

EN:Procure announces contractors for £700m framework

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Regional procurement specialist<u>EN:Procure</u> has revealed the winning 27 contractors for its latest £700m new build housing framework.

The procurement arm of social housing consortium <u>Efficiency North</u> previously welcomed bidding across four lots of predominantly social housing new build schemes of various sizes generally in Yorkshire and the Humber, the East Midlands and the North West but could be used in other regions of England.

The selected contractors will carry out work covering all aspects of new build housing, including design, site preparation and remediation, civil engineering and infrastructure works, and new build construction and refurbishment.

The lots, to run from 4 March 2024 to 3 March 2028, include the new build construction of residential and commercial buildings as well as mixed-use developments They include schemes up to 10 units, between eight and 45 units, one with between 30 and 100 units and a fourth scheme of 70 units and over.

Around 78% of the contractors are small and medium enterprises (SMEs), reflecting EN:Procure's commitment to providing fair access to organisations of any size.

The new framework was procured under EN:Procure's <u>latest Gen-4 generation of tenders</u>, incorporating the FAC-1 Framework Agreement and dynamic models for ESG delivery, reflecting many of the themes in the government's Constructing the Gold Standard report. It will provide a wide range of social, economic and environmental benefits for communities served by Efficiency North's membership of social housing providers.



Emma Mottram, director of operations at EN:Procure, said: "It has been an exciting start to the year as we announce the successful bids for our latest framework process – congratulations to all those appointed.

"The framework was structured to encourage SME engagement as we always aim to give as many such businesses as possible the chance to take up these wonderful opportunities.

"However, the framework also delivers a range of national and local contractors with a call-off mechanism that ensures the most suitable contractors are selected for the specifics of the job. Call off methods also provide opportunities for early contractor involvement and utilising preconstruction service agreements.

"The successful applicants will be expected to complete the works to a high standard and share our commitment to regeneration. We will support them in delivering dynamic ESG targets and ensure their backing for Efficiency North's drive to improve training and skills development, including the use of apprenticeships."

Emma added: "Our new generation Gen4 frameworks will provide a higher level of transparency and forge the way for the social housing sector to fully embrace sustainability and achieve decarbonisation targets that are so crucial to the industry and the UK."

EN:Procure has supported social housing landlord members to deliver nearly £1bn of works through its frameworks and DPSs since 2014.

Today's announcement follows the appointment of 100 contractors for EN:Procure's £3.2bn installation and repairs framework in February.

More than £272m of repairs, maintenance and installation work has been delivered by the current version of the framework since its launch in 2019. A further £2m was gifted to members to fund social value initiatives for local communities, with £1.5m being given through EN:Able Communities since 2015.

To find out more information about EN:Procure and the framework including contractors appointed by lot visit: <a href="https://www.efficiencynorth.org/procure/frameworks/new-build/new-bu