

SCF Client Guide: Local Supply Chain

Southern Construction Framework

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1.0 Introduction to Local Supply Chain

1.1 Local Supply Chain

Local Supply Chain (LSC) is a procurement and supply chain management portal designed for the construction industry. SCF has launched its partnership with Local Supply Chain to build upon its industry leading 2-stage open book process for the public sector. Through this software, SCF provides main contractors a transparent platform to evidence to clients the early specialist engagement and robust competition of local suppliers.

Clients have direct access to the portal enabling transparent oversight in a live environment. This reporting can be used to support intelligent decision-making early enough in the project to improve outcomes and predictability.

1.2 Work Radar

Work Radar is an initiative incorporated within LSC that aims to provide local workforces, including registered tradespeople, microbusinesses, and social enterprises, access to construction work opportunities. Through supporting this initiative, SCF advertises projects on Work Radar, where local workforces can express their interest by registering their contact details. This information is shared with the awarded main contractor and their selected tier 2 supply chain. Tier 2 suppliers can subsequently use this free resource to source local and engaged tier 3 suppliers. This initiative aims to bridge the divide between main contractor and local labour, sharing the benefits of construction projects with local communities.

Work Radar also provides main contractors with direct access to over 300 social enterprises, this is one of the biggest directories in the UK. As a result, work packages can be targeted towards micro-businesses and social enterprises, supporting the delivery of social legacy outcomes defined by the project team within SCF's *Social Legacy Toolkit*.

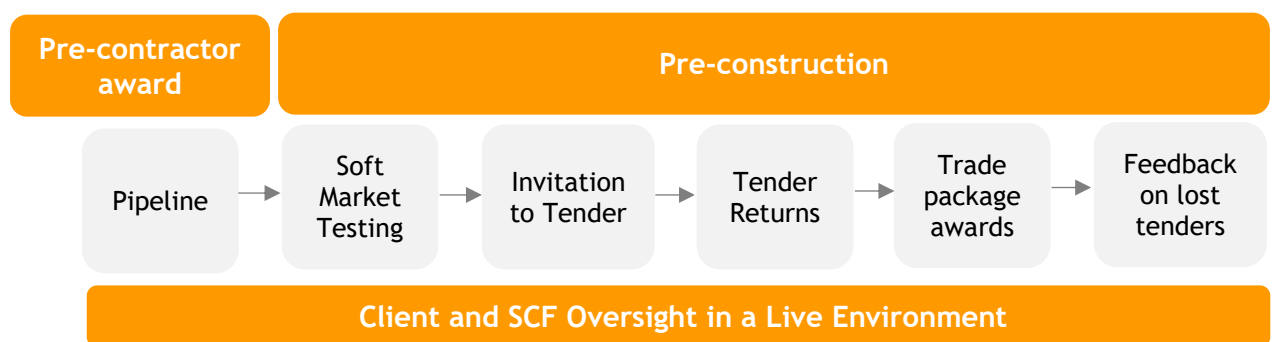
2.0 Local Supply Chain Procurement Process

2.1 Projects applicable for LSC

LSC has been designed for the procurement of construction projects and as a result provides main contractors with access to a wide range of trades and services in the construction industry, enabling suitability across all project sectors.

2.2 Procurement Process

The procurement process available on LSC is described below.



The following metrics can be overviewed by clients throughout preconstruction.

- Market Engagement
- Invitations to Tender
- Awarded Trade Packages (supplier & value)
- Supplier Feedback on Unsuccessful Bids
- SME & Local Supplier Mapping and Engagement Statistics

Pipeline

SCF advertises projects on LSC, and through this platform local suppliers can register their interest within upcoming work packages. This list of engaged suppliers will be shared with the awarded contractor and if required may be incorporated within the project team's procurement strategy.

Sharing with Clients

Within MC1 documents, clients will be asked to share email addresses of individuals who would like access to LSC. Prior to contractor appointment, SCF will provide clients with a

login to the portal and share the project. SCF can support clients with a launch meeting to overview LSC, outlining how to access live reporting. For further information regarding logins, please contact your Framework Manager.

Soft Market Testing

Main contractors may use the “Expression of Interest” function on LSC for soft market testing. This tool enables main contractors to identify and demonstrate engaged, local suppliers.

Tenders, Awards and Feedback

Main contractors are expected to send live enquiries (ITT) through LSC and publish the awarded trade package to the client. If this price is to change, this will require client approval. Main contractors are expected to provide feedback from the high-level drop-down options through LSC for all unsuccessful bids.

3.0 Benefits of Using Local Supply Chain

- ✓ Greater transparency and support of 2 stage open book
- ✓ Ensures competitive pricing for work packages. With over 25,000 supplier profiles accessible to all contractors on LSC, our contractors can easily access a wider market.
- ✓ Potential for 'hands-on' client involvement in a live environment. Real time procurement prevents any nasty surprises appearing at Gateway 3.
- ✓ Demonstration and oversight of market engagement. LSC automatically produces procurement reports that can be accessed quickly.
- ✓ Ability to source and engage local suppliers & SME's, supporting social value targets.
- ✓ Engage with specialist suppliers for early advice.
- ✓ LSC provides support for meet-the-buyer events. There is the opportunity for clients to invite their recommended supply chain onto LSC.

4.0 Additional Resources

Local Supply Chain portal can be accessed by the following link:

<https://app.localsupplychain.co.uk/signin/>

Please see further information on the SCF Construct Website:

[Local Supply Chain Portal - SCF \(scfconstruct.org.uk\)](https://scfconstruct.org.uk)

*If you would like further information or training surrounding the use of LSC,
please contact your Framework Manager.*

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