

Consortia Working

Opportunity of Consortia Working

- a guide for businesses and/or organisations

If forming or joining a consortium for the purposes of tendering for business with Dorset County Council, the following factors need to be considered.

Structure of the Consortium

You need to be able to provide details on the consortium at either Pre-Qualification Stage [PQQ], if a Restricted Procedure, or as part of an Open Tender Procedure. You will be asked to select one of the following statements:

- (1) Your organisation is bidding to provide the goods and/or services required itself
- (2) Your organisation is bidding in the role of Prime Contractor and intends to use third parties to provide some services
- (3) The Potential Provider is a consortia

Supporting Detail on the Consortium

If selecting statement (2) or (3) above, you will be required to submit with your response details on the composition of your consortia, indicating which member of the consortia will be responsible for which elements of the service e.g. lead organisation, service delivery, training, administration.

You will need to evidence your proposed consortia arrangements in terms of its structure and operation. This may include, but is not limited to, copies of documents such as joint working agreements and governance arrangements.

Without supporting evidence on the proposed consortium the Council may exclude you PQQ/Tender submission, so please ensure that it is submitted. Also ensure what you submit has already been discussed, documented and agreed with all members of the consortium.

Advice and Guidance

The Council is unable to provide any specific advice to organisations on the setting up of consortia and your organisation should seek independent advice on this matter. Information can be found via the internet on consortia working and the following are a few links that might be useful:

- **Gov.uk – Working in Consortium**
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/207946/working_in_a_consortium.pdf



- **National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)**
<http://www.ncvo.org.uk/>
- **Charity Commission – Consortia for the delivery of public services**
<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/media/95353/rs26text.pdf>
- **Community Matters – What is a consortium and how does it differ from a partnership**
<http://www.communitymatters.org.uk/content/563/What-is-a-consortium-and-how-does-it-differ-from-a-partnership>
- **Consortia Support – New to consortium working**
<http://consortiasupport.org.uk/new-to-consortium-working/>

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