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**PROCURE PLUS OFFERS NEW BUILD HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
TO CONSTRUCTION BUSINESSES**

North-West social housing procurement consortium, Procure Plus, and procurement consultancy, Valueworks, are inviting construction companies to attend a 'Meet the Buyer' event on Wednesday 30th November, where the New Build framework opportunity will be outlined.

The event, which is being held at The Trafford Suite at Lancashire County Cricket Club, Old Trafford, from 10.30am to 1.30pm, is part of the launch of Procure Plus' New Build Framework.

Visitors will have the chance to find out more about the framework entitled the 'New Build Brokerage Model', which will achieve cost savings on new build social housing projects for Registered Providers (RPs). What's more, contractors will be informed about the model's procurement process.

Speakers on the day will include Nigel Wilson from Parkway Green Housing Trust, Sarah Parr from Valueworks, Kate Parker from Procure Plus and Allan Foster from Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) who will discuss the new framework.

Steve Brindle, Operations Executive at Procure Plus, who will be also speaking at the event, said: "This will be an excellent event for construction companies of all shapes and sizes to find out more about the long term business opportunities the framework has to offer. Consistency of work is something that every contractor desires, and through the model and our approach to the procurement and delivery of work, contractors can be more assured of continuity and stability in demand, as the consortium works with a wide range of housing providers in the region.

Following the procurement process, selected candidates will receive an Invitation to Tender (ITT) in January, and work will commence on the framework in mid 2012.



To reserve a place at the event, please email: frameworktender@procure-plus.com

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About Procure Plus

Procure Plus is a regeneration consortium of social housing providers that aims to generate efficiencies by leveraging the procurement of construction materials and contractors. The organisation is compliant with Audit Commission requirements and makes it easier to manage HCA funding for schemes, and it has created a web-enabled system that delivers the benefits of consortium purchasing and a check list to ensure rules governing funding schemes are met.

All savings and any surplus made by the consortia is reinvested in to local communities helping to create jobs and improve local facilities and schemes. It is expected that clients of Procure Plus will collectively invest over £1.5 billion in the repair and upkeep of properties between 2006 and 2010/11; it is anticipated that a substantial proportion of this will be channeled through Procure Plus.