

Faster, easier more cost effective procurement

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About Buying Solutions

Buying Solutions is an executive agency of OGC (Office of Government Commerce), responsible for improving value for money through procurement across the public sector.

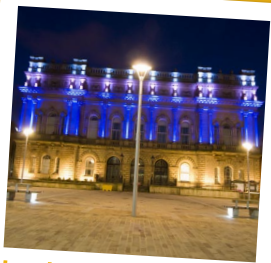
Buying Solutions Frameworks

Buying Solutions operate a suite of frameworks for use by any public sector organisation (including 3rd sector) covering a wide range of goods, services and support; the frameworks were previously known as the 'Catalist Frameworks'. Capita Symonds is an approved supplier on a number of the Buying Solutions professional

consultancy and construction services frameworks, including:

- Project Management and Full Design Team Services
- Technical Assurance Services
- GISS
- Organisational Consultancy Services

For the current PM & Full Design Team Framework, Buying Solutions have joined forces with the Local Government Regional Improvement & Efficiency Programme for the South East, called IESE (Improvement and Efficiency South East) who have agreed to use the framework suppliers for all of their construction related professional consultancy projects.



Local government



Defence



Healthcare



Fire and rescue

Why use the frameworks?

Because they provide a fully compliant alternative to the OJEU process, enabling faster, easier and cheaper procurement for any and all public sector organisations in the UK:

- Reduce procurement time from the OJEU average of 6-9 months to as little as 2-4 weeks
- Remove the need to run PQQ and full tender evaluations
- Reduce the costs of professional procurement and legal support

- Provide demonstrable evidence of best practice and value for money
- Get access to the top consultancies in the UK
- Get the benefit of pre-competes, excellent rates
- Demonstrate full compliance with all UK Government policies, regulations and legislation on sustainable development and sustainable procurement.

Capita Symonds also provides a dedicated framework management team to help you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

About Capita Symonds

Capita Symonds are one of the UK's most diverse multi-disciplinary property and engineering consultancies and one of the largest working in the public sector, supported by Capita Group.



With 4000 people in 50 offices nationwide, we specialise in Project Management and Design, and are one of only a couple of the framework suppliers capable of providing all of the PM & Design framework services in-house, including architecture, building services, structural engineering and telecoms amongst other disciplines. This breadth and depth of capability allows us to be completely flexible and collaborative: we can provide any combination of individual services or a full multi-disciplinary service; we are also able to incorporate local suppliers into our team. This provides best value to our customers and helps the successful delivery of projects.



With many of our staff transferring from the public sector, we understand the challenges and aspirations of our public sector clients, especially the need to deliver value for money, continuous improvement and sustainable development. We know how to design and deliver public sector

projects and have specialist experts in many sectors including education, healthcare, defence, custodial, fire & rescue and affordable & social housing. We are able to combine this appreciation of the challenges of delivery in the public sector with our commercial experience from the private sector to ensure our clients get creative, innovative solutions.

Sustainable considerations underpin all of the technical and consulting advice we provide to our clients on these frameworks, helping to reduce the environmental impact of all our activities and those of our clients and partners. ■



NSQI building, Bristol University Higher Education

Why use Capita Symonds?

1. You have access to the extensive capacity and expertise of our specialist public sector teams
2. We have a collaborative and flexible approach to developing tailored solutions for our clients
3. You can choose a single discipline service or a one-stop-shop of multi-disciplinary services
4. We can incorporate local specialist suppliers into our team without the need for further procurement
5. You can get support with anything from a simple project review through to total project delivery
6. We have established collaborative arrangements with a number of the UK's leading specialists in a range of areas such as asset management, education space planning and the implementation of new ways of working, on whom we can call if our clients projects require these kinds of services



How can you appoint us?

All capable suppliers on a framework should be invited to express an interest in a project. Proposals can then be requested from a 'short-list' of the appropriately capable suppliers.

Under certain circumstances a proposal from one selected service provider is also allowed if the client is satisfied that only one is capable of providing best value for money through this approach.

Capita Symonds has a dedicated Buying Solutions management team who can provide more information and support on the process, or you can visit: www.buyingsolutions.gov.uk for more details.



FAQs

1. Are the frameworks fully compliant with the latest EU Public Procurement Directive?

Yes the frameworks are fully compliant with the EU PPD.

2. How do we comply with our own standing orders requirement to get 3 competitive quotes?

This has been done in advance when the frameworks were originally tendered - more than 3 suppliers have already been

subject to a rigorous OJEU competition and selected on the basis of demonstrable whole life value for money, which is fully auditable.

3. Can we continue to use our existing design team?

Capita Symonds is able and willing to include other suppliers as part of our team without further procurement where this will deliver the best service and best value for our clients.

4. Do we need to use the framework if the value of the commission will not exceed the lower threshold of OJEU?

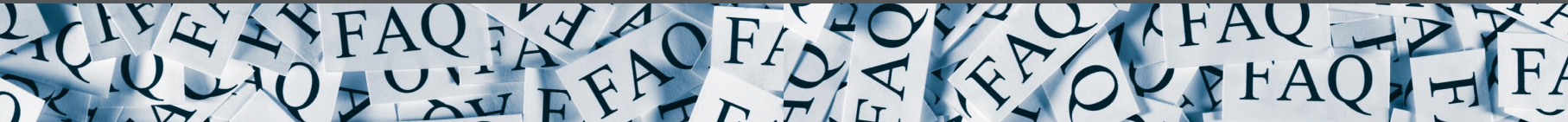
The framework can be used for any value of commission - there is no upper or lower limit. Whilst there is not a regulatory requirement to use the frameworks for projects below the EU threshold value, they do provide clarity and contractual rigour in terms of the scope, quality and pricing of suppliers services.

5. Is it too late to use the framework if we have already started the OJEU process?

The OJEU process can be stopped at any time prior to the issue of the Contract Award Notice and the Buying Solutions frameworks used in lieu, saving both time and money whilst complying with EU legislation.

6. Our project is in partnership with the private sector, can we still use the frameworks?

Any Public Private Partnership in the UK can access the Buying Solutions frameworks. Capita Symonds has considerable experience of PPP projects.



Our locations

Capita Symonds has over 50 offices across the UK, Ireland and the Channel Islands.



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