



# Met Police: Framework

In a drive to save £400m over five years, the Met Police launched a new framework to cover building and refurbishment works across its estate of c.300 buildings. The framework was split into three lots and saw the Met Police seek contractors able to deliver the diverse works.

## The solution

Due to a strong partnership with the Met Police that spans 20+ years, Building Solutions (the specialist building and refurbishment arm of VINCI Facilities) was appointed to Lot 1 (projects <£500k).

The following elements have proven vital to the contract's ongoing success:

## Challenging the brief

Building Solutions is confident in challenging the brief and proposing superior approaches when appropriate. For example, a recent project at Sidcup Regional Headquarters specified for 100m of weather-damaged and crumbling concrete coping stones on the 15th floor to be replaced. Building Solutions instead proposed an innovative encapsulation solution that eliminated a high-risk activity and production of waste, whilst creating a saving to the client of £90k.

## Efficient logistics

Due to the client's rigorous security protocols, a strong focus is placed on ensuring efficient planning and logistics. Nowhere is this more evident than at a £216k project to upgrade airside operational facilities at Heathrow Airport, which required Building Solutions to utilise Heathrow's internal logistics supply chain and to adhere to a strict policy of providing two weeks' notice for any deliveries to site.

## Supply chain management

To maximise security, Building Solutions has streamlined its supply chain to contain a small but highly-trusted pool of contractors. It has also funded each firm to undertake Counter Terrorist Checks, and has funded five security and compliance courses to enable its team to work airside at Heathrow Airport.

## Health and safety

The majority of projects are within live working environments and often in volatile and dangerous facilities (e.g. armouries, firing ranges, custody suits and canine/equestrian facilities). To maximise safety standards, Building Solutions collaborates with the client to create detailed risk management strategies and issues awards to recognise team members who have excelled in their commitment to health and safety.

## Examples of delivered projects

- » **Imber Court Mounted Police, £800k:** Demolition of old stables, construction of new stables, refurb of ancillary buildings, new roadway, drainage and horse walker.
- » **Kilburn Police Station, £320k:** Roof refurbishment and installation of solar PV.
- » **Albany Street Police Station, £400k:** Internal refurb and new car park canopy.
- » **Alperton Patrol Base, £620k:** Construction of a new armoury and gymnasium.

## SCOPE OF WORKS

Construction-related works up to £500k, including:

- » Internal refurbs and remodelling.
- » External refurbs, including roofing and windows.
- » Building works.
- » M&E.
- » Replacement boilers.
- » Replacement lifts.
- » Security upgrades.
- » Electrical vehicle charging bays.
- » Solar PV arrays.
- » Roads and car parks.

## KEY RESULTS

- » Circa £3m of works delivered per annum.
- » Thanks to its strong performance, Building Solutions is winning c.30% of projects tendered for against the framework's other six contracting partners.
- » Building Solutions has achieved zero accidents to date, along with zero environmental incidents.
- » A strict purchasing policy ensures that c.£2.25m is being spent with local suppliers each year.
- » The Met Police formally praised the contract team, citing their commitment to strong communication and adhering to time frames. In recognition of this, the team were named Team of the Year at VINCI Facilities' annual in-house award scheme.



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