

South West Wales Regional Engineering Framework

Bidder Briefing Event 10th November, Park Y Scarlets, Llanelli

Questions and Answers

<p>Question 1)</p> <p>As a small practice we are interested in the minimum requirement for professional indemnity, how this works if working in partnership with others and what will be the requirements in terms of collateral warranties?</p>
<p>Response 1)</p> <p>The required level of liability in totality for access to the framework is 10 Million however there is a formula, which will be detailed in the Invitation to Tender documents, which determines the level for individual commissions below that. This has been developed with feedback from the suppliers over the last two iterations of the framework.</p> <p>There will be a Collateral Warranty document included within the Invitation to Tender, submission of a bid will be taken as acceptance of the content of this document and it may be applied to future commissions at the discretion of the contracting body.</p>
<p>Question 2)</p> <p>With regard to eligibility criteria, do suppliers have to be based in Wales, to have worked previously with the participating authorities, or to have worked on projects within Wales?</p>
<p>Response 2)</p> <p>No, however successful supplies will need to demonstrate robust plans regarding how they will effectively deliver within the region in question.</p> <p>With regard to the Welsh Language, there may be a need to deliver services bilingually, each of the participating authorities has a Welsh Language Policy and links to these will be included within the Invitation to Tender.</p>
<p>Question 3)</p> <p>Could you provide an indicative range of project values?</p>
<p>Response 3)</p> <p>No, they could range from £500 for transport assessments or feasibility studies or help on planning guidance to multi-million pound by-pass schemes.</p>
<p>Question 4)</p> <p>With five providers, what will be the process to appoint?</p>

<p>Response 4)</p> <p>The detail of the call off process has not been finalised as yet as the process for the current framework requires amendment. The will however be a mixture of direct award and further competition.</p>
<p>Question 5)</p> <p>Once the five providers have been appointed, will they then all be on an equal footing?</p>
<p>Response 5)</p> <p>Initially it is thought that this will be the case, from a technical perspective, however it is intended that KPI's will be used and may potentially affect how work is allocated moving forward, the details of this are yet to be finalised but will be fully detailed within the Invitation to Tender.</p>
<p>Question 6)</p> <p>When a call off is made, what pricing model will be used, lump sum etc etc?</p>
<p>Response 6)</p> <p>This will vary according to what is most appropriate for the project.</p>
<p>Question 7)</p> <p>If we wanted to work as a sub-consultant to another bidding organisation, would this need to be on an exclusive basis or could we agree to work with several?</p>
<p>Response 7)</p> <p>This has not been finalised, there will certainly be a need for transparency by all parties as far as proposed and future supply chains are concerned. The authorities are looking for a flexible approach and to maximise the use of SME's but it is also essential to ensure that commitment and appropriate resource is available to all parties as required.</p>
<p>Question 8)</p> <p>There is no reference to the existing NPS arrangement? Is there a limit for Direct Award? Will the framework include building works?</p>
<p>Response 8)</p> <p>No, this is a completely separate framework. The direct award limit has not as yet been finalised but £30k have been considered. No, but there may be some structural works, the framework is engineering based. On occasion there may be a need for the authorities to look for external resource to supplement their own teams to handle requests from internal Property Departments.</p>
<p>Question 9)</p> <p>Do we need to name all potential sub-consultants at tender stage.</p>

<p>Response 9)</p> <p>No, we do understand that there maybe a need to access the services of additional specialists at a later date to delivery all aspects of a commission. The information would be requested at further competition stage but we would reiterate that transparency is key.</p>
<p>Question 10)</p> <p>Would the format of the Quality/Technical submission be based on the previous NPS frameworks?</p>
<p>Response 10)</p> <p>It is anticipated that the tender will more closely follow the previous iterations of the South West Wales regional framework.</p>