Client Guidance
Framework Expiry Guidance Note
Issued July 2020
Client Guidance – BECS framework expiry

Framework overview

The Scape National Built Environment Consultancy Services (BECS) framework was tendered in Summer 2016. A Framework Agreement was operational on 5 October 2016, following successful completion of the tender process and subsequent award to Perfect Circle JV Ltd, a joint venture formed by Pick Everard, Gleeds and AECOM. The contract duration for the framework was four years with an indicative fee value of £250m to £350m.

The framework is now due to expire on 4 January 2021.

This note has been prepared with regard to the impending expiry of this framework and the associated legal implications.

COVID-19

The BECS framework was originally due to expire on 4 October 2020, however due to Scape’s decision to pause the procurement of the successor framework in light of the COVID-19 restrictions, the framework has been extended until 4 January 2021.

Up until the BECS framework expires, it is ‘business as usual.’ Clients can call-off agreements by executing a Delivery Agreement in the form set out in the Framework Agreement for single or multiple commissions.

Framework expiry

The BECS framework expires on 4 January 2021, following this date, new Delivery Agreements cannot be called off using this framework. Perfect Circle can continue to provide services under a Delivery Agreement already executed. These can run to their contractual completion which may be up to a maximum of four years after execution, or four years after the framework completion date, whichever is earlier. Where there is a specific need for the Delivery Agreement to exceed four years, approval must be sought from Scape. Please ensure any such requests are submitted to your point of contact at Perfect Circle, who shall submit these requests to Scape.

Clients can continue to call off services under the existing NEC3 Professional Services Contract, Term Contracts (Option G) which are established prior to the expiration date of the framework. Annex A (below) sets out mandatory requirements and guidance for Option G Delivery Agreements which are expected to exceed £1m. Although the requirements set out in Annex A are not mandated for Option G Delivery Agreements below £1m, they are recommended as best practice.
Next generation of frameworks

Scape has commenced the procurement for the next generation of Consultancy frameworks through the publication of OJEU Contract Notices on 18 November 2019. One framework will serve England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the second will solely serve Scotland.

The frameworks will offer clients comprehensive professional services across three lots:

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<th>Scape Consultancy frameworks</th>
<th>Lot Value (EWNI)</th>
<th>Lot Value (Scotland)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lot 1 Built Environment Consultancy</td>
<td>£350m</td>
<td>£150m</td>
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<td>Lot 2 Infrastructure Consultancy</td>
<td>£250m</td>
<td>£100m</td>
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<td>Lot 3 Place Shaping</td>
<td>£100m</td>
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The successor frameworks will be available for clients from December 2020.

Please visit our live procurement portal for further details on the Scape Consultancy frameworks: [www.scapegroup.co.uk/liveprocurement](http://www.scapegroup.co.uk/liveprocurement)

Further information

If you have any questions or require further information on this guidance note, please contact your Scape Relationship Manager or the Category Lead via the details below.

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**Annex A**

**NEC Professional Services Contract – Term Services Contract (Option G)**

NEC Professional Services Contract offers a Term Service Contract - Option G through use of a Task Schedule to cater for longer term requirement of services.

Where services exceed the expiry of the BECS framework and are expected to exceed a value of £1m, clients must ensure the following:

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<th><strong>Project / Programme</strong></th>
<th>Clear reference must be made to a named project(s), programme, scheme (s) which may feature in the client’s capital or investment programme. This must include details of location(s) and key dates.</th>
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<td><strong>Scope</strong></td>
<td>Services must be specific to the commission and generic descriptions must be avoided.</td>
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<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>A fee estimate charged by the consultant, potentially subject to some expectation that variation can arise and where applicable an estimate of any construction works.</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>Any tasks orders must not go beyond the maximum four years allowed following the expiry of the framework. However, where a specific project or programme requires the need for consultancy support beyond four years, approval must be sought from Scape.</td>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
<td>The location of where the activities are to be undertaken.</td>
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<td><strong>Internal approvals</strong></td>
<td>All internal approvals commensurate with the value of the Option G must be clearly evidenced.</td>
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<td><strong>Variations</strong></td>
<td>Variations should not be material changes, which go beyond the original scope.</td>
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