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Response to Tender Queries No.1

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No.1.1

[-] GmbH holds Austrian trade authorisations as an engineering consultancy ("Ingenieurbüro – Beratende Ingenieure") in the fields of Surveying ("Vermessungswesen") and Industrial Engineering in Mechanical Engineering ("Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen im Maschinenbau").

Our company operates under these trade authorisations. Separately, our managing director personally holds an Austrian Ziviltechniker professional authorisation.

For the Technical Manager role, can an individual's relevant Austrian Ziviltechniker authorisation and associated professional chamber membership satisfy the requirement for membership of an equivalent foreign professional surveying body recognised by SCSi, where the employing company is registered as an Ingenieurbüro?

What evidence regarding the authorised discipline, membership status and SCSi recognition would be required?.

Response

The requirement relating to the Technical Manager applies to the individual proposed for that role. The Technical Manager must:

1. hold a minimum Level 8 qualification, or equivalent qualification, in Geodetic Surveying, Geomatics, Geographic Science or Civil Engineering;
2. have at least 10 years' experience in engineering surveying; and
3. be a member of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland, or an equivalent foreign professional surveying body recognised by the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland.

These requirements are set out in Section 3.4a of the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire.

An Austrian Ziviltechniker authorisation and associated professional chamber membership may be submitted as evidence in support of the third requirement. However, the Tenderer must demonstrate that the authorisation and membership relate to an appropriate surveying discipline and that the relevant Austrian professional body would be recognised by the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland as an equivalent foreign professional surveying body.

The Tenderer should provide:

- a copy of the individual's current professional authorisation;
- evidence of current membership and good standing with the relevant professional chamber or body;

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- confirmation of the discipline and scope of professional practice covered by the authorisation;
- an accurate English translation of any documentation issued in another language; and
- independent confirmation from the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland, or other satisfactory supporting evidence, demonstrating that the relevant foreign professional body is recognised as equivalent for the purpose of the requirement.

Registration of the employing company as an Ingenieurbüro does not, by itself, satisfy the separate requirement applying to the individual Technical Manager. Evidence of the company's registration may nevertheless be submitted in response to any applicable professional or trade registration requirement.

The Contracting Authority will assess the evidence submitted against the published pass/fail requirements. Tenderers will be evaluated solely on the information contained in their tender submissions and should not assume that the Contracting Authority has prior knowledge of their organisation, qualifications or professional registrations.

No.1.2

May one individual fulfil more than one specified team role, provided that all applicable qualifications, experience and resource requirements are met?

Response

Foreign academic qualifications will be considered where the Tenderer demonstrates that they are equivalent to the levels and relevant disciplines specified in the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire.

For the Technical Manager, the requirement is a minimum Level 8 qualification, or equivalent, in Geodetic Surveying, Geomatics, Geographic Science or Civil Engineering, together with at least 10 years' experience in engineering surveying. For the Lead Project Surveyor, the requirement is a minimum Level 7 qualification, or equivalent, in one of those disciplines, together with at least five years' experience in engineering surveying.

A qualification in geoinformatics may be submitted for consideration. Acceptability will be assessed against the required qualification level, content and relevance to the specified disciplines and to the role proposed. Tenderers should provide:

- degree certificates;
- transcripts or diploma supplements showing the subjects studied and qualification level;
- an accurate English translation of any documentation issued in another language;
- relevant curricula vitae and evidence of engineering surveying experience; and
- a QQI/NARIC Ireland comparability statement, where / if available.

NARIC Ireland comparability statements provide advice on how foreign academic qualifications compare to award types and levels on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications. They are advisory rather than legally binding, and the final decision on acceptance remains with the Contracting Authority.

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One individual may be proposed for more than one team role, provided that the individual separately meets all qualification, professional membership, experience and competency requirements applicable to each role. The Tenderer must also demonstrate that the proposed allocation of responsibilities and availability of resources are sufficient to deliver the Services within the required programme.

The individual should be identified separately against each applicable role, with the relevant supporting evidence clearly cross-referenced. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to assess whether the proposed allocation of multiple roles provides adequate management, supervision and delivery resources for the commission.

No.1.3

SAQ section 3.3 specifies Professional Indemnity cover of €1.25 million each claim or €1.5 million annual aggregate, and Employers' Liability cover of €13 million.

The survey specification section 3.10.1 refers to Professional Indemnity cover of €1 million aggregate and Employers' Liability cover of €12.7 million.

Please confirm which limits govern and the applicable precedence between these documents

Response

The insurance limits stated in the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire shall apply.

The minimum required insurance limits are:

- **Professional Indemnity Insurance:** €1,250,000 on an each and every claim basis, or €1,500,000 on an annual aggregate basis;
- **Public Liability Insurance:** €6,500,000 in respect of any one accident; and
- **Employer's Liability Insurance:** €13,000,000 in respect of any one accident, with no excess permitted.

The references in Section 3.10 of the Topography and Bathymetry Survey Specification to Professional Indemnity Insurance of €1,000,000 annual aggregate and Employer's Liability Insurance of €12,700,000 are superseded by this clarification. The Specification is amended accordingly so that the applicable limits are consistent with the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire. The Public Liability limit remains €6,500,000. The original figures in the Specification are shown at Section 3.10.

Tenderers should base their tender submissions on the limits confirmed in this clarification.

No.1.4

We are reviewing the insurance requirements with our Austrian insurance intermediary.

Please confirm whether an Austrian insurer authorised to provide the relevant cover in Ireland under EU cross-border arrangements, together with an appropriately registered EU/EEA

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insurance intermediary, would satisfy the requirements in section 3.3 and Appendix 2.

What evidence of authorisation or registration should be provided?

Please also confirm when compliant cover must become effective, given the Appendix 2 wording referring to issuance within four weeks of a satisfactory application and the project's mobilisation requirements.

Response

An insurance undertaking from Austria providing the required cover must satisfy the authorisation requirements stated in the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire. An insurance intermediary must be authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland or registered in another EU/EEA Member State for the purposes of Directive 2009/138/EC.

Accordingly, an Austrian or other EU/EEA insurance intermediary may provide the required evidence where it is appropriately registered under the applicable EU/EEA arrangements and the insurance cover complies with all requirements of the tender documents. The Professional Indemnity policy must include Ireland within the jurisdiction in which claims may be lodged and settled.

The Tenderer should provide evidence appropriate to the entity concerned, including:

- the legal name and address of the insurance undertaking and any insurance intermediary;
- the relevant authorisation or registration number;
- the authorising or registering Member State and competent authority;
- confirmation of the applicable class of insurance business;
- confirmation that the policy jurisdiction includes Ireland, where required;
- the type of insurance, limit, basis of cover and applicable excess; and
- confirmation that the proposed cover satisfies the other conditions stated in the relevant insurance criterion.

Where compliant cover is already in place, evidence may be provided by the relevant insurance undertaking or insurance intermediary. Where the required cover is not yet in place, the Tenderer may submit the completed Appendix 2 Letter of Undertaking in accordance with the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire.

The Appendix 2 reference to cover being capable of issue within four weeks of receipt of a satisfactory application does not alter the requirement for compliant insurance to be in place before appointment. Provision of proof that the required insurance is in place is a condition precedent to appointment and contract award.

Tenderers are therefore not required to have all revised insurance limits in place at the date of tender submission where a compliant Appendix 2 Letter of Undertaking is permitted and submitted. However, the successful Tenderer must have the required cover in place and provide the required evidence before appointment. Tenderers should ensure that their proposed

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insurance arrangements can satisfy this requirement without affecting mobilisation or delivery of the Services.

No.1.5

The documents require professional indemnity insurance to be maintained for six years following completion of the project works.

If the subsequent construction works are delayed or do not proceed, what event or date determines the start of this six-year period?

Response

Professional Indemnity Insurance must be maintained for six years after completion of the construction works in respect of which the surveying services are provided. This is the period specified by the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire for a contract executed under hand.

The six-year period therefore commences on completion of the relevant construction works and not on completion of the topographic and bathymetric survey itself.

If the anticipated construction works are materially delayed, altered or do not proceed, the treatment of the maintenance period will be determined by reference to the final contractual arrangements and the circumstances applying at that time. This clarification does not amend the requirement to maintain cover for six years following completion of the construction works.

The successful Tenderer will be required to maintain continuous Professional Indemnity cover in accordance with the Contract and should make appropriate provision for this requirement in its tender.

No.1.6

We would propose using our own small survey boat where suitable, supplemented by other surveying methods where necessary. Our operators hold Austrian boat licences.

Please specify the vessel certification and operator qualifications required for these survey operations, whether Austrian documentation may be accepted, and any additional Irish certification or permissions required.

Response

The Contracting Authority does not prescribe a particular model of vessel, a specific vessel certification, or a named operator qualification for this commission.

Where a Tenderer proposes to use a boat, the vessel must be safe, fit for purpose and suitable for the proposed survey methodology and the river conditions. The equipment must comply with all regulations applicable to its use and must be operated by trained personnel. These requirements are set out in Section 2.9 of the Topography and Bathymetry Survey Specification.

Austrian vessel documentation and operator qualifications may be submitted as evidence of competence and may be accepted where the Tenderer demonstrates that they:

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- are current and valid;
- apply to the type of vessel and operations proposed;
- demonstrate an appropriate level of operator competence;
- are recognised or otherwise valid for the proposed operations in Ireland; and
- satisfy all Irish legal and safety requirements applicable to the Services.

The Tenderer remains responsible for identifying and complying with all applicable Irish requirements. The Tenderer must also obtain any permissions, approvals or consents required as part of the survey works. The Specification requires liaison with relevant authorities and landowners regarding access and other necessary arrangements.

Note:

The following tender documents have been amended and tenders shall use the most recently issued documents to complete and submit where appropriate with their tender.

- Topographic and Bathymetry Survey Specification