

RFT 05/26DL – Request for Tenders for the Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for Architectural Design Services, including Specialist Skills, for project values of <€1m for the Donegal Campuses of Atlantic Technological University

Clarification No.	Date	Question	ATU Clarification / Response
5	06-Aug-26	Q. ATU Clarification	A. Please note that the clarification period has now ended. ATU will not respond to any further queries received.
4	06-Aug-26	Q. In the form of tender is the lump sum fee proposed to be an all-in fee for all of the various works listed on the Appendix 1 Proposed Schedule of Works.	A. The total figure included in Volume 4.2 Pricing Schedule is the figure to be included in Volume 4.1 Form of Tender and Schedule.
3	28-Jul-26	Q. Can you please provide clarity on the expected duration of each campus attendance for pricing purposes? i.e. are sessions to be calculated based on hourly rate, day rate, or other metric.	A. For evaluation transparency, tenderers are required to include a daily rate for each campus attendance. This rate must be inclusive of Travel costs, Subsistence, Accommodation and all other related travel expenses. The Notional Number of visits included in the Pricing Schedule refers to daily attendances. For the avoidance of doubt 1 day = 7 hours.
2	24-Jul-26	Q. Considering the August bank holiday and other factors, to allow for adequate time for the preparation of a response, we request an extension of time to the deadline for this eTender. An extended deadline would be beneficial to allow for a comprehensive and well thought out submission to be put together.	A. ATU has agreed to extend the tender deadline. The new closing date will be 12:00 (noon) on 12 August 2026 . We have also extended the clarification period to 17:00 on 05 August 2026.

1	24-Jul-26	Q. Criterion 3.4c requires the Applicant to provide three completed reference projects demonstrating technical services of a similar nature, complexity and comparative value. Please confirm whether the Applicant may include projects delivered by the proposed Project Director and Senior/Lead Architect while employed by previous architectural practices, where: • the projects are clearly identified as having been delivered under the previous employer; • the proposed individual's personal role and responsibilities are fully detailed; • the proposed individual had a substantial leadership and delivery role on the project; and • the individual will personally undertake the relevant role under the proposed framework. Alternatively, please confirm whether all three reference projects under Criterion 3.4c must have been contractually delivered by the tendering legal entity itself or by an entity formally relied upon by the tenderer.	A. ATU confirms that, for the purposes of Criterion 3.4(c), the response should include reference projects completed by the tendering firm. Where this is not possible, tenderers may include projects delivered by proposed key personnel while employed by a previous organisation, provided that: • the project is clearly identified as having been undertaken by the previous employer; • the specific role, responsibilities and level of involvement of the proposed individual are clearly described; • the individual had a significant role in the delivery of the services being referenced; and • the individual is proposed to undertake a comparable role in the delivery of services under the Framework Agreement. Tenderers should clearly distinguish between experience attributable to the tendering entity and experience attributable to individual personnel gained while employed elsewhere. ATU will evaluate the submitted references in accordance with the requirements of Criterion 3.4(c), taking account of the relevance of the services provided, the nature, scale and complexity of the referenced projects, and the role performed by the proposed personnel. All submissions will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided in the tender response, however ATU reserves the right to seek further information to validate the responses provided.
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