

Atlantic Technological University Galway City					
CFT ID		RFT 02/26/GM - Works Contractor and PSCS for ATU Dublin Road EEDPP2 Energy Retrofit at Atlantic Technological University at the Galway City Campus			
Stage	Stage 1				
Date	21st August 2026				
Date	Ref	Tenderer Query	Response	Response Date	Status
26 August 2026	1	We note that the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire requires applicants to demonstrate: Relevant project experience of not less than €3 million construction value (occupied campus environment); Relevant project experience of not less than €5 million construction value (PW-CF1 public sector retrofit); and Equivalent project value thresholds within the experience requirements for proposed key personnel (Project Director and Contracts Manager). We fully appreciate the Contracting Authority's need to ensure that selected applicants possess the technical competence and resources necessary to successfully deliver the proposed works. However, we are concerned that the combined effect of these specific criteria may unduly restrict competition. A number of otherwise highly capable contractors possess significant experience in complex energy retrofits, occupied-building works, public sector contracts, phased delivery, and PSCS responsibilities. They may also possess the necessary financial standing, organizational capacity, and qualified personnel, yet be excluded solely because individual reference projects do not meet these specific single-contract value thresholds. In particular, established contractors operating within the West of Ireland with substantial operational scale have successfully delivered numerous projects of comparable technical complexity and risk profile, but whose individual historic project values may fall just below the prescribed thresholds. We further note that these project value thresholds are applied cumulatively across both company experience and key personnel CVs. Applying high monetary thresholds across multiple evaluation areas compounds the restrictive effect without necessarily offering a broader or more accurate measure of actual technical competence. Given the phased nature of the proposed works, we respectfully ask if the Contracting Authority would consider reducing or broadening these project value thresholds or accepting cumulative project values to allow participation by a wider range of suitably qualified contractors.	ATU are satisfied with the thresholds and specific criteria as set out in the SAQ for a project of this nature, scale and complexity.	3 September 2026	Closed
31 August 2026	2	QW1 Part 2 says in 3.4a "Applicants must provide a CV for the proposed Contracts Manager and are requested to use the Appendix D1 CV template provided." However the SAQ docs only contain Appendix_D1_QW1_Letter_of_Undertaking_Bond.docx. Can you clarify / provide the CV template please?	Template now provided	3 September 2026	Closed
2 September 2026	3	We note that sections 3.4a requests the use of Appendix D1 CV template, which has not been included in the SAQ documents.	Template now provided	3 September 2026	Closed