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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3990

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

You requested the following information:

Please could I ask some quick questions regarding your framework - Homes England Multidisciplinary Technical Services Framework?

Please can I ask what work has been awarded under this framework, the expiry date of the framework and if there are any plans for the next framework?

Response

Please can I ask what work has been awarded under this framework,

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

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(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We are able to advise that the Award information is available on Contracts Finder via the below link by searching Homes England Multidisciplinary Technical Services Framework.

[Contracts Finder](https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search) - <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search>

the expiry date of the framework

We can confirm that the current Multidisciplinary Framework will expire on 1st February 2023.

if there are any plans for the next framework?

We can confirm that the re-procurement of the replacement framework has already commenced. The Homes England Multidisciplinary Technical Services Framework 2023-2027 has been published on 'Pro Contract'. Should you wish to create an account, details in relation to our frameworks and developers can be found directly on Pro Contract via the following link: [Supplier registration \(due-north.com\)](https://procontract.due-north.com/Register) - <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

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.

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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.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
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