

SCC2026-0097

Query no.	Date	Query	Response
2.1.1	27/072026	Could you please confirm whether the stated contract value is indicative only, and whether tender submissions exceeding the estimated value will be considered where the tenderer can demonstrate that the proposed pricing reflects the scope of works and project requirements?	Contract value is indicative only.
2.2.1	27/072026	Would the Contracting Authority consider extending the tender submission deadline until the end of August to allow sufficient time for tenderers to prepare robust and competitive proposals?	No extension to the tender deadline.
2.3.1	27/072026	Could you confirm that delivery through a single lead contractor, supported by named specialist subcontractors, is acceptable, provided that the lead contractor retains full contractual responsibility for the works and all tender requirements?	This is acceptable. Named specialist subcontractors to hold required insurances etc.
2.3.2	27/072026	whether a lead contractor / prime contractor model is acceptable, with the successful contractor acting as the contracting entity and overall design lead?	This is acceptable.
2.3.3	27/07/2026	whether specialist drilling and thermal response testing activities may be delivered by named subcontractors?	This is acceptable.
2.3.4	27/07/2026	whether the Contracting Authority will accept the combined experience of the lead contractor and its specialist subcontractors in demonstrating compliance with the submission requirements and evaluation criteria;	This is acceptable.

2.3.5	27/07/2026	whether the named roles of lead driller, wellsite geological supervisor, and geothermal specialist completing TRT interpretation may be fulfilled by subcontractor personnel rather than direct employees of the tendering entity;	This is acceptable.
2.4.1	27/07/2026	Could you confirm whether the existing 155m borehole will be available for testing on the dates proposed by the successful tenderer, and whether as-built records, borehole completion records, previous inspection data, and any known defects or integrity issues will be made available to tenderers?	It will be available. There are no records.
2.5.1	27/07/2026	whether SCC will appoint the geophysical logging contractor directly, or whether the successful tenderer is responsible for coordinating that element?	The successful tenderer does not have to coordinate that element
2.5.2	27/07/2026	whether the DTS cable will be supplied free-issue by SCC or QUB?	DTS cable to be supplied by QUB
2.5.3	27/07/2026	who is responsible for collection, delivery, and safeguarding of the cable?	QUB
2.5.4	27/07/2026	whether any alternative cable supply arrangement would be accepted if the free-issue cable is unavailable?	Yes as requested in the tender section 5.4 and in previous clarification responses the tenderer is requested to cost the supply of the cable as an additional item.
2.5.5	27/07/2026	whether the successful tenderer's scope for DTS is limited to installation only, or whether it also includes termination, testing, commissioning, and associated surface interface works.	Scope includes termination, commissioning and associated surface interface works. QUB will perform testing.

2.6.1	27/07/2026	Could you please confirm that this is the intended completion date, as this appears to be the only delivery date stated in the tender documents and we want to ensure there is no typographical or dating error?	It is intended that the works would be completed in September if possible.
2.7.1	27/07/2026	Could you clarify the minimum notice period SCC expects between award and mobilisation, and whether there are any restrictions on mobilisation during school holidays, peak sports centre usage, or other site access constraints?	Minimum notice period of 1 week between award and mobilisation. No restrictions on mobilisation. The site can be visited to see any physical constraints that are in existence.
2.7.2	27/07/2026	Could you also confirm the permitted working hours, site access restrictions, and any constraints on drilling, plant movement, noise, or weekend working at Sligo Regional Sports Centre?	Working hours – Monday – Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday 8am to 1pm. The facility should remain operational during the works, with plant movement to be kept to a minimum and timed as best as possible.
2.8.1	27/07/2026	Could you confirm whether all available utility records, GPR/CAT survey information, and underground services information will be issued to tenderers, and whether there are any known service corridors or exclusion zones affecting borehole locations?	A GPR survey was completed and will be issued to the successful tenderer. Further localised GPR / CAT survey to be completed by contractor prior to works.
2.8.2	27/07/2026	Could you also confirm whether there is a preferred borehole position already identified, and whether final location approval will be given by SCC prior to mobilisation?	Final location approval will be given by SCC prior to mobilisation. There is not a preferred borehole position. As per section 5.1 the contractor is expected to identify the most suitable location in conjunction with SCC.
2.9.1	27/07/2026	Could you confirm whether alternative borehole diameters, probe configurations, or drilling methodologies will be considered, provided they meet the functional requirements and relevant standards?	Yes

2.9.2	27/07/2026	Could you also confirm whether any preferred TRT interpretation method, software, or reporting format is required by SCC, or whether the tenderer's standard-compliant methodology will be acceptable provided it is clearly justified and documented?	Yes
2.9.3	27/07/2026	In addition, could you confirm whether the successful tenderer's scope includes only the TRT borehole and associated testing works, or whether it also includes any ancillary enabling works, temporary works, reinstatement, and surface infrastructure required to facilitate the drilling and TRT operations?	Temporary works and reinstatement should include necessary works required to safely run the DTS cable to interrogator housing as per section 5.4. Drilling cost should include all third party costs required to cover compliance with all HSA regulations, waste disposal and temporary reinstatement of the drill site. On completion of the project, the Contractor shall undertake temporary reinstatement of the geothermal collector drill site. The purpose of the reinstatement is to leave the site safe, stable, secure, and suitable for future tie in of the borehole into the final collector system; it does not constitute final reinstatement. The works shall include removal of drilling waste and surplus materials; cleaning of affected areas; temporary backfilling and grading; protection and clear identification of all boreholes, pipework, test points and monitoring equipment and provision of suitable temporary covers. Post works fencing and warning signage will be provided by SCC;
2.10.1	27/07/2026	Could you confirm whether SCC expects all pricing assumptions and exclusions to be included in a specific commercial schedule, or whether they may be included in a separate assumptions / qualifications section?	Assumptions / qualifications should be included as part of the pricing document.
2.10.2	27/07/2026	Could you also confirm whether the evaluation criteria and indicative weightings stated in the tender documents are fixed, and whether any sub-criteria will be applied beyond those expressly stated in the procurement documents?	These are fixed and no further sub-criteria will be applied.