

Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the provision of Integrated Design Team services

Tender Clarification Log

No.	Query	Response
001	Can you please confirm if Quantity Surveying Services will be procured separately for these projects?	Quantity Surveying Services are not being procured through this Framework Agreement.
002	Could Trinity please clarify whether a Principal Service Provider (e.g. Architect, PSDP, CS Engineer, Energy Efficiency Designer or ME Engineer) may participate in more than one Applicant team at SAQ and Stage 2 tender stage? If so, at what stage would Trinity determine whether such multiple participation is permissible, and would any limitations apply to shortlisted or appointed Framework Participants?	No. A Principal Service Provider (including, without limitation, an Architect, PSDP, Civil and Structural Engineer, Energy Efficiency Designer or Mechanical and Electrical Engineer) may participate in one Applicant team only for the purposes of the SAQ stage and, where shortlisted, the Stage 2 tender stage. Trinity considers that exclusive participation is necessary to support the objectives of the Framework competition. In particular: 1) Feedback received during market engagement indicated a preference for exclusive team arrangements and a clear allocation of resources to a single Applicant team; and 2) Given the scale, duration and administrative requirements associated with Framework participation, Trinity considers that Principal Service Providers should demonstrate commitment and capacity through participation in a single Applicant team. Accordingly, where a Principal Service Provider is proposed in more than one Applicant team, Trinity reserves the right to seek clarification and to require Applicants to regularise their submissions. Failure to do so may result in the affected application(s) being excluded from further consideration.
003	Given the limited number of engineering firms with the experience required for the Initial Projects, could TCD confirm whether core Principal Service Providers may participate in more than one Applicant's team?	See item 2
004	Due to the comprehensive SAQ requirements, would TCD consider an extension to the response deadline?	Trinity College Dublin has considered the request for an extension to the SAQ response deadline. As a Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in advance of the competition, the College does not consider the scope or extent of the SAQ requirements, in itself, to warrant an extension of the submission period at this time. However, the College acknowledges that there was a period between publication of the competition documentation and the validation of the SAQ documentation on the eTenders platform. To account for this and to ensure all Applicants have equivalent time to prepare their submissions, the submission deadline will be extended by a period equivalent to the validation period. The revised deadline for receipt of SAQ submissions is therefore 16:30 on 22 October 2026.
005	Could a template or guidance be provided for what should be included in the Banker's Letter required for 3.3c?	A separate template will not be issued for the purposes of this competition. Applicants may utilise the standard CWMF Banker's Letter template as the basis for their submission. Alternatively, Applicants may submit an equivalent letter from their bank, provided it contains substantially the same information as that requested in the standard template. The standard CWMF Banker's Letter template is attached for convenience.

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006	Please confirm that evidence of Professional Indemnity, Employers and Public Liability Insurance is required at SAQ stage. QC1 states 'before appointment, the successful tenderer will be required to produce evidence from their broker or insurance company..' Typically, evidence of insurance is only required when shortlisted for ITT stage. If evidence is required, will a broker's certificate suffice as evidence of Professional Indemnity insurance or does MF 2.1 have to be provided? If so, please provide a copy of MF 2.1	Evidence of Professional Indemnity Insurance, Employers Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance is required at SAQ stage. Trinity College Dublin considers that the parties applying to this framework are established market participants and would therefore be expected to maintain the requisite insurances appropriate to their professional activities. A current insurance policy schedule or broker's certificate confirming the relevant levels of cover will be accepted as evidence at this stage. Alternatively, Applicants may submit a completed MF 2.1 if preferred. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not necessary to submit both a broker's certificate and MF 2.1. The standard MF2.1 template is attached for convenience.
007	Is there a page limit / word limit / font size for the measures for ensuring quality statement and environmental management statement?	There is no prescribed page limit, word limit or minimum font size for the Measures for Ensuring Quality Statement or the Environmental Management Statement. Applicants should provide sufficient information to demonstrate their capabilities and the arrangements they have in place to meet the requirements of the competition. Where an Applicant does not hold a recognised certification or accreditation (such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, or equivalent), the supporting narrative should be proportionate and contain sufficient detail to allow the College to assess the Applicant's arrangements. Applicants are encouraged to exercise reasonable judgement in the preparation of their submissions and to ensure that the information provided is clear, relevant and appropriately concise.