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**PROCURE PLUS TO ISSUE CONTRACT NOTICE FOR
NEW BUILD HOUSING MODEL**

North West social housing procurement consortium, Procure Plus, is set to issue a contract notice for its recently developed New Build Brokerage Model. The Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) is due to be distributed in mid-November, and will invite main contractors to tender for the model, which will help Registered Providers (RPs) achieve significant cost savings on new build social housing projects.

Successful applicants will work with Procure Plus to deliver the New Build Brokerage Model which uses volume procurement and collaborative purchasing strategies to realise an average 15 per cent reduction in unit price. Via the model, RPs will be able to personalise their schemes from housing archetypes. RPs will also receive support from Procure Plus in maximising social enterprise and regeneration opportunities within their local area.

“Our New Build Brokerage Model offers a great solution for RPs, but it’s also a fantastic opportunity for contractors,” said Steve Brindle, Operations Executive at Procure Plus. “In this day and age, consistency of work is something that troubles every trade, but through the model and our approach to the procurement and delivery of work, contractors can be more assured of continuity and stability in demand. What’s more, as the consortium works with a wide range of housing providers in the region, contractors will have the chance to have their work seen by new landlords, which could equate to new business in the future.”

Following the release of the PQQ in mid-November, successful applicants will be invited to a ‘Meet the Buyer’ event organised by Procure Plus, during which contractors will get the opportunity to speak with potential customers face to face. Selected candidates will then receive an Invitation to Tender (ITT) in January, and work will commence on the framework in mid 2012.



The PIN can be viewed by visiting: [2011/S 202-328603](#)

To find out more about the Procure Plus New Build Brokerage Model and PQQ, visit www.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.