

By Email Only

Dear

# RE: Request for Information – RFI4892

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:

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

Homes England Development Monitoring and Management Services Framework 2021 - 2025: <u>https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.contractsfinder.service.gov</u> .uk%2FNotice%2F6b1ade65-a8b6-45f5-9674-

<u>9527efaa4241&data=05%7C02%7Cinfogov%40homesengland.gov.uk%7C3ffa741ba63c4e256eb608dcdbb</u> <u>ff70c%7Cfaa8e2690811453882e74d29009219bf%7C0%7C0%7C638626864760847201%7CUnknown%7CT</u> <u>WFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%</u> <u>7C%7C&sdata=aLavSyl15bct%2BabUxwaiorG9wwp9Hx%2FXEJuTxtGJuGI%3D&reserved=0</u>

The details we require are:

• Actual spend on this framework for IMS, PM and QS services, from the start of the contract to the current date

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

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#### <u>Response</u>

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will answer your questions in turn below.

# Actual spend on this framework for IMS, PM and QS services, from the start of the contract to the current date

The service area labels indicated in the request do not match the those we use in our framework. In order to assist you, we can confirm the overall spend on this framework is £3,978,820.63 to date.

The framework breaks down into the following service areas:

Service area	Spend
Monitoring Surveyor	£2,755,408.95
Technical Instruction	£670,817.24
(Disposal)	
Technical Instruction	£30,063.50
(Holding)	
Technical Instruction (Other)	£522,530.94
Grand Total	£3,978,820.63

# Start date & duration of framework/contract?

We can confirm the framework commenced on 5 May 2021 with a 4 year duration.

# Is there an extension clause in the framework and, if so, the duration of the extension?

We can confirm there is no extension clause to the framework.

Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework is either being extended or renewed? We can confirm no decision has yet been made at this time.

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

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on Section 40 (2) of the FOIA to withhold the information from disclosure.

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#### Section 40 – Personal information

We have are withholding information on the grounds that in constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages section 40(2) of the FOIA.

To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exemption is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40

# Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that any communication you wish to send to our procurement team can be sent to them via enquires:

enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk

#### **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.

Yours sincerely,

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