



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**£975m E N PROCURE ELEMENTAL WORKS FRAMEWORK  
- CONTRACT AWARD**

Following an unprecedented level of interest from contractors throughout the region when the OJEU was posted on the Supplier Contract Management System (SCMS) in November 2010 for the E N Procure Elemental Works Framework for the procurement of contractors to carry out trades works commonly used in the improvement and maintenance of housing, contracts have now been awarded to 98 contractors.

The Framework, which has an estimated £975m demand, has been developed by Efficiency North, a consortium of social housing providers in Yorkshire and the Humber. The Framework is divided into 3 sub-regions, West, East and South, to ensure that local SMEs had every opportunity of securing a place. Efficiency North are delighted that amongst the mix of successful contractors 80% were local small to medium-sized companies including 15% micro-sized companies.

The framework will provide works, materials and services which can be accessed by any public sector body and principally by Social Landlords. Provision is contractually embedded into the Framework for local training, apprenticeship and employment programmes, sustainability initiatives, SME and supplier engagement and local economic regeneration. The framework is designed to deliver expenditure and process efficiency savings of 10% against annual throughput. Any surplus revenue accrued is collected in a 4 Good Fund which can be accessed by authorities using the framework to fund projects which support the strategic themes of Efficiency North and realise social and economic benefits in the local community.

A project team comprised of staff from the 5 Efficiency North member organisations leading the procurement, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Wakefield and District Housing, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, St Leger Homes and Sheffield City Council, all worked closely together to ensure the highest level of accuracy evaluating the hundreds of PQQs, tender documents and thousands of references.

Commenting on the Elemental Works Framework Contract Award, Lee Parkinson, Director of Efficiency North, said: "We are delighted to have achieved such a diverse offer in the Framework, with a mix of larger national players as well as smaller local businesses. All the successful contractors demonstrated in their tender submissions that the improved certainty of time, quality and cost the Elemental Works Framework aims to establish will be delivered. We are very much looking forward to working with them all."

For a full list of successful contractors by sub-region and by lot go to:

<http://www.energynorth.org/frameworks/e-n-procure/contractors>

To find out more about Efficiency North and the E N Procure Framework go to:

<http://www.energynorth.org/frameworks/e-n-procure/>

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**About Efficiency North**

Efficiency North is a consortium of social housing providers across Yorkshire and the Humber working collaboratively to generate efficiencies in the construction supply chain.

The consortium is supported by the Department for Communities and Local Government's Beacon Peer Funding programme, the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership and the National Change Agent (NCA) now part of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

Its core workstreams are Efficiency, Employment & Skills, Economic Regeneration and Climate Change.

All savings and any surplus made by the consortium are reinvested in local communities with the aim of creating employment opportunities and improving local facilities.

Hosted by Sheffield City Council the consortium is steered by an Executive Board of Asset Management Professionals from the following organisations:

- Berneslai Homes
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Hull City Council
- Selby District Council
- Sheffield City Council
- Sheffield Homes
- St Leger Homes, Doncaster
- Wakefield District Housing

In addition to the above, the consortium's broader membership also comprises:

- A1 Housing, Bassetlaw
- City of York Council
- Leeds Federated Housing
- North Lincolnshire Homes
- Yorkshire Housing

Efficiency North is committed to tenant involvement and participation and to this end includes a Joint Tenant Panel running alongside Frameworks procurement currently comprising 2 representatives from all Executive Board member organisations.