



Fire Safety Consultancy Framework

Buyers Guide

Contract period:
19th July 2024- 18th July 2027

FTS reference number:
2024/S 000-008002

What's Covered?

Procurement for Housing (PfH) have appointed experienced Fire Safety Consultants (service providers) to carry out services to PfH Members in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland and other public bodies permitted to use the framework. The framework is split into three lots as follows:

Lot 1 – Fire Risk Assessments (Regional)

Lot 2 – Fire Safety Consultancy Services (National and Scotland)

Lot 3 – Fire Engineering Consultancy Services (National and Scotland)

The framework is divided into geographical regions for Lot 1 as follows:

Lot	Region
1	North (Northeast, Northwest, Yorkshire, and Humber)
2	Midlands (East Midlands, West Midlands, and East of England)
3	Wales
4	South (London, Southeast and Southwest)
5	Scotland
6	Northern Ireland

Fire Safety Consultants have demonstrated that they meet the minimum standards of accreditation and registration, qualification as required by the services to be provided and identified as part of the PfH Member engagement process.

Service Providers and the consultants they employ (including engineers, surveyors, architects, project managers and other disciplines) hold appropriate qualifications accredited by the relevant Institute or association or equivalent standing in this field, as required for the delivery of the services. The consultant may be requested to provide evidence of membership during the term of the Framework.

This framework relates to major refurbishment works, new buildings, general property defects, audit of existing facilities, specialist accommodation, high rise dwellings, low rise flats and houses and other assets under the responsibility of the PfH Member.

Start date 19th July 2024

Expiry date 18th July 2027 with the option to extend for a further 24 months until 17th July 2028

Lot Structure

Lot 1 – Fire Risk Assessments (Regional)

Lot 1 provides Type 1, 2, 3 and 4 Fire Risk Assessments (FRAS). All service providers hold a UKAS Accredited Company Certification Scheme in relation to the provision of FRAs and have demonstrated a structured approach to the carrying out of FRAs in line with the principles and methodology of PAS79:2012.

Type 1 - Common Parts Only (non-destructive)

Type 1 fire risk assessment is the basic fire risk assessment required for the purpose of satisfying the Fire Safety Order (FSO).

Type 2 - Common Parts Only (destructive)

Type 2 inspection examines the same areas as those inspected in a Type 1 assessment with samples chosen for destructive inspection.

Type 3 – Common Parts and Flats (non-destructive)

Type 3 assessment requires the same work as in a Type 1 assessment but exceeds the scope of the FSO, although it must not in any way contravene the Housing Act. In this assessment of fire risk, the arrangements for fire detection (smoke alarms) and the means of escape must be inspected in a sample of flats as well as common parts.

Type 4 – Common Parts and Flats (destructive)

Type 4 assessment is the same as Type 3 assessment in scope, other than that it will allow for destructive inspection and testing in both flats and common parts carried out in some sample areas and flats that are selected.

Lot 2 – Fire Safety Consultancy Services

Lot 2 covers fire safety consultancy services and includes technical advice and guidance on all aspects of fire safety including systems design, compliance advice, legislative advice, business case development, advice and support on fire risk management systems, project management, training, strategy, policy and procedure and other fire safety consultancy services.

Fire Safety Consultancy Services provide advice to PfH Members on fire safety including, but not be limited to, the following services:

- Fire Safety - Technical Consultancy Services
- Fire Safety - Project Management Services
- Fire Safety - Training Services
- Fire Safety - Strategy, Policy and Procedure
- Fire Door Inspections

Lot Structure

Lot 3 – Fire Engineering Consultancy Services

Lot 3 covers design, specification development and procurement services for fire safety mechanical and engineering projects such as sprinkler and fire suppression systems, fire alarm and detection systems. The services will include feasibility and options appraisals, design, specification development, procurement and project management services.

Fire Engineering Consultancy Services provide a range of services to PfH Members including, but not be limited to, the following services:

- Strategic definition
- Preparation and Brief
- Concept Design
- Spatial Coordination
- Technical Design
- Manufacture and Construction (as required)
- Handover
- Tender, contract and documentation
- Design Documentation

Suppliers

Lot 1 - Fire Risk Assessments

Rank	North	Midlands	Wales	South	Scotland	Northern Ireland
1	Fire Compliance Management Services	Frankham Consultancy Group Limited	Fire Compliance Management Services	Frankham Consultancy Group Limited	Fire Compliance Management Services	Fire Compliance Management Services
2	Tersus Consultancy Limited	Fire Compliance Management Services	Tersus Consultancy Limited	Fire Compliance Management Services	Tersus Consultancy Limited	Tersus Consultancy Limited
3	Firntec	Tersus Consultancy Limited	Firntec	Tersus Consultancy Limited	Firntec	Tetra Tech
4	Firesec Compliance Limited	Firntec	Firesec Compliance Limited	Firntec	Firesec Compliance Limited	Turner and Townsend
5	Tetra Tech	Firesec Compliance Limited	Tetra Tech	Firesec Compliance Limited	Tetra Tech	Stantec

Suppliers

Lot 2 - Fire Safety Consultancy Services

Rank	National England, Wales, & Northern Ireland	Scotland
1	Fire Compliance Management Services	Fire Compliance Management Services
2	Frankham Consultancy Group Limited	Turner and Townsend
3	Turner and Townsend	Momentum 4 Ltd
4	Momentum 4 Ltd	Tetra Tech
5	Tetra Tech	IFI Group Ltd

Lot 3 - Fire Engineering Consultancy Services

Rank	National England, Wales, & Northern Ireland	Scotland
1	Fire Compliance Management Services	Fire Compliance Management Services
2	Ridge and Partners LLP	Ridge and Partners LLP
3	Frankham Consultancy Group Limited	Bailey Partnership (Consultants) LLP
4	Bailey Partnership (Consultants) LLP	BB7 Consulting Limited
5	BB7 Consulting Limited	PartB Group Ltd

Tender & Evaluation Process

The PfH Fire Safety Consultancy framework is a new iteration of the previous framework which is the result of an extensive pre-tender engagement exercise carried out to ensure that it is aligned as closely as possible with our members requirements.

The first stage of the exercise was to gather information from existing and potential PfH Members around their current requirements for fire safety consultancy solutions. From the discussions and information gathered, along with market analysis, it was agreed that the new framework needed continue to offer members a wider scope of solutions and an enhanced level of choice for fire safety consultancy solutions.

The framework comprises of 3 (three) lots offering expansive coverage of the fire safety consultancy market.

The qualitative evaluation of this framework addressed key criteria, including, Account Management & Framework Support, Social Impact well as lot specific quality questions addressing detailed requirements and capturing the scope. The lot specific questions included Staff Competency, Value Ads & Innovation, Approach & Outcomes to Fire Risk Assessments and Project Management Approaches.

The suppliers were also assessed to ensure that they met our minimum requirements for professional accreditations for each of the disciplines.

The documents were advertised via the Find a Tender service (FTS) as an open procedure. The contract notice was issued on 13th March 2024.

The contract notice resulted in 22 bids with all suppliers passing the selection stage. All lots were evaluated on a 70/30 qualitative / commercial split.

Benefits & Value Delivered

- Access to highly qualified, accredited and experienced fire risk assessors and fire safety consultants and engineers;
- Nationwide coverage;
- Advice and support on all aspects of fire safety;
- Enhanced levels of compliance with fire safety legislation and best industry practice;
- Advice on and development of fire safety strategy, policy, and procedure;
- Fire safety systems design, procurement, and implementation;
- Advice on fire risk assessment remedial works, building regulations and enforcement notices;
- Access to qualified and experienced fire safety training on-site or online
- Project management and risk management services.

How We Manage Your Contract

Our team is on hand to support you throughout the procurement process either acting as an extension of your internal procurement process or as a fully outsourced solution dependent upon your requirements; providing hands on category expertise and support to aid the delivery of an optimal contract environment.

We will manage the tender process with you right through to contract award to ensure you get the most competitive pricing and best service delivery from our suppliers based on your specific needs. Our bespoke platforms and data rich environment enables us to interrogate contracts to give you tools to drive value through the life of the agreement, tackle non-compliance, undertake trend analysis and standardise product ranges to improve the bottom line.



How To Access The Framework



Step 1

Contact PfH to discuss the framework and your requirements



Step 2

Establish whether the framework is suitable for your specific requirements



Step 3

Find out if you are already a Member of PfH. If not, complete a Membership form (visit www.pfh.co.uk) and return as instructed in the form



Step 4

Once a Member, PfH will provide further information on the two procurement options available: direct award and mini-competition

Direct Award

Member provides detailed scope of works to eligible supplier

Supplier issues proposal to Member

If Member is satisfied with proposal, proceed with call-off process

Contract award

Mini-competition

PfH offer template call-off documentation and specification assistance if required

Tender is issued to all suppliers

Tender evaluation process - PfH can offer support and assistance where needed

Contract award

Who can use the framework?

This Framework may be used by any contracting authority referred to in the FTS Notice and/or listed below:

- PfH Members
- Registered Social Landlords
- Local Authorities
- Arm's Length Management Organisations
- Police
- Fire & Rescue
- Universities & Further Education Establishments
- Registered Charities
- Subsidiaries of the above

Not a Member? Not a problem

Membership is open to all Scottish housing associations and local authorities, regardless of size. Once signed up, Members can access any of our procurement services from frameworks, to consultancy, to data services.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to become a PfH Member.

We're Here To Help...

Procurement for Housing (PfH) provides a range of procurement, consultancy and technological solutions to Social Housing Providers and Local Authorities across the UK. Our purpose is to have a positive impact on people's lives, and we aim to do this by focusing on the needs of our members, helping them overcome challenges, enhance performance and improve service delivery. Our team work tirelessly to deliver high-quality innovative solutions and strive to deliver added value at every opportunity.



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