

Notts Construction Framework set to save East Midland's Local Authorities cash

Three East Midland construction companies are officially joining forces with Nottinghamshire County Council to help build the authority's schools, libraries and offices until 2010.

The companies will be working with the County Council on capital building projects worth over £350,000 and it is estimated that the total spend of these schemes during the life of the partnership contract will reach around £120m.

Interserve, a national contractor with a regional office in Leicester, Marriott Construction, part of the Kier Group and based in Nottingham, and G F Tomlinson Ltd, a regional contractor based in Derby, are the successful companies who will be signing up to the contract at an official launch on 13th December 2006.

The agreement is also open to all Local Authorities in the East Midlands region offering around 45 Authorities the ability to save on the need for expensive tendering. The partnership will follow the innovative 'Framework' policy which is part of the Council's Modernisation Agenda and enables an integrated approach to construction that has many benefits, including better value for money and improving time and cost certainty.

25 projects have already been allocated with a total value of £45m, including the new Cotgrave Primary School and the new Retford Bus Station which have both

started on site.

The 'Framework' has been secured and will be managed by the Council's Design Services Group, which will also be providing the architectural expertise.

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Chris Baron, Cabinet member for Finance and Property at Nottinghamshire County Council said: "This framework partnership will not only improve the way the Council manages and builds its assets but it will also encourage and promote best practice which can be shared across the East Midlands. This will ultimately mean a better service and quality of work for local people."

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Photo/Interview Opportunity

Opportunity: The County Council will officially sign the partnership charter with Interserve, Marriott Construction and GF Tomlinson

Date: Wednesday 13th December 2006

Time: 11.00am

Location: The Council Chamber, County Hall, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham

Contact on day: Sarah Bailey 07841 502900

