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Planning

Professional Services Framework 2026-30

Westmorland and Furness Council

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Scope

Description

The Authority wishes to establish a Closed Framework for the provision of professional services across three Lots for Westmorland and Furness Council.

- Lot 1 Property
- Lot 2 Civils and Infrastructure
- Lot 3 Planning, Growth and Sustainability

During the lifetime of the Framework Agreement, the Client may call off Consultants from the Framework to provide services in relation to a particular project or projects. The scope of services could be wide ranging in nature from providing early project advice and services including surveys and reports on the Client's proposals to providing project delivery from inception to completion. Consultants will be appointed under the call off terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement.

Total Framework Value will be £12 million inc VAT.

The Authority is managing this procurement process in accordance with the new Public Procurement Act 2023 and will follow the Open Procedure ("the Regulations").

This Framework is being established for Professional Service Consultancy organisations only. Organisations other than Professional Service Consultancy will not be invited to participate any further in this engagement process.

Please make sure in order to bid for this Procurement that you are registered on the e-portal, 'The Chest' Supplier registration, then in order to view the DRAFT Documents once published, you must 'Express an Interest' in the opportunity. Also, please ENSURE you are registered on the 'Central Digital Platform' as per the cabinet office guidance "Suppliers: How to register your organisation and first administrator on Find a Tender in three easy steps".

This notice is for preliminary engagement only and the Authority reserve the right not to proceed to tender, or at their absolute discretion to amend the details at the time of issue of any further notices(s) at any other time.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

Contract locations

- UKD12 - East Cumbria

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 October 2025

Engagement process description

We wish to invite suppliers to a virtual market engagement session that will take place via Teams on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 13:00 for 45 minutes.

The Teams session will provide information to help support potential bidders to understand the opportunity, with details on:-

- Details of the opportunity and services required
- Social Value
- Procurement Process
- Q&A sessions

The opportunity is advertised on The Chest, Ref: DN791521 (you may register for free here <https://procontract.due-north.com/register>) and organisations wishing to attend the market engagement session are requested to register their interest via the messages function on the portal by 12pm Monday 13 October 2025. Please ensure you include the names and job titles of the attendees (max of 2 attendees per company) and a contact telephone number and email address. The Council will then issue a confirmation via an invite to the Teams session. Bidders will not be able to join the session if they have not had a confirmation from the Council.

The event slides & recording will be made available to all potential bidders as part of the tender documentation.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 October 2025

Contracting authority

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