

Scottish Procurement

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Achievements

The Collaborative Procurement Team for Construction has been very busy progressing Construction portfolio activity in the last 3 months which, given the current Covid 19 pandemic, has been a challenge we have all shared. Here are some of the highlights:

- The Portfolio Review of the Construction Industry across Scotland has been completed and a first draft created. The Review analyses **£14Bn** of spend over the past 5 years
- The outcomes of the Request for Information (RFI) exercise have been analysed and fed into the Portfolio Review
- A Procurement Strategy for the Civil Engineering Framework has been drafted

In accordance with SG Ways of Working both documents will be issued for endorsement/information as appropriate, to Centres of Expertise, very soon.

Stakeholder Engagement

There is huge demand for procurement of Construction activity and excellent sharing of Best Practice and examples of documentation which has assisted greatly in production of the Strategy and ITT documentation to date. Sectors' continuing support is greatly appreciated.

The 2nd Construction National Portfolio Forum (NPF) meeting was held 10 March 2020. SPPD provided feedback on the response to the Request For Information (RFI) exercise which closed 7 February 2020 and the Prioritisation Methodology Workshop to address Sustainable Procurement which took place 12 February 2020.

NPF members were asked to confirm their willingness to support a User Intelligence Group (UIG) for Civil Engineering which are in the process of forming. A Provisional Date of 3rd June 2020, is proposed for an initial UIG Engagement webinar, whilst we all have alternative ways of working in place, and we will outline the UIG role and next steps. (We are using this date which was set for the next NPF so hopefully we can maximise availability).

Procurement Activity Summary:

March 2020-May 2020

National Frameworks Commencing:

Currently in development phase for a Civil Engineering Framework

National Frameworks Extending:

N/A

National Portfolio Forum (NPF) : *The next meeting of the NPF was due to take place on 3rd June 2020, this meeting will now take the form of a User Intelligence Group (UIG) Conference Call.*

Other News:

Crown Commercial Services still plan to hold a Scottish launch event of their Construction Framework, likely to be by webinar, more detail to be provided soon.

Industry

Industry Engagement has been more difficult during this period as their focus has understandably been on managing the fall out of the Covid19 pandemic. This is starting to ease and we hope to also engage with our Industry Forum, via webinar, very soon, to ensure we have a joined up approach in addressing some recognised Industry challenges.

In late March we placed a Contract with Jacobs Consultancy, to produce a Specification, and now have a final draft to consider with UIG members prior to inserting into the ITT document.

Our work with Macroberts LLP continues, to produce a standard suite of clauses for Terms and Conditions across for a range of Construction procurement activity commencing with Civil Engineering. We expect Civil Engineering draft clauses by end May 2020

Future Activity & Opportunities

Key Tasks going forward

- Maximise collaboration, engaging with User Intelligence Group(s) for Civil Engineering
- Portfolio Strategy to be shared and approved in accordance with SG and other Centres of Expertise agreed Ways of Working
- Issue Prior Information Notice (PIN) and set up Supplier Days/Webinars
- OJEU Notice to be issued approx. July 2020 for a Civil Engineering Framework
- Aim to award a Civil Engineering Framework early 2021
- Initiate plan for a similar process for Building and Construction

Challenges and Risks

- Impact of Covid 19 on economy – we will continue to engage with Industry, maintain relationships and contribute to Scottish Ministers' Restart Plan by commencing and supporting key procurement exercises;
- Pipeline uncertainty – now that we have established commitment from Framework Public Bodies to support the UIG we will work with them to establish likely spend profiles, which will inform our OJEU advert value.

Useful Information

- Scotland Excel are holding a UIG, by webinar on 27 May 2020, for their Construction and Building Consultancy Services Framework. The Central Government sector is named so will be able to access the Framework services. SPPD will represent the Central Government sector to ensure the Framework meets our requirements, this may require CG organisations' support at a later stage;
- NHS has named the Central Government sector in their procurement for Minor New Works. So again the CG sector will be able to access the activity within the scope of the Framework. It is likely that minor new work projects up to the EU threshold for works c£4M will be included. Again SPPD will maintain an interest in this, update on progress and seek CG organisations' feedback in due course