

**LOW
CARBON
OFFSITE HOUSING**

**DYNAMIC
PURCHASING
SYSTEM**

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SOUTH WEST PROCUREMENT ALLIANCE (SWPA)

SWPA provides OJEU compliant frameworks, which can be used by local authorities, social landlords and other public sector organisations to procure works, products and services for the construction, refurbishment and maintenance of social housing, schools and public buildings.

The South West Procurement Alliance brand, which is part of the LHC Group, was launched in October 2019.

Our aims are to work closely with South West clients and appointed companies and to focus on regional priorities. We are a locally based, growing team with offices in Exeter.

LHC was established in 1966 and is acknowledged as one of the most experienced and respected providers of procurement frameworks in the construction sector.

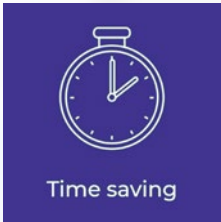
The relationship between the LHC Group and the local SWPA team gives SWPA the unique position of having local knowledge and relationships, while also benefiting from additional resources and expertise from a national framework provider.



LOW CARBON OFFSITE HOUSING DPS

SWPA's OJEU compliant Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is an open market solution designed to provide buyers with access to a pool of pre-qualified manufacturers and contractors in respect of Offsite Housing Construction work for use in public sector new build and development. The expiry date of the Low Carbon Offsite Housing DPS is 26th September 2031.

BENEFITS OF USING OUR DPS



- **Time saving** - Quick and easy access to approved suppliers
- **Compliance** - Confidence that you have access to pre-qualified trades with the right qualifications, experience and financial standing to deliver your project
- **Quality and value** - Only suppliers who offer quality and value are pre-qualified
- **Choice** - Access to a wide number of pre-qualified suppliers
- **Local delivery** - Offers the opportunity to engage with local suppliers supporting the wider Government aim of working with local businesses for economic growth
- **Innovation – CMM Digital Toolkit** - Offers clients to analyse the marketplace and define requirements before procuring against the DPS. It allows housing commissioners to optioneer against a database of modular housing suppliers and / or developers and contractors, to understand which modern methods of construction systems, organisations and performance options best suit the need of a site and local authority strategy.

PROJECT VALUES

The DPS applies to all categories of Modern Methods of Construction for schemes valued up to £10,000,000 per project. For projects above this threshold, SWPA clients can use the NH2 framework.

MICRO	1 - 2	£200,000
SMALL	3 - 15	£1,800,000
MEDIUM	16 - 49	£7,000,000
LARGE AND ACCOMMODATION	50+	£10,000,000

HOW DOES A DPS DIFFER FROM A FRAMEWORK?

FRAMEWORK

- Maximum duration of 4 years
- Direct award permissible
- Fixed list of suppliers
- Call-off documents have to be in line with what was structured when establishing the framework
- Typically harder for small medium enterprises to access
- Finite number of suppliers

DPS

- No maximum time limit
- No direct award (further competition only)
- Flexible - suppliers can join during the lifetime of the DPS
- Allows Clients to use their own T&Cs, pricing and specification
- Increased accessibility for small medium enterprises
- No maximum number of suppliers

SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS

Suppliers and Turnkey Contractors are appointed to the DPS based on the 4 different lot sizes.

Suppliers and Turnkey Contractors interested in joining the DPS appointed companies list should visit the SWPA website here: www.swpa.org.uk/dps/low-carbon-offsite-housing-construction-lch/.

ELIGIBILITIES

SWPA 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 and DPS 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 SWPA for a full list of eligible organisations.



ACCESSING THE DPS

Companies appointed to SWPA Dynamic Purchasing System 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, SWPA returns surplus levy income to our clients to support social value initiatives in the local communities they serve.

THE PROCESS OF USING OUR DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM

STEP 1

SWPA Client accesses the DPS for their project



STEP 2

SWPA searches for Appointed Companies who are in the right category of works, region and have the financial capability to undertake the project.



STEP 3

SWPA will issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) to these Appointed Companies. Appointed Companies have 5 days to respond.



STEP 4

SWPA will confirm the interested Appointed Companies and forward contact details to SWPA Client



STEP 5

SWPA Client will issue to the Appointed Companies an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the project.



STEP 6

Appointed Companies return the completed ITT to the SWPA Client



STEP 7

SWPA Client will evaluate ITTs and issue an award to the successful Appointed Company and notify SWPA of this decision





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