

OGC select NHC for Major Procurement Collaboration

The Office of Government Commerce (OGC) has joined forces with the Northern Housing Consortium to deliver a £2 billion procurement framework aimed at the Decent Homes and housing repairs & maintenance sectors.

This collaboration – potentially the largest ever public sector procurement exercise – will utilise an innovative new process of Reverse eAuctions (REA's). The supply framework will cover the key sectors typically involved in Decent Homes work - heating systems, bathrooms, electrical systems, kitchens, windows, doors & roofs. The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document has now been issued, with a deadline for submissions of November 6th. The first e-Auction is scheduled to take place January 2007.

James Allen, Northern Housing Consortium's New Business Development Manager, commented, "This framework offers our members massive potential savings, and, importantly, true price transparency, which will empower buyers & give them far greater control. We're delighted to be involved in such an innovative and cutting-edge project, and to have been recognised by the OGC as the partner most capable of successfully creating, populating and managing this programme. We look forward to driving significant efficiency gains in these sectors."

The creation of the framework, and selection of framework partners to populate it, has been carried out by the Consortium using the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) "Open" Procedure, in accordance with the EU Procurement Directives.

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