

Six Town Housing Receive Accreditation Award from Digital UK

Six Town Housing have received the 'Homes Set for Digital Accreditation' award from Digital UK. This award recognises those organisations who have provided digital television and information about switchover to their residents in good time, before analogue services are switched off in their ITV region.

Six Town Housing awarded their digital aerial upgrade programme for approximately 1,200 properties through Consortium Procurement's framework agreement. Consortium Procurement is the commercial services team of the Northern Housing Consortium (NHC). The contract was awarded to ABCA Systems.

Pete Masters, Electrical QA Officer with Six Town Housing said, "We are the first ALMO in the country to receive this award and it is recognised that going through the procurement exercise with the Northern Housing Consortium was instrumental in progressing this far in a relatively short space of time. This was highlighted by the Chief Executive of Digital UK at the award ceremony".

Six Town Housing were part of the Greater Manchester ALMO's Technical Group who were involved in the development of the specification for the Northern Housing Consortium's framework agreement.

Pete continues "We chose the NHC to manage the tendering and procurement exercise for digital TV. It was very easy to jump on board and take advantage of the specifications and other tendering documentation. Working with other ALMO members was a great opportunity to share any concerns and benefit from each others experience. NHC have been involved from the start right through to the selection of the chosen contractor, ABCA Systems. This partnership arrangement with Six Town Housing and the NHC was the key to getting the digital project of the ground and subsequently winning the award."

For further information about the framework, please contact solutions@consortiumprocurement.org.uk

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Notes to editors

1. The Northern Housing Consortium (NHC) is a non-political, not for profit, member based organisation, whose members between them manage almost 90% of social housing in the North. Consortium Procurement is the commercial services team of the Northern Housing Consortium, responsible for the development and delivery of business solutions to meet the needs of its membership. These solutions are OJEU-compliant collaborative framework agreements, let under the Public Procurement Directive, and accessible by any current or existing Consortium member organisation.

2. Six Town Housing is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) set up in April 2005 to manage Council homes on behalf of Bury Council
3. Digital UK is the independent, non-profit organisation leading the process of digital TV switchover in the UK. Digital UK provides impartial information on what people need to do to prepare for the move to digital, and when they need to do it. The company also works with digital TV platform operators, equipment manufacturers, installers, retailers, rental companies and consumer groups to coordinate the technical rollout of digital television across the UK. Digital UK was set up at the request of the Government.