



Professional Services Framework

Through market research conducted within London, it has become apparent that there is a requirement for a high quality, robust procurement solution for Professional Services and consultancy. Although the requirements of each contracting authority are unique, initial conversations have confirmed that there is a need to share learning and experiences across the boroughs, particularly within Local Authorities. LHC London and South East propose that they take the lead in facilitating a steering committee to inform the specification of the framework and ensure intelligent procurement through collaborative learning. The proposed disciplines are outlined below.

- Architects
- Building Energy Assessors,
- Quantity Surveying,
- Project Management;
- Structural /Civil Engineer Services
- Employers Agent
- Clerk of Works services
- Contract administrator
- Principle Designer Duties
- Health and Safety Advisors
- Building Services Engineer

London Borough of Southwark have agreed in principle to Partner with LHC to deliver the Architecture discipline and it is proposed that Southwark join LHC in marketing this framework as a joint venture in its entirety.

Architectural Services

Summary

It is proposed that London Borough of Southwark and LHC are to partner to create an Architectural Consultancy Framework that is suitable for use by all London Public Sector contracting authorities. Market research has found that finding suitable, highly skilled architectural specialists is challenging in a short procurement period whilst still ensuring best value for money. It is anticipated that the framework will overcome these challenges allowing public sector bodies, quick and reactive access to the best firms available in the market to deliver services at a high standard.

Introduction

Founded in 1966 and with more than 50 of those years working in London, LHC has knowledge, technical expertise and a commitment to better buildings and homes. They believe in fast and efficient procurement which delivers financial gains without compromising on quality or delivery. LHC and London Borough of Southwark are united in their commitment to providing value for money, high quality affordable homes and enhancing local communities.



London Borough of Southwark are at the forefront of providing innovation through quality, well considered and inspiring design standards, leading the way in delivering public sector construction projects in London.

It is proposed that LHC and London Borough of Southwark combine this expertise by creating a robust, highly specified Framework to deliver Architectural Services for London. LHC and London Borough of Southwark will enter a partnership agreement defining the standards, specification and framework mechanism to deliver this as a product accessible to London Local Authorities.

It is proposed that LHC will facilitate the Framework, leading the procurement activity with input from London Borough of Southwark on the technical and performance requirements and the structure of the framework. The requirements will be laid out in the resourcing requirements below.

London Borough of Southwark has a requirement for architectural services to deliver the following over a 4 year period:

- Master Planning
- Feasibility
- Schools
- Social Care
- Housing
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Conservation and heritage

Remaining disciplines

Running concurrently with this, LHC will also release workstreams for the following consultancy services.

- Building Energy Assessors,
- Quantity Surveying,
- Project Management;
- Structural /Civil Engineer Services
- Employers Agent
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LHC will aim to facilitate a Steering Committee with other Local Authorities to inform the specification of the consultancy workstreams. It is intended that by inviting local authorities to provide input through the Steering Group, the framework will be more desirable and better suited to meet the relevant criteria, increasing the use across London. There will be a very clear lead on the architectural services from the London Borough of Southwark.



Scope

A framework available to all London public sector authorities, to deliver consultancy services for multiuse buildings, including but not limited to Housing, Schools, Community Buildings, Offices.

Key deliverables

- SME engagement
- Innovative design led by London Borough of Southwark
- Local engagement
- Value for money
- Competition
- Specialists for each design discipline within architectural workstreams.
- Delivering Social Value

Resourcing Requirements- The Project Team

LHC Lead and Coordinator- Jennifer Castle – London Regional Manager

LHC Group Technical Manager, Construction -Tony Woods

LHC Procurement Manager – Danesh Sharma

Required:

- Authority Lead
- Procurement input from authority
- Design and technical requirements from authority

Proposed Format

One Workstream per discipline.

Within the Architectural workstream, there will be subcategories allowing specialists to apply for that workstream where relevant. For example:

Workstream 1 – Architectural Services	Workstream 2- Quantity Surveyors	Workstream 3 – Employers Agent	Workstream 4- project Management
Master planning	Company A	Company A	Company A
Company A	Company B	Company B	Company B
Company B	Company C	Company C	Company C
Company C	Company D	Company D	Company D
Company D	Company E	Company E	Company E
Heritage			
Company A			
Company B			

Company C			
Feasibility			
Company A			
Company B			
Company C			

Etc.

Proposed Timeline (to be finalised, and detailed) for Architectural Services

June – August Project Team Specification Scoping (forming of steering committee, client feedback)

July- August Pre-Tender Engagement with suppliers (issue PIN)

August-September Finalising Specification

September Contract Notice

November Submissions

December/January Evaluation/Standstill

February Contract Award

Cost and Community Benefit Fund

Although marketed at 1%, London Borough of Southwark as the partner authority will access at 0.25%, other authorities on the steering committee can access at 0.5%

LHC will also reserve 20% of the annual income from this Framework to be distributed to the authorities on the steering committee to support their social value and community benefit commitments. LHC will engage with Locality, a community benefit fund to help the authorities measure the social impact of this fund.