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Contract

Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Framework

West Northamptonshire Council

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Scope

Reference

18140004935

Description

A multiple-supplier framework agreement for the provision of independent neighbourhood planning examiner services. The framework enables West Northamptonshire Council to appoint suitably qualified and experienced consultants to undertake independent examinations of neighbourhood plans on a call-off basis, in accordance with statutory requirements. Services will be commissioned as required via individual call-off contracts under the framework procedure, with no guarantee of volume or spend.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Multi-supplier framework operating on a ranked call-off basis. Pricing is based on rates agreed at framework award stage. Call-offs are offered in rank order, subject to availability and suitability.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Contract 1. Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Framework

Suppliers (3)

- Argyle Planning Consultancy Ltd
- Charisma Spatial Planning Ltd
- Planning and Management Ltd

Contract value

- £100,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

11 December 2025

Contract dates

- 15 December 2025 to 14 December 2027
- Possible extension to 14 December 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The framework may be extended for up to a further 24 months following the initial 24-month term. Any extension would be subject to a formal review of performance, continued operational need, value for money, and the availability of funding and approvals. The extension is optional and there is no guarantee that it will be exercised.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71410000 - Urban planning services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - limited competition

Suppliers

Argyle Planning Consultancy Ltd

1 Prudhoe Street

Alnwick

NE66 1UW

United Kingdom

Email: peter@argyleplanning.co.uk

Region: UKC21 - Northumberland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Charisma Spatial Planning Ltd

146 New London Road

Chelmsford

CM2 0AW

United Kingdom

Email: ann@charismaspatialplanning.com

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Planning and Management Ltd

Sweepers, Allen Lane

Belper

DE56 2FX

United Kingdom

Email: collisonchris@aol.com

Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

West Northamptonshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGDV-8944-CMBP

Angel Street

Northampton

NN1 1ED

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@westnorthants.gov.uk

Region: UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government