

NACF REGIONAL FRAMEWORK ACCREDITATION ATTRIBUTES

Included in the July 2012 report by the Government Construction Strategy Procurement / Lean Client Task Group is a report on the “Effectiveness of Frameworks”. This key report was intended to demonstrate how public frameworks should support the recommended outcomes of the Government Construction Strategy. The NACF has used this report to benchmark the regional frameworks against the recommendations and to ensure that we are stretching ourselves to meet the broadest public requirements for value, and social benefits.

To achieve NACF accreditation and be eligible to use the NACF kite mark, frameworks must comply with the following:

1.	FRAMEWORK PLANNING	Mandatory / Discretionary
1.1.	Business Need	
1.1.1.	Identify the core business needs of the user market and determine how they will be reflected in framework planning, procurement and operation.	Mandatory
1.1.2.	Properly planned and developed business case ensuring framework strategy is supported and that business need, income, cost, benefits and the risks are properly outlined.	Mandatory
1.1.3.	The business case considers the attractiveness to the market of the framework	Mandatory
1.1.4.	Engage with key stakeholders and co-design the framework strategy, consider strategic objectives of localism, sustainability, efficiency.	Mandatory
1.1.5.	Collaborate with partner organisations in the locality, regionally and nationally, ensuring an overall fit with existing landscape.	Mandatory
1.1.6.	Represent the region advertised, and demonstrate usage as such	Mandatory
1.1.7.	Respect regional boundaries and neighbouring business	Mandatory

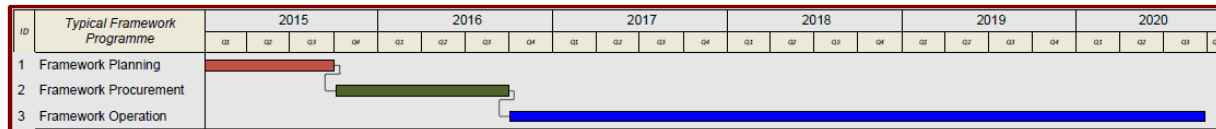
1.2.	Market Capacity	
1.2.1.	Understand capacity, know your market and define an achievable throughput to ensure that the supply chain achieves predictable turnover. Through the achievable throughput the framework generates adequate 'income' to pay for management arrangements without generating commercial profit..	Mandatory
1.2.2.	Through consultation avoid conflict with duplication of established procurement arrangements.	Mandatory
1.3.	Appropriate Governance	
1.3.1.	Establish framework ownership arrangements, agree governance and commercial terms; and ensure the framework is effectively governed.	Mandatory
1.3.2.	Consider appropriate risk sharing arrangement to help inform the form of contract for the underlying contracts, competency of contractors, and risk transfer and pain / gain share arrangements.	Mandatory
1.3.3.	Identify a suite of complimentary arrangements e.g. consultancy, minor and major works, repairs and maintenance.	Discretionary
1.4.	Design Outcomes	
1.4.1.	Agree Building Information Modelling (BIM) strategy.	Mandatory
1.4.2.	Agree sustainability strategy: Waste to landfill (WRAP), carbon reduction, whole life cost, Key Performance Indicators (KPI) performance measurement and management.	Mandatory
1.4.3.	Agree Community Benefits: Recycling the local £, encouraging social enterprise, monitoring engagement.	Discretionary

1.5.	Supply Chain Engagement	
1.5.1.	<p>Agree SME and supply chain engagement strategy –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure engagement in, regional and local frameworks - Emphasise the involvement and integration of tier 2/3 suppliers within the framework and design team - Ensure transparent approach and client engagement with supply chain - Local sourcing, fair payment provision down the supply chain , measure and monitor engagement <p>Agree employment and skills strategy:</p> <p>Proactive intervention for jobs, apprenticeships/ local employment outcomes linked to framework processes, monitor engagement</p>	Mandatory

2.	FRAMEWORK PROCUREMENT	
2.1.	Business Case	
2.1.1.	Agree framework management arrangements to ensure they operate on a self sustaining basis with a desire to deliver excellent outcomes.	Mandatory
2.2.	Stakeholders	
2.2.1.	Lead or collaborate with other like minded client organisations.	Mandatory
2.2.2.	Properly planned and resourced procurement with engagement of key stakeholders.	Mandatory
2.2.3.	Ensure competent procurement professionals are engaged to understand OJEU regulations and procurement procedure to ensure quality tenders and few queries and/or challenges from the supply chain.	Mandatory
2.3.	Supply Chain Engagement	
2.3.1.	Simplify procurement processes to encourage greater SME involvement Ensure obligations in the framework agreement which bring certainty to delivery of SME engagement strategy (fair payment, collaborative values flow down the supply chain, pipeline visibility, performance management) Provide mechanisms for greater client influence over negotiations with its supply chain	Mandatory
2.4.	Design Outcomes	
2.4.1.	Structure lots and value bands to ensure adequate workload and appropriate risk sharing arrangement to match the right supplier for the type of work being tendered.	Mandatory
2.5.	Continuous Improvement	
2.5.1.	Set measurable targets for continuous improvement (localism, efficiency, sustainability) with stakeholders.	Mandatory

3.	FRAMEWORK OPERATION	
3.1.	Management of Framework	
3.1.1.	Invest in development and management of framework - dedicated framework management team proactively managing and capturing benefits, supporting clients.	Mandatory
3.2.	Appropriate Governance	
3.2.1.	Establish relationship and formal liaison between framework management, contractors, and client teams.	Mandatory
3.3.	Business Case Review	
3.3.1.	Demonstrate value for money and competitive tension through cost benchmarking and targeting.	Mandatory
3.3.2.	Demonstrate early engagement of contractors and supply chain in the design process where their contribution reduces cost and increases whole life value.	Mandatory
3.4.	Creating Programmes / Clusters	
3.4.1.	Sustainable workload in well organised programmes of work in line with predicted throughput.	Discretionary
3.4.2.	Common delivery and standardisation of work through programmes.	Discretionary
3.4.3.	Create clusters and programmes of work of sufficient scale and duration to incentivise the supply chain and maximise local economic and social impact, demonstrate continuity of workload for supply chains.	Discretionary
3.5.	Supply Chain Engagement	
3.5.1.	<p>Implement mechanisms that bring certainty to intended level of SME engagement and client visibility of supply chain</p> <p>Enable clients to have some influence over negotiations and management of supply chain decisions</p> <p>Early engagement of supply chain to influence specification and buildability decisions</p> <p>Provide pipeline visibility</p> <p>Ensure clear processes are established to ensure collaborative values and Tier 1 terms and conditions are cascaded down the supply chain</p> <p>Demonstrate fair payment practices are adopted through supply chain to encourage cash flow down to Tier 3</p>	Discretionary

3.6.	Framework Outcomes	
3.6.1.	Implement BIM and whole life cost assessment in the design process enabling carbon impact and longevity decisions to be made about building components.	Discretionary
3.6.2.	Demonstrate a reduction in carbon footprint and waste to landfill through products utilised and impact of the supply chain.	Discretionary
3.7.	Continuous Improvement	
3.7.1.	Encourage innovation and standardisation through supplier groups and champions, strategic forums, capturing lessons learnt, championing new areas of development.	Mandatory
3.7.2.	Demonstrate continuous improvement in time, cost, social, economic and environmental targets and relationship between parties on the framework.	Mandatory
3.7.3.	Demonstrate decrease in worklessness by providing training and employment opportunities for apprentices and local people through the framework.	Discretionary
3.7.4.	Actively supports clients through management arrangements ensuring that clients are left with a legacy of improvement.	Discretionary
3.7.5.	Put in place a structured/managed continuous improvement process to carry across key lessons learnt to any further frameworks being established.	Mandatory
3.8.	Assurance	
3.8.1.	The framework has assurance from the Framework Management Team that the procurement, and management procedures have been carried out with due diligence and regard for the Public Contract Regulations	Mandatory





Key

Mandatory	Able to immediately comply with the requirements
Discretionary	Have considered the requirement for implementation or otherwise, and have stated conclusions / guidance in the framework guidance documents

Membership

Full NACF Member	Compliance with all mandatory requirements, and have evidenced consideration of discretionary requirements
Aspirant NACF Member	Minimum 50% compliance with Mandatory requirements, and a clear plan to achieve the balance. Statement of intent for discretionary requirements

NACF Accreditation Body

NACF Accreditation sub group will consist of five elected members from current NACF delegates

S. Baker	Yorkshire and Humber
J. Williams	South West
TBA	East Midlands
P. Yates	West Midlands
K. Heard	South East

An accreditation meeting must have a minimum of four members to be quorate
 Decisions on NACF membership must be unanimous. No majority decision will be accepted, as it demonstrates doubt on suitability.



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Agreement by the Chair of Regional Governance arrangements as follows:

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North East		
North West		
East of England		
South East		
South West		
East Midlands		
West Midlands		
Yorkshire and Humber		
South East Wales		