

# [News story: Civil news: further tender opportunities for 2018 contract work](#)

We are providing another opportunity to tender for face to face 2018 civil contracts in the following three categories of law:

- family
- housing and debt
- immigration and asylum

The procurement process is limited to the small number of geographic areas where we wish to secure greater provision.

## **Who can tender?**

The tender process is open to both existing contract-holders and new entrants. It is a single-stage process that will assess:

Contracts will be procured using a non-competitive process. This will be limited to the categories of law and procurement areas specified above.

All organisations assessed as being suitable and meeting the minimum service requirements will be awarded a contract.

## **How can I tender?**

Tenders must be submitted using the LAA's e-Tendering system – see below. A link is also available on the tender pages of the LAA website.

If you wish to tender then you must submit a response for the relevant invitation to tender (ITT) in the category of work you wish to deliver.

You may also need to submit a response to the selection questionnaire that forms part of this tender opportunity. This will be required if your organisation:

- did not submit a tender for a 2018 Standard Civil Contract as part of last year's main civil 2018 contracts tender process
- submitted a tender but was excluded at the selection questionnaire stage
- submitted a tender but has a selection questionnaire response which is

no longer valid

Organisations which tendered successfully as part of the main civil 2018 contracts tender process and whose circumstances have not changed will need to confirm this. They can do so in their tender response.

### **Further information**

[Civil 2018 contracts tender](#) – to find out more and download the IFA document

[e-Tendering system](#) – to submit your tender

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## **[News story: UK Flags to be flown at full mast for birth of Royal Baby](#)**

Flags on UK Government Buildings will fly at full mast on Tuesday 24th April 2018 from 0800 – 2000hrs in celebration of the birth of TRH Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's third child.

Other organisations and local authorities may choose to follow suit. Devolved administrations are responsible for issuing instructions for the flying of the Union Flag on buildings in their estate and others as necessary.

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## **[News story: Defence Secretary marks major step forward for UK's nuclear submarine capability](#)**

HMS Artful, the third of the Royal Navy's new Astute Class attack submarines. Crown Copyright.

In a move that signals the UK's commitment to a continuous-at-sea deterrent, the Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA) was today officially launched.

The announcement comes after an extra £800 million was secured by the Ministry of Defence – £600 million of which will ensure the UK is protected by the new Dreadnought submarine fleet into the 2030s and beyond.

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson said:

Our nuclear deterrent is our ultimate defence from the most extreme threats while our attack submarines are busier than ever providing unprecedented levels of protection across the world.

A Royal Navy submarine is on patrol 24 hours a day, every day of the year, protecting our way of life. These advanced and complex vessels are more important than ever as the world becomes an increasingly dangerous place and establishing this new Agency sends a clear signal of our commitment to continue deterring conflict and protecting the nation.

The stand-up of the SDA marks the delivery of a milestone set out in the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review that strengthens arrangements to support the UK's submarine capability.

The Executive Agency will lead on the procurement, in-service support and decommissioning of all UK nuclear submarines.

The SDA will procure and project manage the construction of future Royal Navy submarines, and support those in-service, working with Navy Command and the newly established Defence Nuclear Organisation.

The vision of the SDA is to lead a high-performing industrial enterprise to deliver and support the UK's submarine capability safely, securely and more effectively and cost efficiently.

Headed by Chief Executive Officer Ian Booth – who has a wealth of experience in delivering complex private and public sector procurement programmes – the SDA employs around 1,300 people and already has a talented and extremely knowledgeable workforce, including some of the nation's most experienced nuclear experts.

The Agency will have the authority and freedom to recruit and retain the best people to manage the Submarine Enterprise. The majority of SDA staff will be based in Bristol, with other colleagues located at sites such as Barrow, Derby, Devonport, Rosyth and Faslane.

Chief Executive Officer of the Submarine Delivery Agency, Ian Booth said:

The SDA is to lead a high-performing industrial enterprise that is committed to strengthening the safety, availability, reliability and security of UK submarines, including our Continuous At Sea Deterrent. The Agency will draw on best practice from both the public and private sectors with a focus on cost effective and timely delivery to achieve the best possible outcomes for Defence.

The SDA has learnt from other successful programmes of a similar scale and

complexity such as the 2012 Olympics and Crossrail. It will maintain vital links with industry and public sector partners to preserve the UK's technology advantage and skills-base and to ensure submarine manufacturing and maintenance capability is sufficient to support the UK's submarine requirements.

A key facet of the SDA is to manage the Dreadnought and Astute nuclear submarine programmes to time and budget, alongside providing day-to-day support to the in-service fleet of Trafalgar, Astute and Vanguard Class submarines. As a responsible nuclear operator, the organisation will also manage the decommissioning and disposal of submarines in a safe and environmentally sound way.

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## [Press release: Interim Chair of the Parole Board announced by Secretary of State](#)

The Secretary of State [has announced today](#) that Caroline Corby will be the Interim Chair of the Parole Board.

Caroline Corby said: "I am delighted to have been appointed by the Secretary of State as Interim Chair of the Parole Board. I have been working with the Board for a number of years as a non-executive director and am acutely aware of the challenging and important work they do.

"I look forward to working with staff and members to deliver on changes to improve how the Board works for victims and the public and will keep everyone informed of our progress."

Martin Jones, CEO of the Parole Board, said: "I am very pleased that Caroline has agreed to step in as interim chair. Caroline has a wealth of experience and understands the work of the Board extremely well. I look forward to working with her."

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Short biography of Caroline Corby**

Mrs Corby worked in the city for 13 years specialising in private equity where she also served on a number of private sector boards across a range of industries. In 2007 she joined the Board of London Probation Trust (LPT) and she served as Chair of LPT from 2012 until July 2014.

As well as being a member of the Architects Registration Board, Caroline is also a Non-Executive Director of the Children and Family Court Advisory

Support Service (Cafcass), the Criminal Cases Review Commission and One Housing.

She is also a Non – Executive member of the Parole Board management committee. She chairs interim order panels for the Nursing and Midwifery Council and chairs the General Optical Council's Investigation Committee.

### **Press Queries**

For all press queries please call the Parole Board media line on 0203 880 0809 or email [comms@paroleboard.gov.uk](mailto:comms@paroleboard.gov.uk)

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## **[News story: Caroline Corby appointed as the interim Chair of the Parole Board](#)**

Caroline Corby will take up her new position as interim Chair of the Parole Board on 23 April.

Mrs Corby worked in the City for 13 years specialising in private equity where she also served on a number of private sector boards across a range of industries. In 2007, she joined the Board of London Probation Trust (LPT) and she served as Chair of LPT from 2012 until July 2014.

As well as being a member of the Architects Registration Board, Caroline is also a Non-Executive Director of the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (CAFCASS), the Criminal Cases Review Commission and One Housing. Mrs Corby is also a Non-Executive member of the Parole Board management committee and chairs interim order panels for the Nursing and Midwifery Council as well as chairing the General Optical Council's Investigation Committee.

Appointments to the Parole Board are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. This appointment has been made in line with the Governance code on Public Appointments. Mrs Corby has no political activity to declare.

Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice David Gauke said:

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Mrs Caroline Corby as the interim Chair of the Parole Board. Mrs Corby's interim appointment will run from 23 April until a permanent Chair is in post.

I am confident that Mrs Corby, an existing Non-Executive Director of the Parole Board, appointed after fair and open competition,

will ensure that the Board has the necessary leadership while a campaign takes place to identify a permanent Chair.