

Press Release May 2010

Northern Housing Consortium shortlisted in GO Excellence in Public Procurement Awards

Northern Housing Consortium has been shortlisted as a finalist for the GO Collaborative Procurement Initiative of the Year Award, Public Sector Consortia category.

The National *Government Opportunities* magazine (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards recognise the critical role that procurement plays within the delivery of effective and efficient public services, and for the past eight years have been the benchmark by which innovation, quality and achievement in this sector have been measured.

Consortium Procurement, the collaborative purchasing services team of the Northern Housing Consortium, entered the GO awards highlighting the collaborative approach to procurement taken when developing the Gas Servicing & Maintenance framework. This framework was procured in conjunction with Incommunities Group for the benefit of the wider membership.

Andrew Carlin, Commercial Director of Northern Housing Consortium responded to the news, 'It is fantastic to hear that we have been shortlisted for GO Collaborative Procurement Initiative of the Year Award in the category of public sector consortia. We strive to offer our Members robust, market leading frameworks, therefore to be shortlisted for an award which reflects this is a fantastic testament to the hard work of the team. This achievement recognises the capability of Consortium Procurement to identify market demand, work closely with Members to develop a specification and ultimately procure a successful framework which is beneficial and accessible to our membership. I am looking forward to the awards ceremony and congratulate all of the finalists on being shortlisted'.

The winner will be announced at the GO awards in London on 15 June 2010.

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Notes to editors

1. The Northern Housing Consortium is a non-political, not for profit, member based organisation, whose members between them manage almost 90% of social housing in the North. Our main roles are:
 - To provide a comprehensive range of timely, relevant and affordable services for members with a distinct focus on Northern issues
 - To take a lead role in enabling the improvement of housing and organisational performance in the North
 - To work with Government and other bodies to ensure the region benefits from the resources and funding available to provide safe, vibrant, sustainable communities

Our provision of support is delivered across four themed areas: Quality of Life, Quality of Place, Performance Improvement and Investment & Resources.

2. Operating on a national level, Consortium Procurement is the collaborative purchasing team of the Northern Housing Consortium, responsible for the development and delivery of business solutions to meet the needs of our membership.
3. Frameworks are compliant with EU Procurement Directives.
4. Frameworks are accessible by current or future Members of the Northern Housing Consortium.
5. Consortium Procurement currently offers Members total of 13 frameworks.
6. Incommunities, is the largest social landlord in the Bradford district with around 21,300 rented homes and almost 1,000 leasehold properties.