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ABP Civils Framework

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Scope

Reference

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Description

ABP is looking to appoint suitably qualified contractors to our new Civils Framework.

The ABP Civils Framework is designed to provide access to pre-qualified civil engineering contractors across the Humber, Southampton, South Wales and East Anglia. Its scope encompasses a wide range of low to mid value construction and maintenance works, structured to support both operational efficiency and Small to Medium size Enterprise (SME) participation.

This Framework was shaped through extensive Applicant engagement, including Q&A sessions, face-to-face meetings, and questionnaires to refine the Lotting structure and address barriers to participation.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £102,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2031
- Possible extension to 20 April 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The proposed Framework Agreement will be in place for 5 years with a possible extension provision of 3 years, with the maximum duration to be 8 years. The framework will be extended at the discretion of the Authority at the end of year 5.

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

- 45233251 - Resurfacing works
 - 45300000 - Building installation work
 - 45400000 - Building completion work
 - 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
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Lot 1. Lot 1A - Humber - Minor Works

Description

Lot 1A Humber - Minor Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £0 up to £250k)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 1B - Humber - Small Works

Description

Lot 1B Humber - Small Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £250k up to £1.5M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Lot 1C - Humber - Surfacing Works

Description

Lot 1C Humber – Surfacing Works (Estimated Contract Value up to £1M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Lot 2A - Southampton - Minor Works

Description

Lot 2A Southampton - Minor Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £50k up to £500k)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Lot 2B - Southampton - Small Works

Description

Lot 2B Southampton - Small Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £500k up to £1.5M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Lot 3A - South Wales - Minor Works

Description

Lot 3A South Wales - Minor Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £0 up to £250k)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 7. Lot 3B - South Wales -Small Works

Description

Lot 3B South Wales - Small Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £250k up to £1.5M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 8. Lot 3C - South Wales - Surfacing Works

Description

Lot 3C South Wales – Surfacing Works (Estimated Contract Value up to £1M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 9. Lot 4A - East Anglia - Minor Works

Description

Lot 4A East Anglia - Minor Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £0 up to £250k)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 10. Lot 4B - East Anglia - Small Works

Description

Lot 4B East Anglia - Small Works (Estimated Contract Value £250k up to £1.5M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 11. Lot 4C - East Anglia - Surfacing Works

Description

Lot 4C East Anglia – Surfacing Works (Estimated Contract Value up to £1M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 12. Lot 5 - National Intermediate Works

Description

Lot 5 National Intermediate Works (Estimated Individual Project Values £1.5M up to £4M)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 13. Lot 6 - General Inclusion

Description

Lot 6 - General Inclusion Lot

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

ABP will have the option to call-off contracts or engage in mini-competitions under the Framework Agreement with individual Applicants as and when services are required. Please note however that there is no obligation for ABP to call off from the Framework Agreement (i.e. ABP may appoint work to parties outside of the Framework Agreement if necessary).

Lots 1A, 3A, 4A & 1C, 3C & 4C

For Lots 1A, 3A, 4A & 1C, 3C & 4C, any work awarded will use the NEC4 Term Service Contract and individual Task Orders will be issued accordingly by the Service Manager to instruct specific items of work within the scope of the contract. The schedule of rates submitted at tender stage will be used as the basis for pricing all Task Orders.

Lots 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B & Lot 5

For Lots 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B & Lot 5, work will be awarded in two ways; firstly, the results of a

mini-competition with either price or price/quality being the assessment criteria. This will be defined during the publication of each individual request for quotation (Call off contract); or secondly, through a direct award. ABP reserves the right to make an award to any Contractor it feels will provide the required works most effectively.

Work will be awarded through the framework using Work Orders (in line with the NEC4 Framework Contract). Each Work Order will be accompanied by an NEC4 Engineering & Construction Contract signed as a deed for Lots 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B & Lot 5.

Lot 2A

For Lot 2A, the work awarded will use the JCT Measured Term Contract. Each call-off will be instructed by the Employer under the agreed schedule of rates, ensuring transparency and consistency in pricing. This approach provides flexibility for recurring tasks while maintaining contractual certainty and compliance with JCT terms.

Call of Procedures

ABP ultimately reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to utilise any of the following call-off procedures under the framework agreement, this applies to all Lots:

Mini-Competition

A competitive process where all eligible Applicants on the Lot are invited to submit bids for a specific requirement. Evaluation is based on the criteria set out in the mini-competition documentation.

Direct Award Procedure

ABP may award a contract directly to a Applicant without further competition. This is typically used where there is an urgent requirement or a clear best-fit Applicant.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1A - Humber - Minor Works

Lot 2. Lot 1B - Humber - Small Works

Lot 3. Lot 1C - Humber - Surfacing Works

Lot 4. Lot 2A - Southampton - Minor Works

Lot 5. Lot 2B - Southampton - Small Works

Lot 6. Lot 3A - South Wales - Minor Works

Lot 7. Lot 3B - South Wales -Small Works

Lot 8. Lot 3C - South Wales - Surfacing Works

Lot 9. Lot 4A - East Anglia - Minor Works

Lot 10. Lot 4B - East Anglia - Small Works

Lot 11. Lot 4C - East Anglia - Surfacing Works

Lot 12. Lot 5 - National Intermediate Works

Lot 13. Lot 6 - General Inclusion

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 November 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

12 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/abp/asp/Tenders/Current>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	<p>The following information summarises the approach to evaluating and scoring the Applicants PSQ response. Initial Compliance Check ABP will undertake a compliance check of the information submitted (including checks on ABP's compliance screening software). Failure to complete all relevant questions, failure to enclose supporting documentation or compliance concerns being flagged by ABP's compliance screening software may result in the Applicant's PSQ response being rejected. Provided for information only and not scored</p> <p>A number of sections of this PSQ which are to be returned with your submission are not scored and are supplied for ABP's information only. However, these sections must be fully completed & all information required and requested must be provided. Mandatory Pass / Fail sections</p> <p>A number of sections are PASS/FAIL criteria with either a mandatory PASS or discretionary PASS requirements. If you score a FAIL in any one of the sub-sections of the PSQ, the Applicant will not progress to the next stage. If you score a PASS in all of the sub-sections, your submission will progress to the full PSQ evaluation stage. The sections that are evaluated using the mandatory PASS/FAIL criteria are clearly detailed in the PSQ</p>	Price

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	<p>Response Document contained within Appendix 04 - PSQ Response Document</p> <p>Scored and weighted sections</p> <p>Only those Applicants that have passed the "PASS/FAIL" criteria and provided the information in the "For Information only" sections will go on to be fully scored by the ABP Evaluation Team. The sections that are to be evaluated using the below Scoring Criteria are clearly detailed in the PSQ Response Document contained within Appendix 04 - PSQ Response Document.</p>	

Weighting description

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Scored and weighted sections

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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

The two-stage process is as described below:

Stage 1 PSQ

The Applicant is issued with a PSQ including instructions to Applicants, Requirements and a set of qualitative questions which are to demonstrate the Applicant's:

- Compliance
- Financial Capability
- Legal Capability
- Health & Safety Approach
- Quality Approach
- Supply Chain Approach
- Quality Approach
- Technical Capability and Experience

Completed PSQ should be submitted strictly in accordance with the instructions to Applicants described within the PSQ document and received by ABP no later than 12/12/2025 at 12:00 GMT.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicants are required to submit all documents requested to be included in all sections of the PSQ Response Document attached in Appendix 04 – PSQ Response Document to enable their PSQ submissions to be fully evaluated against the evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are also provided within the PSQ Response Document.

Stage 2 – Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Following the conclusion of Stage 1 PSQ, down – selected Applicants will be invited to participate in the second stage of the process.

Stage 2 will comprise the issuing of the ITT to the successful down-selected applicants for each geographical Lot and sub Lot.

Clear objectives and evaluation criteria aligned to strategic goals will be included in the tender documents, inviting Applicants to demonstrate how their proposals will deliver broader organisational benefits.

Following this stage, ABP will award Contract/s based on the Most Advantageous Tender, based on the evaluation criteria.

Contracting authority

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