



Construction Framework South West

A building construction Framework for
all Public Bodies in the South West

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Construction Framework South West activities in October were dominated by evaluating the Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQ's). The closing date for completed PQQs was 30th September 2008 and the tender evaluation procedure started on the 1st October. Devon County Council's Framework Management Team carried out the evaluation of the PQQ weighted scoring questions and the results were moderated by members of the Project Board. Exor Management Services were commissioned to evaluate Financial, Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Environmental Management information, Insurances and general probity elements of the PQQ.

A good range of companies have been selected to go through to the Invitation to Tender stage, including some consortia. Overall there is a representative cross section of contractors who are in the main well established in the South West.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation was approved at the Project Board's November meeting, and the ITTs were released to the successful companies electronically via the Devon Tenders portal on 26th November 2008 with a deadline for return of 16th January 2009.

18 public bodies have currently lodged Expressions of Interest to use the Framework to procure a significant range of diverse projects including schools, offices, college & university buildings and Emergency Services premises. The Framework Management Team are continuing to promote the Framework and introduce potential users to the benefits of the Framework in the New Year.

The Framework Guidelines and Working Practices are complete and should provide a clear and concise guide for users. They will be published on the web site as an aide memoir to the operation of the Framework.

As the project gathers momentum, more potential users of the Framework have contacted the team and asked to be kept informed of progress.