

## Kier Joint Ventures appointed to £10bn Offsite Construction Solutions framework

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Kier, with Joint Venture (JV) partners, <u>McAvoy</u> and <u>Metek</u> has been appointed to all six Lots of Crown Commercial Services' (CCS) new £10bn Offsite Construction Solutions (OCS) framework. The new framework replaces the existing modular building framework and will run for the next four years.

Kier has created two unique JVs with external offsite manufacturing partners McAvoy and Metek, who are both experts in their method of construction, bringing high quality, innovative design, manufacturing and installation ability.

The two JVs will allow Kier to deliver on every Lot in the OCS framework, which provides public sector organisations with all elements of offsite construction solutions, from design, fabrication, construction and installation, through to direct access to manufacturers.

- Kier with manufacturer McAvoy, known as Kier McAvoy, will deliver projects using pre-manufactured 3D primary structural systems\*
- Kier with manufacturer Metek, known as Kier Metek, will deliver projects using pre-manufactured 2D primary structural systems\*\*

The OCS framework consists of six Lots. 3D Lots within the framework will be delivered by Kier McAvoy, and 2D Lots by Kier Metek. The Lots are:

- 1. Built Estate (including education)
- 2. Healthcare
- 3. Residential
- 4. Justice



- 5. Defence
- 6. Thermal efficiency upgrades

The appointment to the OCS framework builds on Kier's award-winning cross-sector work in <u>MMC and offsite</u> construction, including HMP <u>Five Wells</u> prison, NHS <u>Golden Jubilee</u> surgical centre, <u>Lewis Cubitt Square</u>, as well as its innovative <u>Choice Factory</u> solution.

Stuart Togwell, Group managing director at Kier Construction, said: "Building on the ambitions of the Construction Playbook of using MMC and offsite solutions to drive improvements is a core imperative for Kier, and securing a place on all Lots means we are well-placed to support the delivery of vital new infrastructure in the UK.

"Our forward-thinking JVs with McAvoy and Metek will allow us to provide more capacity and high-quality end-to-end solutions for our public sector clients and to continue to deliver the best value through innovation across the wider industry."

Ron Clarke, CEO, McAvoy, from the Kier McAvoy consortium, said: "This is a significant milestone for McAvoy, and we are delighted to be combining our leading-edge, high-quality precision manufacturing capabilities with Kier's scale and expertise.

"We have been innovators and market leaders for more than 50 years. Our team is firmly focused on delivering consistently high-quality product and customer service across the UK and Ireland.

"With significant experience of MMC we are very much focused on helping our clients meet their ESG goals. We look forward to working in partnership with Kier to deliver on that commitment within the OCS framework."

Oliver Rogan, managing director of Metek, from the Kier Metek consortium, said: "Winning this OCS framework has demonstrated the importance of working as a team. Metek and Kier have been working closely together for the past 12 months, driving a strategy to build projects in a more energy efficient and cost-effective manner, whilst maintaining the very highest health & safety standards. This ground-breaking collaboration unlocks Metek's manufacturing and installation potential, whilst enabling us to grow, learn and develop alongside a formidable Kier team.

"Here at Metek, we have been at the forefront of light steel framed Modern Methods of Construction for over 23 years. I feel that this new alliance is a game changer in terms of adding components to the manufacturing process.

"Working with the Kier team on this bid has been inspiring and the whole Metek team are excited to be embarking on this journey and committed to delivering the key requirements of the agreement, whilst continuing to champion UK manufacturing."

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