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Thank you for your interest in joining Accent Housing's Dynamic Purchasing System 4, codenamed Finite.

Accent already has three other live DPS' which cover a range of workstreams and regions. Having administered and used these DPS' for some time now, we thought it might be helpful to answer the most common questions prospective suppliers ask us.

**Once my application is approved, will I be able to bid on the workstreams listed straight away?**

No. A DPS is an electronic marketplace, not a tender in its own right, it is unlikely that you will be invited to take part in a tender as soon as you have joined. If you did, it would be sheer coincidence. The easiest way to think of a DPS is as part one of a two-part tender process. By successfully joining a DPS you are being registered as an approved bidder in future and as yet unknown competitions.

**Am I guaranteed to be invited to take part in any competition for the workstreams and locations I have registered for?**

Yes you are. You will be automatically invited to take part in any competition that Accent runs for the workstreams and geographical locations that you have specified in your application. Sometimes we aggregate multiple workstreams and/or locations into a single competition because it makes commercial sense to have a single supplier. When that happens, only suppliers who have registered to deliver all of the work streams in all of the locations we have specified will be invited to take part in a competition.

Please note that at any point after you've joined if you want to add more workstreams or locations or both to your DPS membership you can do this by reapplying.

**Am I guaranteed to be invited to take part in a competition?**

No. Although it's very unlikely, it is theoretically possible that a supplier could register for a DPS and never once over its life be invited to participate in a competition, because there is no competition run for the specific workstreams and locations that supplier registered for.

Once again, thank you for your interest in Accent Housing and good luck with your application. Best wishes

The Procurement & Supply Service team.