



RFT INITIAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the reason for the short timescale for tendering ?

The timescale is dictated largely by the funding organisations involved in the project. One of the key stakeholders only confirmed its funding in the last 10 days and at that point advised on its requirements for procurement.

What are the prospects for this project proceeding ?

Around half of the funding package has been secured and other potential funding bodies are generally very supportive. Momentum is beginning to build and funds secured to date will encourage other funders to move to a formal commitment.

What are the prospects for this project proceeding in line with the timescale indicated ?

A number of the potential funding bodies are indicating a later decision timeframe than originally expected so there is scope for change in delivery of the project, perhaps phasing of construction and fit-out will become necessary.

Why is this structured as a single stage procurement ?

The procurement approach is a consequence of the tight timescales faced by the client as indicated above.

When can tenderers expect to receive a decision on the outcome of the tendering process ?

Assuming that interviews/presentations will not be required, it is expected that the client will be in a position to make a decision with 7-10 days from the receipt of tenders.

Will the construction professionals who have supported the project to date be involved in the tendering process ?

The tendering process is open to all suppliers registered with Public Contracts Scotland and the professionals who have supported the project to date will have the opportunity to tender.

What prospect is there of the existing drawings and other technical information being made available to an incoming design team ?

As the existing design professionals have been engaged 'at risk', this is unknown and no assurances can be given, therefore, tenderers should assume that this will not be available.

How can tenderers submit bids based on RIBA Stages 3-6 if existing drawings and technical information may not be available to an incoming design team ?

Tenderers have been given the opportunity to price for a 'review' stage prior to Stage 3 which would need to address that anomaly.

What form of procurement is anticipated for the construction stage ?

Design and costings have been progressed on the basis of traditional procurement at this point but a decision has not been made and will depend on a range of factors.

Does an ESPD form have to be completed by all design team members ?

Each team member should complete the ESPD as directed in the RFT briefing.

Are design team members (i.e. quantity surveyors, civil/structural engineers, building services engineers, etc.) permitted to be on more than one team ?

Yes, however, architects should not normally appear in more than one team.



Can you confirm what levels of Professional Indemnity Insurance are required for the various design team members ?

The architect/lead consultant should have £1m insurance cover for each and every claim, being jointly and severally liable for the team's performance, with other team members requiring £500,000 insurance cover for each and every claim.

Tenderers will be able to ask further questions through the 'Question and Answer' facility managed by PCS.