



SOUTH WEST  
PROCUREMENT  
ALLIANCE

**LOW  
CARBON  
OFFSITE HOUSING**

**DYNAMIC  
PURCHASING  
SYSTEM**

ref 'LCH DPS'



# SOUTH WEST PROCUREMENT ALLIANCE (SWPA)

SWPA provides compliant frameworks, which can be used by local authorities, social landlords and other public sector organisations. The DPS is a solution for the public sector 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 Procurement Group, was launched in October 2019.

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

LHC PG was established in 1966 and is acknowledged as one of the most experienced and respected providers of procurement solutions in the public sector.

The relationship between LHC PG 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 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 October 2028.

### BENEFITS OF USING OUR DPS

Time saving

**Time saving**  
Quick and easy access to approved suppliers

Compliance

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Confidence that you have access to pre-qualified trades with the right qualifications, experience and financial standing to deliver your project

Quality and value

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Only suppliers who offer quality and value are pre-qualified

Choice

**Choice**  
Access to a wide number of pre-qualified suppliers

Local delivery

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Offers the opportunity to engage with local suppliers supporting the wider Government aim of working with local businesses for economic growth

### 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
- 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
- Increased accessibility for SMEs
- 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](#).

## ELIGIBILITIES

SWPA is part of LHC PG, 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 PG 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.



# 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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