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Morgan Sindall Construction appointed to £1 billion SEWSCAP3 framework

Morgan Sindall Construction has been appointed to four lots on the new £1 billion South East & Mid Wales collaborative construction framework (SEWSCAP).

The four-year framework will be used by more than 20 Welsh councils and public bodies for schools, leisure facilities and municipal buildings.

Morgan Sindall Construction has been appointed to all of the four lots it tendered for:

Lot 7: All regions £3m-£5m

Lot 8: All regions £5m-£10m

Lot 9: All regions £10m-£25m

Lot 10: All regions £25m-£100m

It replaces the existing SEWSCAP framework, launched in May 2015, which ended last month, and through which the main contractor has delivered nine schools, supporting more than 6,000 school places.

Morgan Sindall Construction's commitment to backing local suppliers has seen it route more than 90% of spend through Welsh subcontractors and consultants during this time, totalling more than £63 million.

These projects have also supported 70 apprenticeships and enabled over 200 school engagement events, reaching 13,000 pupils.

The business has successfully delivered projects through the last two iterations of SEWSCAP.

Rob Williams, Morgan Sindall Construction's area director for Cardiff, said: "We've worked through SEWSCAP since its inception. Over almost a decade, we have developed excellent relationships with both our customers who count on the framework, and with subcontractors and consultants in the supply chain, crucial to the success of our projects.

"Collectively, we've built impressive, modern primary and secondary schools which are enabling a genuine step change in the delivery of education across the country.

"Across the UK we're also a construction partner of choice for universities looking to improve their estate, and for local authorities investing in leisure facilities and community projects. We're looking forward to bringing that know-how to bear in Wales through this latest iteration of SEWSCAP and proud to continue our tenure on it."

Sean Bowles, managing director for Morgan Sindall Construction's Central region, added: "We take pride in creating inspiring learning environments fit for 21st century education and modern municipal facilities key to the growth of communities. But delivering the physical spaces is a given for a main contractor with our technical capability.

"What sets us apart is a commitment to ensuring that each and every project delivers a lasting legacy beyond the bricks and mortar of the build process. From providing opportunities in our

supply chain for local businesses, to inspiring young minds to consider a rewarding career in construction through school engagement, our approach ensures measurable social value for the communities in which we operate.

“Progressive frameworks like SEWSCAP greatly facilitate this way of working and we’re incredibly pleased to have been selected for its third generation.”

In the last twelve months alone, Morgan Sindall Construction has delivered six schools through the SEWSCAP framework under the auspices of the Welsh Government’s 21st Century Schools programme.

Deputy Leader of Cardiff Council, and Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills, Councillor Sarah Merry, said: "Through Band A of the 21st Century Schools programme for Cardiff, Cardiff Council and Welsh Government jointly invested £164 million in the city’s schools. It delivered two new high schools, six new primaries, and improvements to a number of existing schools.

"I have seen for myself the real difference these Band A projects are making to the lives of our children and young people, and there is more to come as we begin our £284 million, Band B investment, constructing five secondary schools, four special schools and four primaries."

Howardian School, Hamadryad School and Glan Morfa School were delivered for Cardiff Council. Cwmaman Primary School, and the first phase of Tonyrefail’s ‘super school’, were both delivered for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

While Pentrehafod School, which has set new industry standards for sustainable construction, was delivered for Swansea Council.

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