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## **PIN - Modern Methods of Construction Supplier Engagement**

Great Places Housing Group

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

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**I.3) Communication**

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**

Housing and community amenities

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

PIN - Modern Methods of Construction Supplier Engagement

Reference number

DN577087

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

- 45000000 - Construction work

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

Works

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

The Offsite Homes Alliance wish to engage with MMC (Modern Methods of Construction) suppliers offering categories 1,2, and 5 solutions as defined in the MMC Definition Framework, to evaluate the current OSHA designs and zero carbon roadmap. This is to ensure that the client(s) and the MMC supply chain, are in agreement with the Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DfMA) strategy, before a full procurement process begins with selected partners.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 MMC Cat 1 Pre-Manufacturing - 3D primary structural systems

Lot No

1

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

- 44110000 - Construction materials

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A systematised approach based on volumetric construction involving the production of three-dimensional units in controlled factory conditions prior to final installation. Volumetric units can be brought to the final site in a variety of forms ranging from a basic structure only to one with all internal and external finishes and services installed, all ready for installation.

The system includes structural performance. Full volumetric units in apartment buildings can include apartment space and common area space. Mini volumetric structural units can include bathroom pods and the like which are structurally stacked and loaded.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 MMC Cat 2 Pre-manufacturing (2D primary structural systems)

Lot No

2

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

- 44110000 - Construction materials

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A systematised approach using flat panel units for basic floor, wall and roof structures of varying materials which are produced in a factory environment and assembled at the final workforce to produce a final three-dimensional structure. The most common approach is to use open panels or frames, which consist of a skeletal structure only, with services, insulation, external cladding and internal finishing being installed on site.

'More complex panels – typically referred to as closed panels – involve more factory-based fabrication and include lining materials and insulation. These may also include services, windows, doors, internal wall finishes and external claddings. The system includes structural performance for primary walls and all floors (note – this excludes unitised or composite external walling systems that are not load bearing included in Category 5).

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 MMC Cat 5 Pre-manufacturing (non structural assemblies and sub-assemblies)

Lot No

3

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

- 44110000 - Construction materials

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A series of different pre-manufacturing approaches that includes unitised non-structural walling systems, roofing finish cassettes or assemblies (where not part of a wider structural building system), non-load bearing mini-volumetric units (sometimes referred to as 'pods') used for the highly serviced and more repeatable areas such as kitchens and bathrooms, utility cupboards, risers, plant rooms as well as pre-formed wiring looms, mechanical engineering composites would fall into this category.

'Conventional masonry site constructed schemes utilising conventional building products such as windows and or door-sets – which might otherwise be part of the fabrication process in the other pre-manufacturing categories – should not be included as sub-assemblies or components in this category unless there is a further level of consolidation from traditional configurations.

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

15 November 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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Great Places Housing Group is publishing this notice on behalf of The Offsite Homes Alliance (OSHA) which consists of 23 Registered Providers, largely based in the North of England. The alliance partners' strategy is to deliver circa 10,000+ high quality homes per annum from 2023 onwards across the North, with a focus on as many Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)/off-site technologies it can within reason, to support the ambition.

OSHA partners wish to conduct soft market testing (SMT) with MMC suppliers offering categories 1,2, and 5 solutions as defined in the MMC Definition Framework and as set out in the proposed lots above. The purpose of this SMT is to evaluate the current OSHA designs and zero carbon roadmap. This is to ensure that the OSHA members and the MMC supply chain are in agreement with the Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DfMA) strategy, before OSHA considers moving forward to procurement.

As part of the SMT, OSHA has designed a short questionnaire that is available to download from <https://www.offsiteha.org/supply-chain-engagement/>. OSHA partners would be grateful for potential suppliers' time in completing this questionnaire as the responses will be helpful in formulating OSHA's procurement, design and contracting strategy. OSHA and Great Places may request that potential suppliers discuss their responses through clarification meetings as part of the SMT process.

Great Places and OSHA are ensuring that this SMT process is run in a fair and transparent manner. Any relevant information made available in this process will also be made available during any later procurement process. Potential suppliers should note that this notice does not commit Great Places or OSHA to proceeding to procurement at the time indicated or at all. If there are any queries about the process, please contact [robert.ireland@greatplaces.org.uk](mailto:robert.ireland@greatplaces.org.uk).