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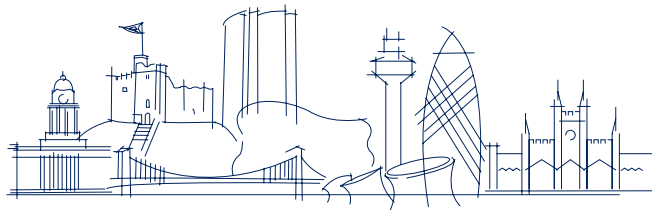
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**Every year £300 billion of public sector funds are spent in the UK. When procuring goods and services, public sector organisations have needed to comply with the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR15). Following the UK's exit from Europe, new legislation has been approved and in October the Procurement Act will go live.**

The new Act will ensure that public sector procurement contracts continue to be awarded fairly and transparently, while giving organisations value for money.

Unfortunately, this period of change has brought confusion to the market, with many organisations not knowing what impact the new Act will have on them and their procurement options. At a time when public finances are severely stretched, any delays in the procurement process can be costly for the organisation.

**If you are a public sector organisation and you can relate, this guide will help.**



## Popular Procurement Method

Most public sector organisations use frameworks as a route to procure consultancy and contractor services in the property and construction industry.

Frameworks are agreements where a competitive process has pre-approved suppliers offering specific services at pre-approved rates, and on standard terms and conditions.

They allow organisations to streamline the procurement process, saving them time and money so that work can be undertaken quickly, and at competitive rates.

## Frameworks

RLB has been appointed to several national public sector frameworks which allow organisations like yours to appoint us directly, at competitive rates, while still being consistent with the new Procurement Act.

These frameworks include ESPO, NHS Shared Business Services, Pagabo, Procure Partnerships and SCAPE via Perfect Circle.



## Direct Award Process

Using the Direct Award process, your procurement team can access RLB's expert consultants quickly, cutting out weeks of unnecessary procurement time and saving significant costs.

It is the best way to guarantee you get the expertise your organisation needs, in a fast and compliant way.

### This is the process:

1. Organisation and RLB discuss the built environment or infrastructure project challenge. Brief includes scope of work, budget and pricing, deadlines, and call-off contract method.
2. RLB demonstrates expertise within the scope of the project work, share relevant case studies, plus fee proposal.
3. Organisation agrees to procure RLB, finalise commercial details, and agree on the most suitable framework to use.
4. Client sends RLB a direct award notice.
5. Client and RLB jointly sign the call-off contract, and project work starts.

Despite the changes imposed by the new Procurement Act, this guide gives you a clear process to follow, enabling your organisation to procure the consultancy services you need in a fast, compliant, and easy way.

Many public sector organisations across the UK have directly awarded RLB work through our frameworks using this process.

**Please contact an RLB expert consultant today to discuss your project on: [frameworks@uk.rlb.com](mailto:frameworks@uk.rlb.com)**

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**4600**  
EMPLOYEES WORLDWIDE

**140**  
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