

## Freedom of information request NCC-027915-17

Thank you for your recent request for information for ease we have provided our response alongside each point raise:

**For construction and building maintenance contracts established since 1 January 2017, have you, or will you be putting in place monitoring and reporting whether your main contractors/suppliers are paying their sub-contractors/suppliers within 30 days?**

*[Please choose]*

- A) We are already monitoring and reporting that payment takes place within 30 days routinely
- B) We will be monitoring and reporting that payment takes place within 30 days routinely
- C) We don't and will not be monitoring and reporting that payment takes place within 30 days
- D) If you don't know, please provide information on what policy you do pursue

Where Arc partnership which is a Joint venture between NCC and Scape use framework contracts, the framework owner monitors contractor payment performance and we receive copies of the payment performance reports.

Where ARC are to be placing new contracts, provision will be made relating to payment performance.

**For construction and building maintenance contracts established since 1 January 2017, have you built in a contractual requirement for your suppliers to pay the suppliers directly below them in the supply chain within 30 days (or are you taking steps to apply this)?**

*[Please choose]*

- A) We have built in a contractual requirement for payment to flow through the supply chain within 30 days routinely
- B) We are taking steps to apply a contractual requirement for payment to flow through the supply chain within 30 days routinely
- C) We have not and will not be building in a contractual requirement for payment to flow through the supply chain within 30 days
- D) If you don't know, please provide information on what policy you do pursue

ARC partnership have not placed any new contracts since 1 January 2017 other than for individual call-downs against existing frameworks established before this date.

**For construction and building maintenance contracts established since 1 January 2017, do you deduct cash retentions from your main contractors/suppliers?**

*[Please indicate any answers that describe your current position – it could be more than one]*

- A). We do not deduct cash retentions
- B). We deduct cash retentions up to 5%
- C). We deduct retention above 5%

ARC have not placed any new contracts since 1 January 2017 other than for individual call-downs against existing frameworks established before this date and only take 2.5% retentions on those coming to the end of the framework agreement. If the contractor is successful in winning the follow-on framework then the retention will be released.

**When you regularly deduct cash retentions, do you use the cash:**

*[Please indicate any answers that describe your current position – it could be more than one]*

- A). To bolster your working capital
- B). To fund other construction-related activities
- C). To fund other activities (not related to construction)
- D). To invest in overnight money markets
- E) OTHER: Please specify

These responses do not apply to ARC Partnership which is a Joint Venture developed between NCC and Scape – all contractor payments are straight 'pass-through' from NCC to Arc – so Arc does not have the benefit of using any retained monies.

**For construction and maintenance contracts established since January 2017:**

*[Please choose]*

- A). If you do not deduct cash retentions, do you insist that your main supplier/contractor does not deduct cash retentions from their sub-contractors/suppliers too.
- B). you do not impose any contractual requirements on your main suppliers about cash retentions from their sub-contractors/suppliers
- C). OTHER: Please specify

Not applicable - We have not placed any new contracts since 1 January 2017 other than for individual call-downs against existing frameworks established before this date

If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the above reference number.

With kind regards

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