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## **Low Carbon offsite construction DPS**

LHC for the South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK - South West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.swpa.org.uk/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/AdvertSummary?projectId=35227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545&projectStepId=37227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Public Sector Framework Tendering Organisation

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Low Carbon offsite construction DPS

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45211000 - Construction work for multi-dwelling buildings and individual houses

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The London Housing Consortium (LHC) (acting as the Central Purchasing Body for the South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA)), are consulting on the potential establishment of a DPS Agreement for Construction of residential dwellings (including any associated community buildings and facilities) incorporating low energy offsite system across the South West. The DPS is aimed at delivering offsite housing, apartments, care homes and multi-occupancy dwellings including zero carbon solutions.

This DPS application process will run in conjunction with a new digital toolkit from Constructing Modern Methods (CMM).

CMM was developed as a concept in a previous piece of research funded by the Local Government Association and conducted with Bristol City Council (BCC) and Bristol Housing Festival (BHF) to understand what resources might make the widescale adoption of modern methods of construction and offsite housing solutions more feasible.

The form of the DPS will be subject to a pre-tender engagement process, commencing with this PIN and is proposing to hold pretender market engagement for prospective tenders.

Please note that market consultation documents will be available from 16:00 noon on the date of publication of this PIN via Procontract: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/AdvertSummary?projectId=35227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545&projectStepId=37227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545>

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,125,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 44211100 - Modular and portable buildings

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

South West England

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA), the South West hub of the London Housing Consortium (LHC) Group has long standing experience in offering frameworks and other procurement solutions for the public sector and has in recent years built up a portfolio of expertise in MMC/ Offsite solutions through traditional construction and MMC Offsite frameworks ([mmc.lhc.gov.uk](http://mmc.lhc.gov.uk)). Working in partnership with CMM and developing a DPS provides the opportunity for many new and emerging MMC/Offsite suppliers to engage with public sector organisations. It is hoped that these will come forward from the SW region supporting and boosting the local economy.

SWPA are consulting on the potential establishment of a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the construction of residential dwellings (and any associated community buildings and facilities) incorporating low energy offsite systems across the South West for the public sector. The DPS is aimed at delivering offsite housing, apartments, care homes and multi-occupancy dwellings including zero carbon solutions.

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In April 2020, a consortium of partners led by YTKO and including BCC, BHF, BRE and 9 leading modular housing companies were awarded an innovate UK grant for their project, 'Enabling Housing Innovation for Inclusive Growth'. CMM is one of the direct outcomes of that Innovate UK project. Further information about the Innovate UK project is available here <https://westofengland.ytko.com/constructing-modern-methods/>

CMM offers an innovative solution to the acceleration of offsite, modular housing by allowing suppliers to bring their solutions within the DPS through a robust and quality assured database.

This digital tool from CMM was designed specifically for and importantly with local authorities to provide an outcome-led procurement solution. The digital toolkit is key to achieving the projected rate of uptake in areas of MMC and offsite housing. It allows users to optioneer against a full spectrum of systems, organisations and performance options. This empowers the decision makers within local authorities, housing associations etc. at the call-off stage, helping narrow down the market to a number of possible options. These options are the confidently based on local policy and project specific criteria. Selected suppliers will then be invited to tender via a mini-competition.

Please note that market consultation documents will be available from 16:00 noon on the date of publication of this PIN. Consultation will commence with a live webinar and a number of Q&A sessions. All interested suppliers will also have the opportunity to comment via 1-2-1 consultation meetings and an on-line survey.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 May 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes