

For PVC-U Window & Door Products

The Sovereign Group was founded in 1973 and is one of the original pioneers of PVC Windows and Doors in the UK. Sovereign operates throughout the UK providing External Refurbishment Solutions including, PVC, Aluminium and Timber Window & Door Renewal, Supply Only PVC Windows & Doors, GRP composite doors including fire doors and related services dedicated to Local Authorities, Housing Associations, Health Trusts, Schools, Colleges and Universities.

The Sovereign Group has been appointed to service the LHC's framework agreement for PVC-U Window and Door Products across England, Scotland and Wales until 31st July 2018.

LHC is the leading independent provider of technical product advice and procurement solutions. Their free to use procurement frameworks help local authorities, social landlords and other public sector bodies make more informed choices about the products and services they need for the construction, refurbishment and maintenance of social housing and public buildings.

The benefits of this framework

Fully OJEU compliant, this free to use framework provides easy access to PVC-U Window and Door Products for use in domestic, residential care homes, schools and other public buildings. The significant benefits of products used in this framework are:

- Compliant and consistent product quality – products and services conforming to latest UK and European Standards
- High energy efficiency ratings available – heat loss minimised to keep energy costs down
- Enhanced security features available – helping to protect property
- Harmonised performance characteristics – all products CE marked to BS EN 14351-1
- 10 year product and installation guarantee – peace of mind that problems will be rectified

Why choose this framework?

This framework has been designed to match Sovereign Group's clients and offers a full survey and installation service, including programming, planning and resident liaison.

This framework agreement has been established in strict compliance with UK Public Sector procurement rules for use by public sector bodies in the UK as detailed in the LHC buyer profile (www.lhc.gov.uk/buyerprofile) and as specified in the Contract Notice:

- London 2013/S 228-396180
- England 2013/S 228-396137
- Wales 2013/S 228-396210
- Scotland 2013/S 228-396173

Framework in action

As well as providing compliance, quality and best value to Sovereign Group's clients, the LHC Framework for PVC-U Window and Door Products supports a streamlined process from the award of a contract (call-off) to completion of a project.

Confirmed competitive market prices

Prices in place at call-off stage maintaining best value as established in the evaluation stage.

Quick and efficient procurement through a direct award

Sovereign Group has been selected as the top scoring supplier for this framework.

Quick project starts

Enabled by pre-tendered procurement that reduces the cost and time input by public sector organisations and speeds up their access to companies.

High quality standards

Standards of quality maintained throughout project through monitoring in accordance with ISO 9001 Quality Management System.

Service levels guarantee

Guaranteed service levels from inquiry to supply providing peace of mind that services and works will be conducted effectively.

Instant access to project data

Continuous access to information throughout the procurement process through LHC's online portal.

Advice on PVC-U Window fenestration design and regulatory compliance

Sovereign Group offers guidance on interpretation and conformity to statutory regulations and planning requirements.

Delivery periods guarantee

Guaranteed delivery periods that ensure products arrive to meet your work schedules.

Award weighting criteria

25%

Pricing

Prices were tendered using two methods:

- A built up matrix of 23 selected, commonly specified window and door types
- Two contract scenarios for (a) the refurbishment of 90 street dwellings and (b) two low rise blocks of purpose-built sheltered accommodation



50%

Qualitative Assessments

Administrative and management services were assessed using Sovereign Group's responses to questions within the offer documentation and through in-depth interviews

25%

Essential Requirements

Including a range of product types, conformity to the LHC specification, quality of delivery and expertise and provision of guarantees