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Windsor House Homes England – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

By Email Only

Dear

#### RE: Request for Information – RFI3353

Thank you for your request for information which we have processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

L&OD Support:

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk%2FNotice %2Fcf153c67-8a26-45b3-8886-

54ec7257f20f&data=04%7C01%7Cinfoqov%40homesengland.gov.uk%7C1d057c1a42e54dec551008d8dd719ad d%7Cfaa8e2690811453882e74d29009219bf%7C0%7C0%7C637502828162439357%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8 eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UiCufreQZkhgn NYR6KqoPpsOV%2F1Xl4ZHAUw1g5ozXlw%3D&reserved=0

The details we require are:

• Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

- Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date
- Start date & duration of framework
- Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?
- Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
- Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

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# **Response**

We can confirm that we do hold some information that falls within the scope of your request regarding the L&OD Support call off contract and we will address each of your points below in turn.

However, we can confirm that Homes England does not hold any information on the framework from which this L&OD Support call off contract comes from.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Procurement team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

### https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty, you might wish to contact Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) who may hold the information you are seeking.

# https://www.espo.org/

To confirm, the answers to your points below are specifically about the L&OD Support call off contract, which is detailed in your request.

• Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

• Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date

We can confirm that spend on this specific call off contract is £15,390.00.

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information regarding the actual spend on the framework (and any sub lots).

• Start date & duration of framework

We can confirm that the start date was 03 July 2018 for a period of 4 years.

• Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

We can confirm that extension clause on this specific call off contract is subject to an extension of one month.

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We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information regarding the extension clause on the framework.

• Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

We can confirm that, on this specific call off contract, the contract is currently subject to a one-month extension and a decision has not yet been made.

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information regarding the extension or renewal on the framework.

• Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

The Homes England Procurement team are responsible for all procurement, however this service sits within our Corporate Recourse directorate whose senior officer is Lynda McMullen.

#### **Right to Appeal**

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

#### Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link;

#### https://ico.org.uk/

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

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Yours sincerely, **The Information Governance Team** For Homes England

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