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The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) has established a Framework Agreement for Integrated Design Team Services to support the Social Housing Strategy.

Welcoming the new Framework, Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for Public Procurement, said: “This is a very good example of departments and agencies working together and supporting each other to deliver much needed housing across the State. The new framework can be used by Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) in the delivery of social housing projects.

“In managing this tender process, the OGP broke the Framework into Lots – both by project value and by region,” explained Minister Murphy.  “This meant that SMEs were able to compete for and win valuable business. A further benefit is that Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies will be able to support locally-based firms when they are delivering their housing plans.

“We are all well aware of the urgency of the current housing situation and the imperative to fast-track the delivery process,” said Minister Murphy. “At a very practical level, this Framework will help Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies to progress projects more efficiently by reducing the timelines and administrative requirements involved in procuring design teams on a project-by-project basis.”

Framework members will be able to deliver full, integrated design team services, led by an architect. The services will include: quantity surveying, mechanical and electrical engineering, structural engineering and supervisor design processes.

This is the OGP’s first national framework for construction-related professional services.

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**Notes to the Editor**

The Framework was broken down into the following Lots:

**Regional Lot A: North Western (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Galway, Mayo, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo)**

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| Sub lot 1 | estimated construction cost of less than €1.5m (ex VAT), low complexity |
| Sub lot 2 | estimated construction cost of between €1.5m and €3.0m (ex VAT), medium complexity |
| Sub lot 3 | estimated construction cost in excess of €3.0m (ex VAT), medium to high complexity |

**Regional Lot B: East and Midlands (Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Wicklow)**

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| Sub lot 1 | estimated construction cost less than €1.5m (ex VAT), low complexity |
| Sub lot 2 | estimated construction cost between €1.5m and €3.0m (ex VAT), medium complexity |
| Sub lot 3 | estimated construction cost between €3.0m and €5.0m (ex VAT), medium to high complexity |
| Sub-lot 4 | estimated construction in excess of €5.0m (ex VAT), high complexity |

**Regional Lot C: Southern (Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford**

**Wexford)**

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| Sub lot 1 | estimated construction cost less than €1.5m (ex VAT), low complexity |
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