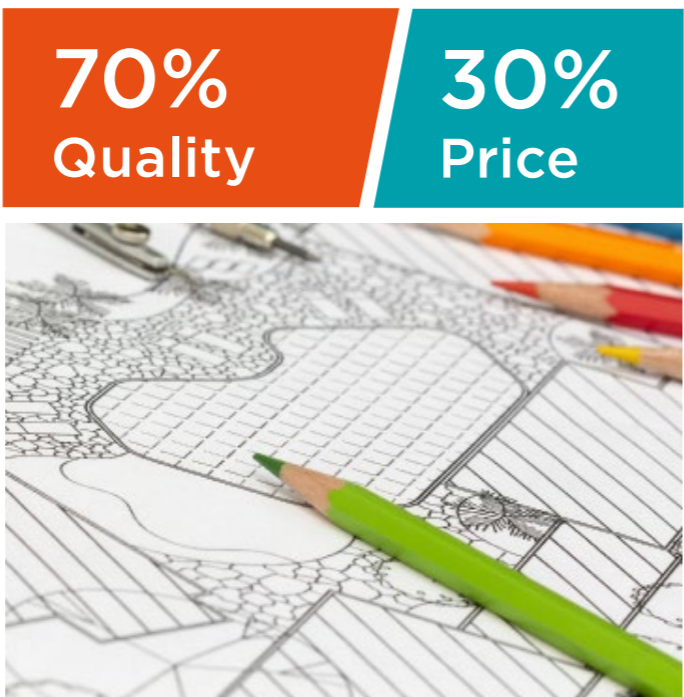
Professional Capability Questions 30%

Certification/Accreditation Discipline – Technical Capability

Price Weighting 30%

The pricing element of the evaluation process accounted for 30% of the overall score.

The breakdown of the pricing evaluation for each lot varies, however, the price weighting for every lot is 30%.



Why has this framework been developed?

This framework has been developed to provide an efficient, value for money procurement route for local authorities; registered social landlords; councils, boards, and trusts, and other public sector bodies seeking a comprehensive range of high-quality consultancy services across multiple disciplines.

Suitable for public sector refurbishment and new build projects of all sizes, it will enable organisations to access high quality pre-approved suppliers of all sizes who can deliver projects across a range of public buildings including:

- > Publicly funded schools, universities, and colleges
- > Fire, ambulance, and police stations
- > Other public buildings and associated works
- > Residential properties (when part of a mixed-use development)
- > NHS healthcare buildings
- > Student accommodation
- > Commercial to residential conversions
- > Community buildings
- > Public offices

Key benefits - at a glance:

- ✓ Higher service standards through access to innovative companies of varying sizes, who are experts in collaboration
- ✓ Greater customer service by focussing on collaboration and social value
- ✓ A diverse supply base that reflects the London & SE communities we serve
- ✓ A sustainable supply base due to the flexible structure and 6 year term of the framework

About this framework - CN 2021/S 000-003775, CAN 2022/S 000-000393

The Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Services Framework is the first framework of its kind to have been provided by NPA to the North and Central region.

The tender was carried out in strict accordance with the EU Procurement Directive and UK public sector procurement rules. Places on the framework were awarded to 97 different suppliers in 12 workstreams. The companies appointed to the framework are registered, qualified organisations with a track record in public sector.

The term of the framework is from **11th January 2022 – 10th January 2028**. However, individual call off projects can be completed beyond the six-year duration of the framework as long as a contract is in place prior to the framework expiry date.



ABOUT THIS FRAMEWORK OUR VISION



The MDC1 framework has been created to help organisations build capacity strength and provide a comprehensive range of high-quality consultancy services across multiple disciplines to the public sector.

Following client feedback on the restrictive nature of value bands, combined with the vision to remove barriers for SMEs, this framework has been designed to be open and transparent.

Value bands have been removed which means full visibility of work to any company within a discipline, and the ability to apply for any call-off. The transparency and ethos of the framework encourages micro-SMEs to collaborate or partner with larger companies to bid, which in turn encourages growth through the six year life of the framework, making it more sustainable in the long term.

Our Client Support Managers and Technical Support Managers will be on hand to provide guidance around how to short-list applicants if a smaller list of bidders is required.

Aimed at projects of all sizes to meet client need and truly reflect the current market, it will also help organisations to offer something more through the evaluation of bidders' focus on EDI and customer service.



“ Our vision is to provide the most realistic and effective solutions in public sector procurement whilst driving equal opportunity, reducing barriers to entry for smaller businesses, and appointing companies with diverse leadership and workforces that reflect the regions and communities that the framework will serve. ”

Ethan James
Regional Director

EVALUATION CRITERIA CONTINUED

We have developed 12 workstreams reflecting 11 individual disciplines alongside one multi-discipline workstream to cater for the different types of consultancy services available across the public sector. The workstreams are as follows:

Workstream 1: Architects	Workstream 2: Building Services Engineers	Workstream 3: Building Surveyors
Workstream 4: Clerk of Works	Workstream 5: Quantity Surveyors	Workstream 6: Employers Agents
Workstream 7: Planning Consultants	Workstream 8: Principal Designers	Workstream 9: Project Managers
Workstream 10: Structural Engineers	Workstream 11: Civil Engineers	Workstream 12: Multi-Discipline Services (covers all workstreams)



This framework was established to cover the whole of the NPA operating region in North England.

APPOINTED COMPANIES

ACROSS NORTH AND CENTRAL ENGLAND

The following 114 companies have been appointed to MDC1 after successfully completing the two-stage application and tendering process:

Workstream 1 - Architects		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
Architecture00	Austin-Smith:Lord	Allies Morrison
Daykin Marshall Studio	Avanti Architects	Baily Garner
KAEBCA	DSDHA	BPTW
Moll Architects & Catja de Haas Architects	GSSArchitecture	Haworth Tompkins
TOCA	Metropolitan Workshop	Jestico + Whiles + Associates
Wren Architecture & Design	Rock Townsend	Levitt Bernstein Associates

Workstream 2 - Building Services Engineers	
Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
Butler & Young Associates	BDP
Malachy Walsh & Partners	Buro Happold
Method Consulting	Clancy Consulting
PinnacleESP	Couch Perry Wilkes
--	Desco (Design & Consultancy)
--	Stantec UK

Workstream 3 - Building Surveyors		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
Elvet Construction Surveyors	Arcus Consulting	AHR Building Consultancy
--	Daniel Connal	Baily Garner
--	PinnacleESP	Currie & Brown UK
--	Richard Jackson	Rapleys
--	Storm Tempest	Stace
--	--	Watts Group

Workstream 4 - Clerk of Works		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
Elvet Construction Surveyors	Hickton Consultants	Baily Garner
--	RG+P	Currie & Brown UK
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APPOINTED COMPANIES

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Workstream 5 - Quantity Surveyors		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
DMR Surveyors	Daniel Connal	Atkins Réalis
Elvet Construction Surveyors	GSSArchitecture	Stace
JPN Projects	MESH Construction Consultancy	Summers Inman Construction and Property Consultants
Marstan BDB	Pulse Associates	Ward Williams Associates
--	RG+P	WT Partnership

Workstream 6 - Employers Agents		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
JPN Projects	Arcus Consulting	Baily Garner
Marstan BDB	MESH Construction Consultancy	Currie & Brown UK
TOCA	Pulse Associates	Michael Dyson Associates
--	RG+P	Summers Inman Construction and Property Consultants
--	--	Watts Group
--	--	WT Partnership

Workstream 7 - Planning Consultants		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
TOCA and NTA Planning	Caulmert	HKS Architects
--	--	Montagu Evans
--	--	Quod
--	--	Stantec UK
--	--	Turley

Workstream 8 - Principal Designers		
Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
Pierce Hill Project Services	Glancy Nicholls Architects	AHR Building Consultancy
Safety Advisors	Storm Tempest	Summers Inman Construction and Property Consultants
--	--	Watts Group
--	--	WT Partnership
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APPOINTED COMPANIES CONTINUED

Workstream 9 - Project Managers

Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
TOCA	Daniel Connal	AHR Building Consultancy
--	GSSArchitecture	Atkins Réalis
--	Pulse Associates	HKS Architects
--	--	Stace
--	--	Ward Williams Associates
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Workstream 10 - Structural Engineers

Micro-Enterprise	Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
MPN UK	Egniol Consulting	BDP
--	HBL Associates	Buro Happold
--	Malachy Walsh & Partners	ByrneLooby Partners
--	Richard Jackson	Clancy Consulting
--	Structa	Curtins Consulting
--	--	Perega

Workstream 11 - Civil Engineers

Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
Egniol Consulting	ByrneLooby Partners
Malachy Walsh & Partners	Clancy Consulting
Richard Jackson	Curtins Consulting
Structa	Perega
--	Price & Myers

Workstream 12 - Multi-Discipline Services

Small Enterprise	Medium+ Enterprise
ADP Architecture	calfordseaden
Aura Newcastle	Kier Business Services
ECD Architects	McBains
Fraser Brown MacKenna Architects	Pick Everard
--	Ridge and Partners
--	Turner & Townsend

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The process involved a two-stage Restricted Tender that started with a qualification assessment. Shortlisted tenderers were then invited to submit an Invitation To Tender (ITT).

Accreditations and certifications

Each bidder was asked to demonstrate that they were suitably registered and had the necessary skills, expertise, and qualifications needed, alongside the health and safety, environmental, equality and quality ISO certifications (or equivalent) in place to be appointed to this framework. Many of our appointments are BIM Ready or working towards this.

Financial due diligence - applicants were assessed on their turnover and checked via Creditsafe. The results of this check were assessed on a pass/fail basis.

ITT award assessment

Following the qualification stage, the ITT award evaluation process comprised a quality/price criterion, with the sum of both scores establishing the Most Economically Advantageous Tenders (MEAT).

Award weighting criteria

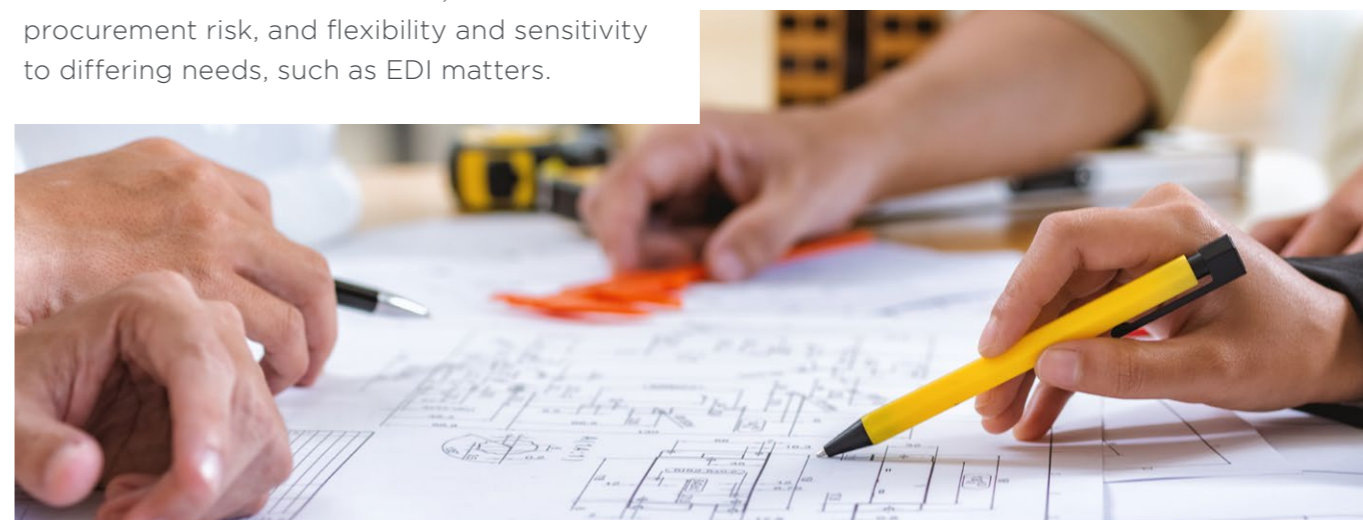
The tenders were evaluated on a **70% quality** and **30% price** split using 'deviation from mean' formulas instead of the usual best price rank. This was to make the framework as balanced as possible and even the playing field for micro-SMEs, small enterprises, and medium to large companies.

Quality assessment - 70% weighting

The quality element was assessed based on the applicants' written responses to a range of technical questions, with bidders evaluated based on scenarios reflecting real life situations that clients would encounter. These assessed areas such as customer service, site and procurement risk, and flexibility and sensitivity to differing needs, such as EDI matters.

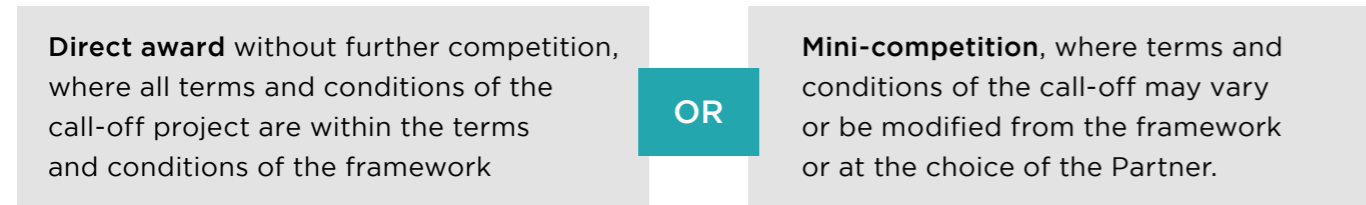
Price assessment - 30% weighting

The pricing element of the evaluation process accounted for 30% of the overall score. Applicants could apply a regional uplift to their prices and all submissions provided price scores per workstream.



CALL-OFF AWARD OPTION

THE FRAMEWORK ALLOWS PARTNERS THE OPTION OF:



When calling off projects, clients can use any one of a range of standard forms of building contract including JCT/SBCC, NEC/NEC4, ACE, PPC, TPC, FAC1, or their own in-house agreement.

ELIGIBILITY

NPA is a not-for-profit organisation, governed by public law and a central purchasing body providing procurement services. Over 200 publicly funded organisations throughout England use NPA frameworks to procure works, goods and services to construct, refurbish and maintain social housing, schools and public buildings:

- Local Authorities and any subsidiaries and joint-venture vehicles of those Local Authorities.

- Registered Social Landlords (RSL), Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs) & Arm's Length Management Organisations (ALMOs)
- Registered Charities
- Publicly Funded Schools
- Universities and Further Education Establishments
- Colleges
- Police Forces
- Fire and Rescue services
- Health Authorities, Councils, Boards and Trusts

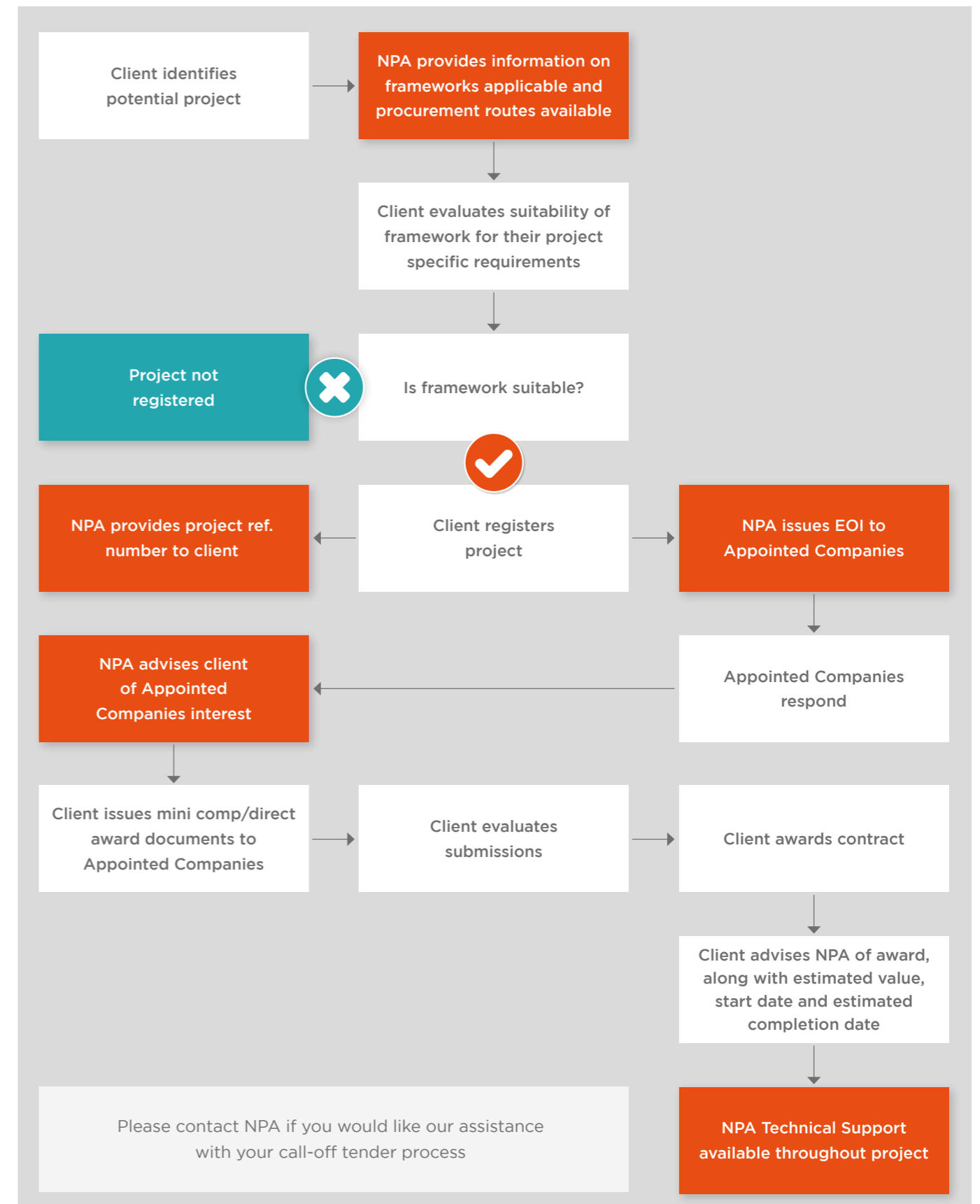
Details of those contracting authorities identified are listed at: www.northernprocurement.org.uk/who-we-work-with/

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LHCPG uses the FAC-1 standard form of contract to manage our frameworks. The LHCPG pro forma, which should be read in conjunction with the FAC-1 in published form, details the terms and conditions that govern the operation of the framework, including the procedures to call off projects under

the framework. A free copy of the LHCPG proforma is available upon request. The FAC-1 in standard published form can be purchased at a negotiated rate from ACA, by emailing office@acarchitects.co.uk and quoting discount code reference: LHCFCAC2516102017.

THE PROCESS OF USING OUR FRAMEWORK






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