

## £135 million framework invites property security and management expertise

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**Property protection, security and management companies are sought for a new £135 million framework to support building safety and compliance for public sector organisations.**

The ASC1 (Asset Safety and Compliance) Framework from public sector construction framework provider LHC is now open for contractors and consultants to register interest and attend webinars to find out more. Applications will be open later in January 2023.

As well as property protection and associated services, ASC1 offers a full suite of asset safety and compliance support to help the public sector meet government guidelines around building life safety and maintenance. It includes provision for asbestos management; water testing, treatment, and management; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning-related services; and electrical testing and relevant support.

Available nationwide, the framework is worth up to £100 million in England, £20 million in Scotland and £15 million in Wales. It covers all five of LHC Group's business units including [Scottish Procurement Alliance \(SPA\)](#) in Scotland, [Welsh Procurement Alliance \(WPA\)](#) in Wales, [South West Procurement Alliance \(SWPA\)](#) across the South West of England, [Consortium Procurement Construction \(CPC\)](#) across the Midlands and North of England, and [London and South East \(LSE\)](#) for London and the South East of England.

Dean Fazackerley, Head of Technical Procurement at LHC, said:

"This framework arrives as a direct result of feedback from public sector organisations – including housing associations, local authorities, schools and healthcare settings – looking to improve their access to a pool of compliance-related expertise and encourage more collaboration across the marketplace.

“Not only does this benefit the public sector, but it will also increase the visibility of specialist companies on the framework, giving more opportunities to work on long-term public sector contracts. Organisations are also increasingly looking to procure much of their compliance-related services via one single procurement route.”

“We’d encourage property protection companies, including those with security, cleaning, clearance and management expertise to register their interest and look out for our contract notice in January. We also recognise the importance of increasing regional suppliers’ and SMEs’ presence on frameworks, and through ASC1 LHC is working with clients to achieve just that.”

There are five workstreams to apply for under ASC1, including:

- Workstream 1 Asbestos Consultancy, Surveys and Removal
- Workstream 2 Property Protection and Associated Services
- Workstream 3 Water Testing, Treatment and Management
- Workstream 4 Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Compliance, Servicing and Maintenance
- Workstream 5 Electrical Testing and Associated Services

Tender documents will be available from later in January 2023. To register interest, receive updates and webinar invites, visit LHC’s [InTend](#) page.

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