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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSULTANCY

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT:**  
ref 'N8C'

**FRAMEWORK TERM:**  
1 June 2020 – 31 May 2024  
**CN:** 2020/S 031-073747  
**CAN:** 2020/S 101-245104





# WELSH PROCUREMENT ALLIANCE (WPA) - WORKING FOR WALES

WPA provides OJEU compliant frameworks which can be used by local authorities, social landlords and other public sector bodies to procure works, products and services for the construction, refurbishment and maintenance of social housing, schools and public buildings. Our vision is to be recognised throughout Wales as a centre of excellence for public sector procurement.

We operate in Wales connecting construction companies, manufacturers and service providers with the needs of our clients. We bring buyers and suppliers together, to build and maintain public property more efficiently and cost effectively, and to benefit local communities.

Our activity is guided by our Executive Committee which is made up of Local Authorities and Housing Associations from across Wales.

WPA is backed by LHC, a not-for-profit organisation, governed by public law and a central purchasing body providing procurement services in the UK, since 1966. All Contract Notices are issued on behalf of the WPA by LHC, who have an in-house team of technical procurement experts that produce and manage the frameworks.

WPA aims to deliver solutions for compliance, quality and best value and provides procurement and technical support and advice throughout the duration of our clients' projects.

Any organisation that is publicly or partially publicly funded is eligible to utilise our frameworks.

If you would like any of the content of this brochure translated into Welsh please ask.  
Os hoffech i unrhyw ran o'r gynnwys y pamffled hwn gyfieithu i'r Gymraeg gofynnwch os gwelwch yn dda.



## N8C ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSULTANCY

WPA require the provision of Energy Efficiency Consultancy Services, to complement WPA's Energy Efficiency (Decarbonisation) Measures and Associated Works Framework Agreement (N8). As a minimum, tenderers for N8C were required to have the capability and experience to provide consultancy services for the delivery of the following 21 energy efficiency measures, which form the key services for the N8 Framework Agreement:

• External wall insulation	• Cavity wall insulation	• Internal wall insulation
• Insulation materials (Loft)	• Biomass boilers	• Solar PV with battery storage
• Air to water heat pumps	• District heating interface units	• Traditional boilers
• Rainscreen and cladding	• Combined heat & power (CHP) or combined cooling & heat & power (CCHP)	• Gas absorption heat pumps
• Boiler optimisation technologies	• Lighting controls	• EV charging infrastructure
• Solar thermal systems	• Building energy management systems	• Floor insulation
• Ground source heat pumps	• Commercial boilers	• Electric heaters





# APPOINTED COMPANIES

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 three suppliers:



The framework will run for a maximum of four years. 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. The term of the framework is from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2024.

In terms of the core services required under this Framework, Appointed Companies will be able to provide the following:

- Building Energy Management**
- > Building Energy Policy & Strategy Development
  - > Energy Surveys and Audits
  - > Monitoring and Targeting
  - > Independent Report on Metering Arrangements (IRMA)
  - > Chartered Surveyors Reports
  - > Domestic and non-domestic BREEAM Assessments (for existing buildings)
  - > Funding and Finance

- Building Energy Certificates**
- > Display Energy Certificates (DEC) and Advisory Report (AR)
  - > Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) Domestic
  - > Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) Non-Domestic



- Project Management**
- > Project Manager
  - > Clerk of Works
  - > Health & Safety
  - > Principal Designer duties
  - > Health & Safety Advisors

- Asset Management, Project Specification**
- > Energy Stock Condition Surveys and Reports
  - > Product Specification and Procurement
  - > Quantity Surveyors



- The framework is available to be used in the following:
- > Domestic dwellings
  - > Managed leasehold properties
  - > Sheltered housing and supported housing and care home properties
  - > Schools and colleges market rent properties
  - > Universities, student accommodation; and other tenures
  - > Leisure facilities
  - > Public offices (non 24/7 hour operation)
  - > Multi-functional /multi use (24/7hour operation)
  - > Other properties owned or managed by a public body framework end user

# TENDER AND EVALUATION PROCESS

## Quality Weighting

The Technical/Quality questions in the ITT are as follows and comprise a total weighting of **60%**

- Project Case Study - **15%**
- Framework Management and Capability - **13%**
- Project Resources - **10%**
- Regional Capability - **7%**
- CDM Compliance - **8%**
- Social Value - **7%**

**60% Quality / 40% Price**

## Price Weighting

The elements of cost used for this particular pricing model were the following:

- Schedule of Rates e.g. Building Energy Audits, Building Certificates (EPC), Clerk of Works fees etc.
- Daily and hourly consultancy rates
- Project management fees
- Regional uplifts





# CALL-OFF AWARD OPTIONS

The framework allows clients the option of:

**Direct award** without further competition, where all terms and conditions of the call-off project are within the terms and conditions of the framework

OR

**Mini-competition**, where terms and conditions of the call-off may vary or be modified from the framework or at the choice of the Client.

When calling off projects, clients can use any one of a range of standard forms of building contract including JCT/SBCC, NEC3/NEC4, ACE, PPC, TPC, FAC1, or their own in-house agreement.

## ELIGIBILITY

WPA is part of LHC, a not-for-profit organisation, governed by public law, and a central purchasing body providing procurement services.

Over 200 publicly funded organisations throughout the UK currently use LHC frameworks to procure works, goods and services to construct, refurbish and maintain social housing, schools and public buildings. The specific classes of public sector organisation authorised to use the framework include:

- Local Authorities and any subsidiaries and joint-venture vehicles of those Local Authorities
- Housing Associations and other Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)
- Health Authorities, Councils, Boards and Trusts
- Publicly funded schools
- Universities, colleges and other further education establishments
- Police authorities
- Fire and Rescue services
- Registered charities
- Government departments

**NB:** this is not a definitive list of potential users. Please contact WPA for a full list of eligible organisations.



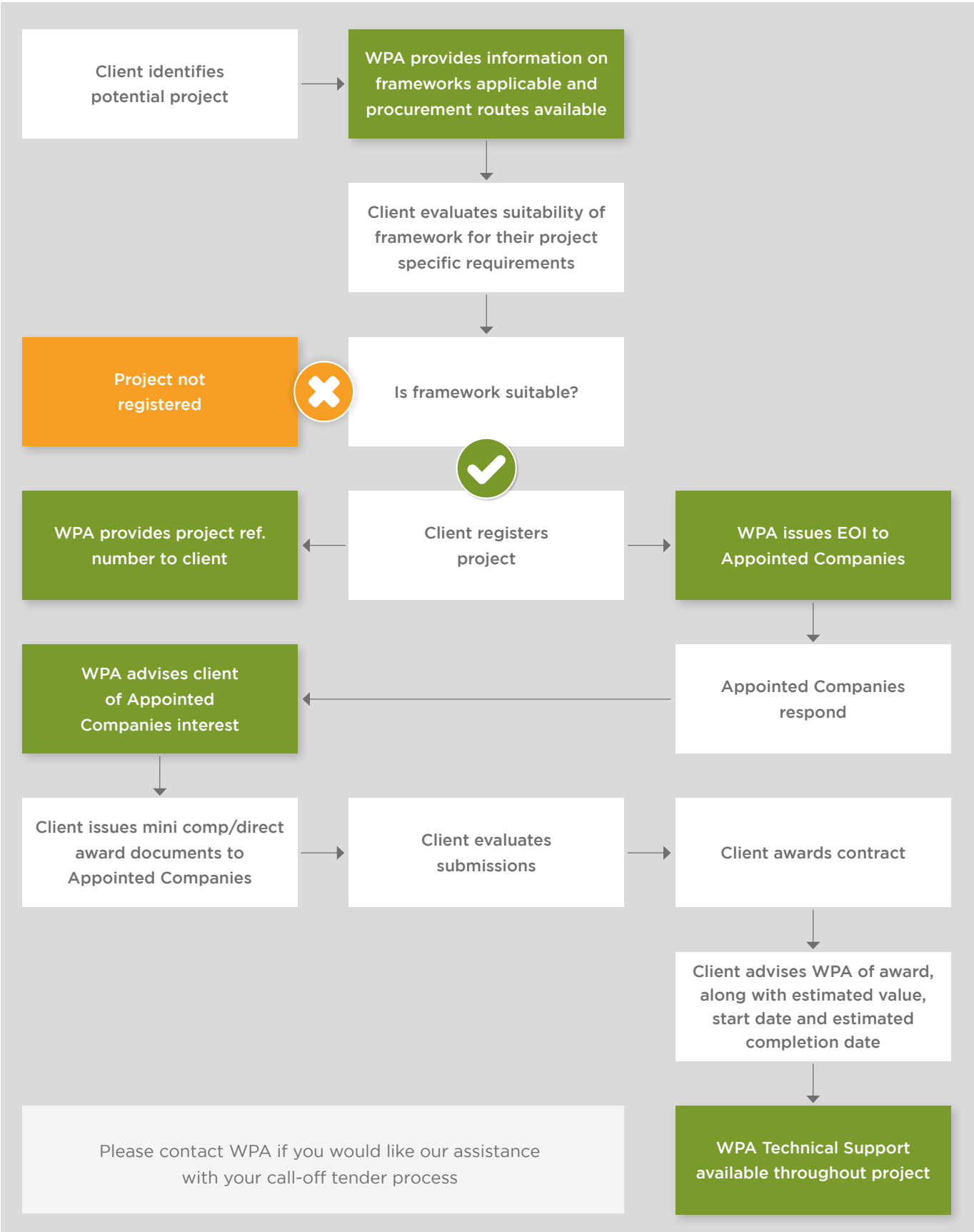
## ACCESSING THE FRAMEWORK

Companies appointed to WPA frameworks are required to pay a small percentage ('the levy') of the total value of every invoice submitted to clients and to submit quotations to clients that are inclusive of the levy. As a not-for-profit organisation, WPA returns surplus levy income to our clients to support social value initiatives in the local communities they serve.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LHC uses the FAC-1 standard form of contract to manage our frameworks. The LHC 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 LHC 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: LHCFAC2516102017.

# EASY GUIDE TO USING WPA FRAMEWORKS





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