



Quick Start Guide



Framework 500_23 Issue 1

Key facts...

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Up to 31/01/2028

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FTS award notice:

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This framework is available for use nationally

Consultancy for Decarbonisation and Net Zero Strategies

Framework scope

This ESPO framework provides access to a range of consultants in the low carbon energy sector who are able to provide a wide breadth of advice relating to decarbonisation and support customers on reducing their energy demands and carbon emissions through the development of decarbonisation targets and strategies.

All of the service providers on this framework have been selected for their experience and ability to provide customers with a comprehensive range of services that will aid in meeting net zero objectives across all stages of project delivery. This may include providing objective advice relating to net zero strategy and carbon reduction programmes, including the identification of low / lower carbon options with recommendations, as well as implementation and delivery advice and support.

Service providers on this framework have experience in and can provide technology advice and appraisals for a range of renewable technologies, including (but not limited to) the following: Solar PVs, Solar Farms, Solar Thermal, Wind Turbines, Biomass Boilers, Air/Ground Source Heat Pumps, Hydro, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) systems, Anaerobic Digestion Systems, Fuel Cells, Hydrogen and Geothermal.

This page is intended to provide you with an overview of what is available. Please refer to the full User Guide for more information.

Who can use this Framework?

The framework is available for use nationally by any public body in the UK including, but not limited to...

- Schools & Academies
- Local Authority Establishments
- Police & Emergency Services
- NHS & HSC Bodies
- Central Government Departments & their agencies
- Registered Charities

Benefits of using this Framework

- This framework is compliant with UK procurement legislation - we've done the work, so there's no need for you to run a full procurement process.
- Service Providers listed on the framework were assessed during the procurement process for their financial stability, track record, experience and technical & professional ability.
- What you see is what you pay – there are no additional charges.
- Pre-agreed terms & conditions to underpin all orders so no need to worry.
- Social value benefits can be obtained.
- Consultants awarded on the framework can provide a wide breadth of consultancy services across a range of net zero technology types.

Further Help or Questions?

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Quote reference

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We would like to hear your feedback on this framework and how you think we could improve it in the future.



What else can ESPO help you with?

This is one of over 200 frameworks that ESPO has established. If you have found this one useful then here are some examples of others that may be of interest:

- **2838 – Renewable Energy Solutions**
- **VC12 – Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**
- **343 – Energy Performance of Buildings – Surveying, Assessment & Certification**

Full details of our framework offer are available on the ESPO website www.espo.org

ESPO can also undertake bespoke procurement exercises on your behalf. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Service Providers

This framework provides the user with a number of service providers to choose from. A full list with contact details can be found in the document '500_23 Service Provider Matrix and Service Coverage' under the 'Get Started' tab of the ESPO website, on the following link: [Consultancy for Decarbonisation and Net Zero Strategies | ESPO](#)

How to use this Framework

Step 1 - Complete the online Access and Confidentiality Agreement which can be found at Stage 2 of the 'Get Started' section on the ESPO website at the following link: [Consultancy for Decarbonisation and Net Zero Strategies | ESPO](#)

Step 2 - Review the User Guide to establish whether your needs can be met by a single service provider or whether you need to conduct a Further Competition. Section 5 contains more information on how to place an order. Typically smaller, more straightforward requirements can be met by one service provider, larger, more complex requirements will require a Further Competition to achieve the best supply solution.

If you decide that a single service provider can meet your requirements based on the pricing and/or other information provided in the User Guide simply place an order with that service provider.

If you decide you need to conduct a Further Competition you may do so by seeking quotations from **all** of the service providers that are able to meet your requirements in your particular location. More specific details on how to conduct a further competition can be found in Section 5 of the User Guide.

Please quote ESPO framework reference 500_23 on all correspondence.

About ESPO and our frameworks

ESPO is a local authority owned purchasing and supply consortium. It is jointly owned by the county councils of Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk and city council of Peterborough.

We have over 40 years of experience in public sector procurement. All of our frameworks are let in full compliance with UK procurement regulations (and the EU procurement directive).

ESPO is a not for profit, self-funded organisation. ESPO recovers its overheads by means of a retrospective rebate from the suppliers. The rebate levied averages less than 1% of framework turnover.

ESPO's specialist buying teams have extensive experience of providing high quality procurement solutions to the public sector on a nationwide basis.

At ESPO we use our expertise to work with our strong and varied supply chain to bring you the best value procurement solutions possible.