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WHY ARE NEC[®] CONTRACTS DIFFERENT?

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An umbrella ‘brella – the Rihanna of contracts...

In the construction sector, we love a good acronym, so it’s no surprise that the New Engineering Contract (its ‘Sunday name’) has been shortened to NEC!

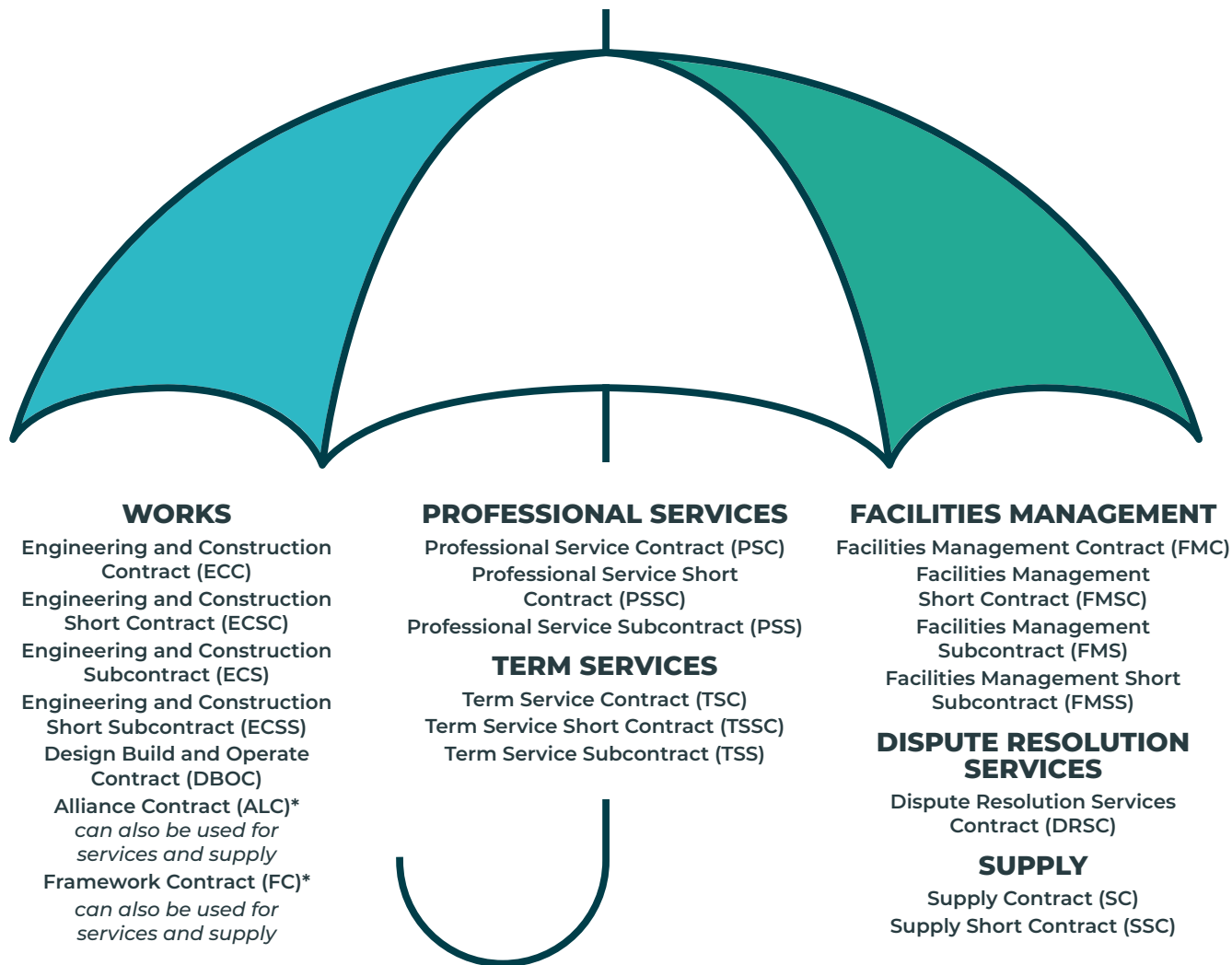
The latest version, NEC4, was first published in June 2017 and has since been reprinted with amendments in January 2019, October 2020, and January 2023.

As well as the published contract forms, there are a whole raft of published user guides available to assist users in preparing and managing the respective contracts too.

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Like Rihanna, NEC isn't just a one hit wonder – it's a whole album of contracts! it's an umbrella term for a suite of contracts that includes 'full' contracts, short contracts and subcontracts... the choice primarily dependant on risk and complexity, as well as the parties' intended relationship.

The contracts can be broadly grouped into contracts for the procurement of works, services and supply of goods.



In summary:

“Eagle-eye cherry”* viewers amongst you will note that at present, NEC have not published a short form version of the “Professional Service Subcontract”, or the “Term Service Subcontract” but perhaps that will come in the next updates / edition!

However, the NEC suite of contracts offers flexibility with different contract types available for varying project requirements, complexities, and risks. It promotes collaboration, transparency, and proactive management, ensuring projects are delivered on time, within budget, and to agreed standards.

*Sticking to the music theme and adding another tenuous link!”

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