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Builder enters social housing

AN Anglesey-based contractor is moving into the growing social housing market – with system-built, environmentally friendly homes that can be built in just eight weeks.

Viridian Homes believes its new product can help meet rising demand, as housing associations work to meet the Welsh Assembly target of 6,500 new affordable homes by 2011.

The National Federation of Builders (NFB) has supported Viridian's move into new markets. The firm supplies the houses fully furnished and on a fixed price contract from £55,000 per property. Viridian Homes also supply builders, developers and self-build clients across Wales and the South West of England.

Viridian director Graham Farnall used the NFB's helpline for the transition into the social housing market.

He said: "The helpline has been invaluable in providing quality, free advice to help fill out the necessary paperwork."

"We are able to fulfill the need for quality social housing extremely quickly and can therefore pass on our low overheads to our clients."

Marie Hill, NFB regional director, said: "It is sometimes hard for firms without dedicated admin teams to complete the necessary paperwork required to tender for public sector work."

"One of the services we offer is helping companies navigate their way through this process, to ensure that SMEs get a fair shot at any jobs that fall within their remit."