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Manchester City Council appoints GB Building Solutions to £105m framework

GB Building Solutions has today had notification that it will be appointed to a four year construction framework by Manchester City Council subject to contract agreement. The framework known as Framework One will be worth at least £105million.

The framework will be shared with four other constructor partners; between them GB and the other contractors will be responsible for the renovation and new build of council properties around the city region, this is expected to include schools, council offices and other council run buildings and facilities.

GB won its place on the framework after it scored the highest mark of more than 50 respondents to the OJEU notice, which is the standard competitive procurement notice that allows companies to bid for projects from across Europe.

The framework is split into three lots; GB is appointed to Lot 3, which includes Lots 1 and 2. Lot 3 will involve new build and refurbishment schemes valued between £500,000 and £10million, with the first project expected to start early in the second quarter of this year. The work is expected to include a high proportion of education related projects, an area in which GB has extensive experience.

This is not the first time that GB Building Solutions has worked with Manchester City Council. It is currently engaged in the third year of the four-year community regeneration scheme known as the Housing Investment Framework [HIF] and, under its previous name of Gleeson Building, GB completed the £40million construction works on the regenerative Grove Village Housing PFI scheme.

Martin Smout, chairman and chief executive of GB Building Solutions said, "GB has developed a very clear understanding of Manchester City Council's aspirations through working with them on the Housing Improvement Framework. Winning a position on



Framework One will enable us to develop this partnership to achieve the Council's goals and benefit the people of Manchester.

"The Manchester City Council Framework is a very positive way to start the New Year and is evidence of GB's growing reputation for delivering quality work on time and to budget."

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Notes for Editors

GB Building Solutions is a solutions-focused construction company which believes in adding value and delivering on the promises it makes to its customers.

GB Building Solutions has six offices based throughout England and undertakes a range of new build and refurbishment projects in both the public and private sectors. It specialises in five sectors:

- ❖ Accommodation
- ❖ Commercial
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Hotels and leisure
- ❖ Non-acute health

GB Building Solutions was previously known as Gleeson Building. The name change to GB Building Solutions is the final step in a transition that started with a management buyout of MJ Gleeson's building division in July 2005.