

Multi-Party Framework Agreement for provision of Engineering Consultancy and PSDP Services for Building Service Projects associated with Civil, Structural, Architectural, Mechanical and Electrical Design Disciplines (2026-2030)

General Comment:	Please note that as per guidance issued in the General Information Document (<i>Section 5 Tender Queries & Clarifications</i>) , the issuing of the below tender clarification responses marks the closure of the tender query period. Queries received after this point may not be responded to by the contracting authority.
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Responses to Tender Queries.

Number	Query	Response
1	The documentation indicates that this framework covers services from pre-design through to preparation of tender documentation? Could you please confirm whether the scope of this framework is limited to feasibility, design and tender stage services only, with the construction phase to be procured separately? Additionally, please confirm whether any post-tender or construction-stage services (e.g. contract administration, site supervision) are intended to form part of this framework.	This framework is being established for the provision of engineering consultancy services associated with services from Pre-design through to preparation of construction ready tender packages. Construction stage shall be procured separately, independent of this framework. Construction stage services shall not form part of this framework.
2	Could you please provide an indication of the anticipated scale, complexity and value of individual projects to be delivered under this framework? Additionally, is there an indicative number of projects or annual spend profile expected over the framework duration?	As per Section 1.5.1 "Framework Expenditure Limit" of the <i>General Information</i> document, expected value of all consultancy services required under the Framework will not exceed €600,000. The estimated combined construction programme deliverable projects, in line with the Climate Action and Low carbon Development Act 2021 requirements, is in the order of €34M. This estimate combines the residential building stock and the commercial building stock managed by Cork City Council. This framework is being established to deliver design works packages for the commercial building stock only. It is considered a reasonable estimate that the construction projects earmarked for delivery from the design processes of this framework shall be valued at €17M (approx). Samples of the scale and complexity of 3no. of the larger projects within the commercial building stock folio managed by Cork City Council, are outlined in Appendix B of the <i>General Information</i> document. Individual valuations on projects shall be subject to the design solutions proposed, and as such cannot be accurately estimated at this time. The primary design deliverables of this Framework shall be targeted at the 5 highest Significant Energy Users (SEUs) within Cork City Council's commercial building stock; namely: Cork City Hall Campus, Leisure Centre Churchfield, Leisure Centre Douglas, Leisure Centre Bishopstown & Half Moon Lane Depot. Subject to budgetary constraints, other sites for design works packages shall extend to libraries, office /admin buildings, Fire Stations, Sports/Community Halls and similar.
3	We are currently reviewing the PQQ submission for this tender. As the framework includes Civil, Structural, Architectural, Mechanical and Electrical consultancy services, as well as PSDP, we are liaising with a number of sub consultants as part of that review. With the summer leave period now underway, we are experiencing some capacity constraints both internally and across the wider team required to support the submission. With that in mind, we would be grateful if a two week extension to the current deadline could be considered.	In line with this request, a two week extension has been granted to the closing date for responses to this Framework Invitation. The new closing date shall be as indicated on the eTenders notice.
4	Due to the busy holiday period and staff annual leave, could we request a 2 week extension of time for this opportunity?	In line with this request, a two week extension has been granted to the closing date for responses to this Framework Invitation. The new closing date shall be as indicated on the eTenders notice.
5	The Applicant seeks clarification regarding participation in more than one submission to this competition. Given the specialist personnel requirements set out under Sections 3.4a and 3.4b, can the Contracting Authority confirm whether the same economic operator may: 1. Submit an application in its own right (either individually or as part of a consortium); and 2. Simultaneously participate as a specialist service provider, sub-consultant or supporting entity within another applicant's submission. In particular, can the same organisation, personnel, qualifications, CPD records, health and safety competency evidence, project references (Appendix B1/B3) and specialist resources be relied upon in more than one submission? If such participation is permissible, please confirm whether any restrictions apply regarding the use of the same named personnel and supporting evidence across multiple competing submissions and whether any declarations or conflict-management measures are required. The Applicant would appreciate clarification to ensure full compliance with the procurement requirements.	With regard to design specialities and roles as identified across Section 3.4b, it is acceptable for suitably competent candidates to be listed across more than one application received. As such, project experience associated with same (as per requirements of Section 3.4c), may also be replicated across more than one application, where the same competent design personnel delivered these projects and are listed as the specialist in more than one application received. There is no obligation upon applicants to make declarations or indicate conflict-management measures related to same. Please note, that as indicated in Section 1.5.1 of the General Information Document (Framework Rules - Consortiums), in instances where sub-consultants are being merged into the proposed Application team, proven project delivery will be scored more favourably where the same proposed consortium members/organisations can demonstrate successful relevant project delivery in the past, than newly formed consortiums for the purposes of this Framework solely. However, it is NOT acceptable for the same organisational management team to be identified across more than one application. Specifically, the proposed managerial team identified in Section 3.4a as part of an application, may not be proposed in any competitor's application. If such should occur, the application of both competing parties shall be removed from the assessment process and deemed a void application. We wish to reiterate the importance of applicant's managerial structures to be independent for each application. As such, the Financial and Economic standing of each application must be independent (All documentation requirements for Section 3.3a, 3.3b, 3.3e, 3.3f and 3.3g). In summary, Section 3.4b and 3.4c may have duplication of proposed personnel and projects across more than one application. It shall not adversely reflect on an application if proposed competent personnel are identified in more than one application received. Relatedly, it shall not adversely reflect on an application if the same relevant project experience is identified across more than one application. However, all other application supporting documentation shall be independent for each application received (Specifically Section 3.3a, 3.3b, 3.3e, 3.3f, 3.3g, 3.4a, 3.4d, 3.4h).