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DVS STRENGTHENS WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HCA

DVS, the property division of the Valuation Office Agency (VOA), has been appointed to another high profile national property panel to deliver due diligence property appraisal advice.

Ministers announced as part of Spending Review 2013 an overhaul of land sales, by centralising disposals in the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to ensure develop-able land is released efficiently to support housing and economic growth.

Surplus central government land and buildings which are deemed to be develop-able (and not restricted to residential) and viable in England and outside London will be subject to a statutory transfer to the HCA.

Following an Invitation to tender VOA/ DVS has been appointed to support this programme.

HCA anticipate between up to 300 projects will go through the due diligence phase across these HCA-I investment programmes.

DVS has the capacity to resource this package via our network of sixty offices in England and has the capability to deliver an experienced ring fenced team from our Development Viability sector. The team will work closely with the HCA and other government departments to

fully understand the issues at each site to establish the appropriate valuation and all costs that may be associated with each site.

Our unique understanding of public sector requirements, together with our professional expertise, has ensured we have consistently been the 'go-to advisor' for our public sector clients. These unique selling points have ensured we provide robust, transparent and accountable advice to our clients.

This latest instruction reflects our commitment to deliver a quality service that offers value for money to our customers. We look forward to continuing to enhance our reputation for delivering independent and cost effective property advice to the public sector.

Chris Sharp, Director, DVS
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DVS Tender Success & Other News

Crown Commercial Service - Recent Appointments

DVS has recently won several bids under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Estates Framework, where we will provide a range of specialist property expertise to Central Government Bodies and Local Authorities.

These include bids for:

- Scottish Government - Dental Service Premises Rent Reimbursement Scheme - large scale regional programme.
- Belfast City Council – 5 year contract to provide asset valuation – reflects boundary changes with effect from 1 April 2015 creating a substantially larger City Council portfolio.
- Education Funding Agency - valuation advice for acquisition purposes and condition surveys relating to a number of potential sites for Free Schools.
- Birmingham City Council – a number of successful mini tender wins for delivery of development viability appraisals.

Other Appointments

Other recent successes for the DVS include:

- Clackmannanshire Council - Reinstatement reports for Council portfolio.
- Powys County Council - valuation of the Councils Farm Estate and advice on the General Fund 2014-15
- Portsmouth City Council – appointment as single supplier providing Development Viability Appraisals.

Other framework news

- Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) – 2700 Consultancy Framework - DVS appointed in January 2015 to deliver property advice. A two year framework with an option to extend.
- Thames Water – 10 framework agreement - DVS successfully appointed in January 2015 to a panel for provision of property advice and technical input in relation to claims arising from the Thames Tideway Tunnel project.

New Sector Head Appointment

Alastair Johnson has recently been appointed as Head of Strategic Asset Management, DVS Property Services. Alastair has worked in the property industry for over twenty five years and has responsibility for leading a team of Chartered Surveyors across the South East of England specialising in property advice to the health sector.

Alastair regularly advises NHS Bodies overseeing a network of local NHS clients and has extensive experience of valuation work including acquisitions, disposals, 3PD/LIFT, GP rental reimbursement and asset valuations.

He has recently been working with the Government Property Unit, the property arm of the Efficiency and Reform Group of the Cabinet Office on initiatives such as Space for Growth and the Strategic Land and Property Review.

In his new role Alastair will be responsible for the delivery of a range of Strategic Asset Management services across the public sector. He currently works with many public sector organisations developing and implementing property strategies.

For further details contact Alastair on 03000 506356 or email alastair.m.johnson@voa.gsi.gov.uk

About DVS

DVS has a wealth of experience in providing property solutions and consultancy nationally throughout the public sector.

We provide independent and impartial advice at a local level delivered from a network of offices.

Services we offer:

- Asset Management Delivery
- Strategic Property Appraisals
- A full range of regeneration consultancy
- Property Asset Management
- Development Viability Assessments
- Acquisitions and Disposals Strategies
- Asset Valuations for Accountancy Purposes
- Collaborative advice across the public sector
- Landlord and Tenant Advice
- Property, Land Surveys and Valuations
- Compulsory Purchase and Compensation Advice
- Building Consultancy and Surveys
- Insurance Valuations.
- Environmental and sustainability services
- Market research, data analysis and reports.

DVS has expertise in the following sectors:

- Central government
- Local, regional and devolved government
- Health
- Transport and infrastructure
- Environment
- Education
- Emergency services.

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