

How to use a CHIC Framework and DPS

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How CHIC Can Help

To gain access to the suite of compliant routes to market that CHIC has available, you must first become a member of CHIC and be a Contracting Authority, as defined in PCR 2015. It is free to become a member.

We can then work with you to gain a deeper understanding of your specific asset management and procurement requirements. You will be assigned a CHIC Head of Member Services to support you, based upon your location. They will be your first point of contact for any help, support and guidance and provide details on framework, contract and DPS solutions for your specific needs.

Once we have a deeper understanding of how and where we can help, we can discuss the routes to market available to you. Framework suppliers can either be appointed through a **Mini Competition** or **Direct Award**; DPS suppliers must be via a mini competition.

MINI COMPETITION FRAMEWORKS & DPS

DIRECT AWARD FRAMEWORKS ONLY

What is it?

We invite the framework contractors to tender, giving them an overview of your requirements. Those who are interested will enter the tender process and the most advantageous tender will be selected to deliver the works or services required.

Why use it?

This allows you to be more flexible when assigning a contractor or supplier, testing the market and securing competitive pricing. You can also decide the quality : cost split for the selection, tailored to your specific needs.

Average Timeframe: 6-8 Weeks

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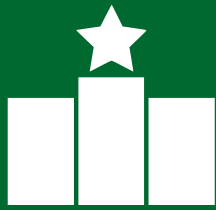
Direct Award is evaluated via a business case, taking into consideration a range of varying elements and not simply price. CHIC will support the assessment and development of a compliant business case.

Why use it?

This may be the best if you have a pre-existing relationship with a contractor or supplier and require a compliant route to market. Also, if you have urgent works, lead times tend to be faster.

Average Timeframe: 2 Weeks

Things you should know..



CHIC's frameworks are published as "unranked", providing the flexibility you need to work with the contractors and suppliers you want.



We can fully support the procurement process dependent on your requirements, with dedicated member services and supply chain management support.



CHIC's income is recovered through transaction fees related to the value/length of contracted works and services, on a sliding scale.



By using a DPS, additional supply chain partners can be added at any time and this can satisfy any "Section 20" requirements.

What is a Dynamic Purchasing System?

CHIC has a comprehensive DPS, a flexible alternative route to market, offering a wide selection of categories across all service areas. Contract selection and awards under the DPS must be via a competitive tender and CHIC will support and guide members during the tender process, which is run through our own electronic portal **CHIC eSourcing**. Advantages to members of using the DPS are:

- Contractors and suppliers can join the relevant category at any time
- If leaseholder consultation (section 20) is required for a project or programme, then the DPS delivers an efficient route to market
- CHIC agrees with the member the level of engagement they require

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What is public procurement?

Organisations funded directly or indirectly by the public sector are required to comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This ensures that procurement is fair, transparent and offers good value for money.

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Managed Service

CHIC's leadership and member services teams are asset managers first, not just procurement specialists.

We support members to identify the best solution for their particular needs, then manage the contractor or supplier selection with them through to award of contract. Unlike other consortia, CHIC then provides ongoing support services (as little or as much as is required) to ensure that the selected contract or service runs smoothly.

Over the years CHIC has expanded its geographic coverage and now has products and services that can be utilised by its members across all parts of the UK. Member requirements can differ based on geographical location; our regional Head of Member Services will work to understand individual members local issues and requirements to propose the best solutions for them.



Supply chain partnering

CHIC's relationships with its framework and DPS contractors, consultants and suppliers are as important as those with the members. We seek to work in partnership, so we can deliver the most competitive prices but without compromising overall value. CHIC aims to work collaboratively with the whole supply chain, so together we can deliver the very best service for members.

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