



PRE-QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

TENDER REFERENCE: 9843

DESIGN & BUILD OF CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT WORKS AT CONNOLLY STATION

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1. Definitions

Save where the context otherwise admits or requires, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them below for the purposes of this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

“Acts” means a new law or changes to an existing law that has been approved by European Union or Oireachtas.

“Applicant(s)” means either an entity (whether or not incorporated) or a Group, seeking to qualify for the next stage in this competition.

“Approving Authority” means the National Transport Authority of Ireland.

“Competition” means the competition to be appointed to the Design & Build Contractor for Capacity Enhancement Works at Connolly Station.

“Consortium” means an Applicant which consists of more than one Member.

“Contract Notice” means the notice uploaded by Iarnród Éireann-Irish Rail (“**IE**”) and published on the eTenders.gov.ie / OJEU website for this competition.

“Contractor” means the successful Applicant and may also mean any company, firm or other body who will provide the services.

“DART” means The Dublin Area Rapid Transit system and is an electrified commuter rail railway network serving the coastline and city of Dublin, Ireland. The service makes up the core of Dublin's suburban railway network, stretching from Greystones, County Wicklow, in the south to Howth and Malahide in north County Dublin. The DART serves 31 stations and consists of 53 route kilometres of electrified railway (46km (29mi) double track, 7km (4.3mi) single) and carries in the region of 20 million passengers per year.

“DART+ Programme” **“DART+”** means the programme that will revolutionise travel in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA). It will see the DART network grown from its current 50km in length to over 150km. Further information on DART+ Programme can be found at www.dartplus.ie

“Directive” means the European Union 2014/25/EU on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors.

“Group” means an Applicant which consists of more than one Member.

“Iarnród Éireann-Irish Rail” (“**IE**”) means the Client and the Sponsoring Agency. **IE** is also the contracting authority as defined within Regulation 2 of the Regulations. Further information on **IE** can be found at www.irishrail.ie

“Invitation to Negotiate” **“ITN”** means the documentation issued following shortlisting from the Selection Stage (PQQ). The issue of the ITN officially begins the Tender Stage. The ITN will state how **IE** will conduct the Tender Stage.

“Lead Member” means the Member of the Group (if the Applicant is a Group), whom it is proposed will enter into the contract with **IE**, if the Applicant is successful.

“Member” means each entity participating in an Applicant which is a Group.

“NTA” means the National Transport Authority of Ireland, the approving authority. Further information on NTA can be found at www.nationaltransport.ie.

“Pre-Qualification Documents” means this document, containing information provided in order to inform Applicants as to the background to the procurement process, timetable envisaged and the general scope of services required, as may be clarified or supplemented by **IE** and includes the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire together with all supplements, appendices, amendments, clarifications and accompanying documents, as available from the eTenders website.

“Pre-Qualification Questionnaire” “PQQ” means Appendix 1, which must be completed and submitted in accordance with this document.

“Pre-Qualification Submission” means the completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (Parts 1-5 and any required appendices) as submitted in response to this call for competition.

“Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline” means 12 noon on the 20th of November 2026.

“PSCS” means Project Supervisor Construction Stage. The successful Tenderer may be appointed as the PSCS on the contract in accordance with the Construction Regulations.

“PSDP” means Project Supervisor Design Process. IEÉ will appoint a third party to act as the PSDP on the contract in accordance with the Construction Regulations.

“Selection Stage” means the initial Pre-Qualification stage.

“Tender” means the final proposal submitted by a Tenderer in response to a call for Tenders by IEÉ.

“Tender Stage” means the stage following Selection Stage to commence on issuance of the ITN, Invitation to Negotiate.

“Tenderer” means an Applicant who is successful in being shortlisted to the Tender Stage of the competition.

“Works” Means the design and build services to be provided by the appointed Tenderer.

2. Important Notice/Introduction

- 2.1 Iarnród Éireann-Irish Rail ("IÉ") is the Contracting Authority in respect of the competition the subject of this procurement process and this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire. IÉ is a designated activity company, limited by shares, registered in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 with registration number 119571 and having its registered office at Connolly Station, Amiens Street, Dublin 1, Ireland.
- 2.2 IÉ operates in the transport sector and is a utility and its procurement procedures are governed by the Utilities Directive (2014/25/EU) of the European Parliament and Council dated 26 February 2014 (the "**Utilities Directive**"), and the implementing Irish national legislation and the European Union (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No 286 of 2016, as amended) (the "**Utilities Regulations**").
- 2.3 The entirety of this document, including all sections, clauses, and paragraphs in this document and the Questionnaire set out herein and any attachments or exhibits attached hereto (whether in electronic form or otherwise) is referred to as the "**Pre-Qualification Questionnaire**" or "**PQQ**". The Questionnaire to be completed and returned by Applicants in Appendix 1 is referred to as the "**Questionnaire**".
- 2.4 The "**Applicant**" is a person/group of persons/economic operator(s) who have expressed an interest in this competition and who wish to be considered for the contract award and next stage of the process, and who are referred to in section 6 of this document.
- 2.5 The Pre-Qualification stage of this procurement process may be cancelled at any time by notice in writing issued by IÉ to the Applicants without any liability attaching to IÉ in respect thereof and no compensation or payment of any kind shall be payable to any Applicant or any other person in the event of cancellation or termination of this procurement process. IÉ is not liable for Applicants' costs or expenses arising in connection with this pre-qualification stage or any other stage of this procurement process, irrespective of the outcome of this competition, or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.
- 2.6 Neither IÉ nor any of its directors, officers, managers, employees, advisers, servants or agents, warrant or represent that this document, or any other information given to Applicants, is accurate or complete, and they do not accept liability for any error, misstatement, or omission (negligent or otherwise) in this document, or in any other information given to Applicants. Neither IÉ nor any of its directors, managers, officers, employees, advisers, servants or agents owes any duty of care to any recipient of this PQQ either in relation to this PQQ or any other information that an Applicant may receive at any time.

3. Documents Included in the PQQ Pack

The table below provides details of the documents included in this PQQ Pack. Please ensure that you follow the instructions accordingly. Please ensure that no part or page is missing or duplicated.

Table 1:

PQQ Pack	Instructions for Applicants
Tender ref 9843 Contractor for the Design & Build of Capacity Enhancement Works at Connolly Station	Read and ensure that all requirements are followed when preparing your submission.
Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (this document)	Any requests for clarification should be raised as per the instructions in this document.
Appendix 1	Contractor for the Design & Build of Capacity Enhancement Works at Connolly Station Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire). Applicants must respond using Appendix A: Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) response document in word format co published with this PQQ. To be completed by Applicants and returned via etenders.gov.ie Read and ensure that all requirements are clear before preparing your Submission.
Appendix 2	Applicant's Statement of Confirmation Read and ensure that all requirements are clear before preparing your Submission.
Appendix 3	Supplementary Brochure This brochure provides supplementary information on the Connolly Station Capacity Enhancement Works and includes a link to the project fly-through animation. Appendix 3 is provided for information and to support Applicants' understanding of the proposed Project.

4. Structure of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

Applicants **must** complete and submit the pro forma, Appendices 1 (all Parts) and, 2 supplied in word format and co published with this PQQ and relevant appendices.

Table 2:

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire Structure		
Appendix / PQQ Pack Part	Description	Instructions for Applicants
Appendix 1: Part 1:	General Information/Applicant Structure/Sub-Contracting/Reliance on Resources.	Must be completed in full by Applicant
Appendix 1: Part 2	Minimum Qualification Criteria.	Must be completed in full by Applicant
Appendix 1: Part 3	Reference Projects.	Must be completed in full by Applicant
Appendix 1: Part 4	Relevant Experience: Scored Selection Criteria.	Must be completed in full by Applicant
Appendix 1: Part 5	Declaration Of Eligibility.	Must be completed in full by Applicant
Appendix 2	Statement Of Confirmation.	Must be completed in full by Applicant

5. Description Of the Contract Being Procured

This is a call for competition by IÉ for the procurement of a contractor to Design and Build Design capacity enhancements at Connolly Station (the “Contract”). As advertised on OJEU on 28.09.26 and on etenders.gov.ie on 28.09.26, reference ID 9157739.

It should be noted that an earlier call for competition in connection with this requirement was issued on 12.05.25, reference identifier/version: e342e2b978274a5381b65178881e0fa0 and on eTenders.gov.ie on 13.05.25, reference ID 5643930 and subsequently collapsed.

The following information has been prepared by IÉ for the purpose of providing applicants with relevant background information relating to the competition and to enable them to prepare their PQQ submissions.

To this end the following are described:

- An outline description of the nature and type of works that will be required by the contract;
- Details of how the PQQ submission will be assessed;
- Explanation of the procurement process with an indicative timetable for the selection and appointment of the contractor.

5.1 Summary of Requirements

DART+ is a transformative programme of investment intended to modernise and enhance rail services in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA). The programme will expand the electrified DART network from 50 kilometres to 150 kilometres, increasing passenger capacity and providing more frequent, reliable and sustainable rail services to new and existing communities.

The introduction of a new electrified fleet, together with associated infrastructure improvements, will support future rail growth and contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector.

The DART+ Programme is being developed and promoted by Iarnród Éireann (IÉ) and National Transport Authority (NTA) to meet the aims of the National Development Plan (NDP), the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area and the All-Island Strategic Rail Review.

Further information on the DART+ Programme and its constituent projects can be found on the DART+ Programme website: www.dartplus.ie.

Connolly Station Transformation Project

IÉ intends to appoint an experienced Design and Build Contractor to complete the design and deliver the transformation of Connolly Station. The successful Contractor shall develop the design of the proposed alterations to Connolly Station, through detailed design to Approved for Construction status. The Contractor shall subsequently construct the works, test and commission all systems they install and provide as-built documentation and drawings accurately detailing the works as constructed.

The project will create a new passenger gateway to the station, increase capacity to support the future expansion of DART+ services and bring currently underutilised Victorian railway spaces back into public use.

The project has undergone extensive client-side design development, technical due diligence, surveys, investigations, stakeholder engagement and constructability review. This provides Applicants with a mature and well-defined project opportunity and a strong technical foundation from which to progress the remaining design and deliver the works.

The transformation will include:

- a new station entrance from Preston Street;
- a new passenger concourse within the historic Victorian undercroft;
- improved access and vertical circulation to Platforms 5, 6 and 7;

- new lifts, escalators and staircases;
- additional emergency escape routes;
- upgraded public realm at Preston Street;
- new retail, operational and back-of-house spaces;
- cleaning, repair and sensitive reuse of the existing arched structures;
- extensions and modifications to existing station systems;
- testing, commissioning and integration of all new and altered assets; and
- the provision of complete as-built information and handover documentation.



Image: Visual of proposed retail units in Connolly Station undercroft.

The proposed works will increase station capacity through the reuse and adaptation of existing railway infrastructure, without materially expanding the station footprint.

Project Context

Connolly Station is a major operational transport interchange and focal point in the Irish route network, serving InterCity, Enterprise, commuter, DART and Luas services. DART+ services will continue to operate from Platforms 5, 6 and 7.

The station offices are the headquarters of, Iarnród Éireann. Opened in 1844 as Dublin Station, the ornate facade has a distinctive Italianate tower at its centre. The NTA publish passenger data available here:

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/publications/nta-national-rail-census-report-2023/>.

Passenger-flow modelling has identified the need to improve passenger circulation, accessibility and emergency evacuation arrangements to accommodate anticipated future passenger growth. The project will therefore establish a new entrance from Preston Street, providing access to a new passenger concourse within the undercroft beneath the station platforms.



Image: Proposed New Preston Street Entrance

Vertical circulation between the undercroft and Platforms 5, 6 and 7 will be provided through new stairs, lifts and escalators. Two additional emergency escape routes will also be provided, one to Seville Place and one through the Connolly headquarters staff car park.

The successful Contractor will be required to deliver the project safely within a constrained, live operational railway environment while protecting passenger services, station operations, existing assets and heritage features.

No works are currently anticipated to Platforms 1 to 4. Applicants should, however, recognise that the works must integrate with the wider operational station and its existing infrastructure.

Design Development and Completion

The project reference design has been developed beyond Railway Order stage and provides a coordinated basis for the Contractor's design development.

The design has progressed from approximately 20 high-level Railway Order drawings to a multidisciplinary package of more than 100 drawings, supported by specifications, technical reports, survey information and safety assurance documentation. The reference design has been developed to approximately BIM Level of Detail 250.

The successful Contractor will be required to:

- review and verify the available reference design and supporting information;
- identify and manage any remaining design development requirements, assumptions, constraints, risks and interfaces;
- develop the preliminary and reference design through detailed design;
- obtain all necessary design reviews, approvals, consents and technical acceptances;

- progress the design to Approved for Construction status;
- coordinate the design across all relevant disciplines;
- develop and manage temporary works designs;
- demonstrate that the completed design is safe, buildable, maintainable and operationally compliant;
- construct, test and commission the works;
- support entry into service and operational readiness; and
- provide accurate and complete as-built drawings, models, asset information, operating manuals and handover documentation.



Image: 3D BIM to determine & co-ordinate optimum positioning of openings

Scope of Works

The scope is expected to include, but is not limited to:

Civil and structural works

- alterations to the existing undercroft and structural arches;
- creation of the new Preston Street entrance;
- structural openings and modifications;
- foundations and supporting structures;
- drainage and utilities works;
- temporary works;
- new access and emergency escape arrangements; and
- associated platform-level alterations.

Architectural and heritage works

- sensitive refurbishment and repurposing of the historic Victorian vaults;
- creation of the new passenger concourse;

- passenger, retail and back-of-house accommodation;
- architectural finishes, fixtures and fittings;
- protection and conservation of heritage elements;
- integration of new works with the existing station fabric; and
- liaison with relevant planning, heritage and statutory authorities.

Vertical circulation and accessibility

- new lifts, escalators and staircases serving Platforms 5, 6 and 7;
- passenger protection measures, including parapets and weather protection where required;
- accessible routes through the new and existing station areas; and
- integration with passenger circulation and emergency evacuation arrangements.

Mechanical, electrical and railway systems

The works will require new systems and extensions or alterations to existing systems, including but not limited to:

- low-voltage power;
- lighting and emergency lighting;
- heating, ventilation and air-conditioning;
- CCTV;
- Customer Information Systems;
- Public Address systems;
- fire detection and suppression;
- communications systems;
- passenger help points;
- security and access-control systems; and
- associated monitoring, control and operational interfaces.

The successful Contractor will be responsible for the design, integration, installation, testing and commissioning of all systems within its scope.

Surveys, Investigations and Project Definition



A range of surveys and investigations has been undertaken to improve understanding of the existing conditions and reduce project uncertainty. These include targeted ground investigations, intrusive surveys and detailed topographical, utilities, drainage and mechanical, electrical and public health surveys.

Image: Visual of typical targeted platform level intrusive surveys

The information provided will support Applicants in understanding the project's principal requirements and constraints. However, the successful Contractor will remain responsible for reviewing the available information, undertaking any additional investigations required to complete the design and verifying the conditions relevant to the delivery of the works.

Construction Phasing and Passenger Management

The project must be delivered while Connolly Station remains operational. Construction sequencing and passenger-management arrangements will therefore be central to successful delivery.

The reference design and emerging construction strategy have been informed by pedestrian-flow analysis, consultation with IÉ operational teams and consideration of platform availability and railway access constraints.

The successful Contractor will be required to:

- develop and maintain a fully coordinated construction programme;
- prepare detailed phasing, logistics and passenger-management plans;
- maintain safe passenger circulation and station access;
- minimise disruption to train services and station operations;
- coordinate works with operational, maintenance and asset-management requirements;
- plan possessions, isolations and other railway access requirements;
- identify and manage temporary operational states;
- manage interfaces between permanent works, temporary works and existing assets;
- use BIM and other appropriate digital tools to coordinate access, sequencing and physical interfaces; and
- communicate planned changes and disruptions to IÉ and other affected stakeholders.

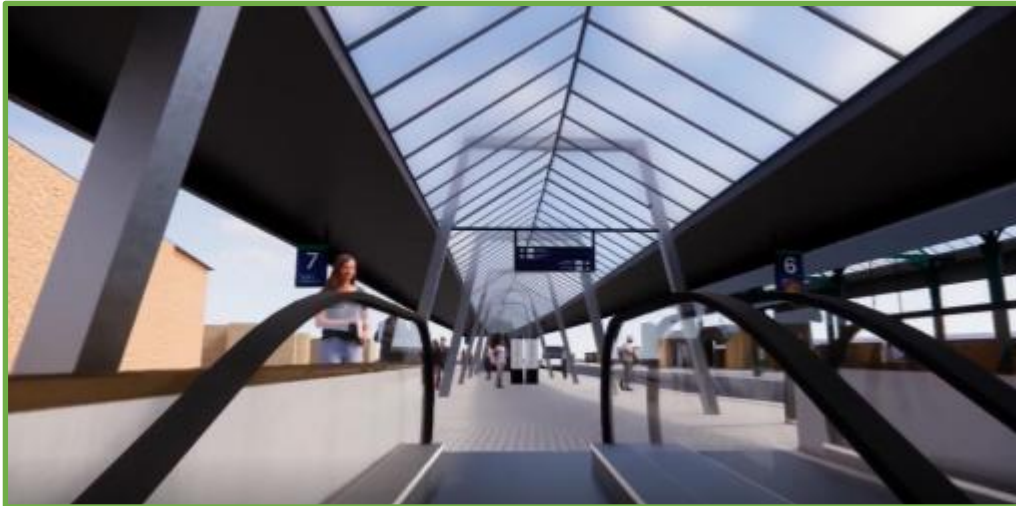


Image: Visual passenger view going up new escalator onto platforms 6/7

Interfaces with Other Contractors

The Connolly Station project will interface with other contracts being undertaken as part of the wider DART+ Programme, including the Electrification Contract and the Signalling and Telecommunications Contract.

The successful Contractor will be required to manage and coordinate all interfaces relevant to its works, including:

- design interfaces;
- physical and spatial interfaces;
- access and logistics;
- possessions and isolations;
- temporary and permanent operational arrangements;
- testing and commissioning;
- safety assurance;
- programme dependencies;
- asset handback; and
- information exchange.

Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage

The appointed Contractor will undertake the role of **Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage (PSCS)** and will be responsible for complying with all associated statutory and contractual obligations.

The Contractor's responsibilities will include the safe management and coordination of the worksite and the integration of its activities with those of other contractors working in or adjacent to the project area.

Heritage Protection

Elements of Connolly Station are subject to heritage protection. The Contractor's design and construction methodology must respect these protections and preserve the significance and integrity of the historic station fabric.

The successful Contractor will be required to:

- identify all protected and sensitive elements affected by the works;
- develop appropriate conservation and protection measures;
- consult with and secure the necessary agreements from relevant authorities;
- incorporate heritage requirements into the detailed design;
- sequence and undertake the works to prevent damage to protected elements;
- monitor the condition of heritage assets during construction; and
- rectify any damage resulting from the Contractor's activities.

Stakeholder Management and Community Engagement

The project will affect a wide range of internal and external stakeholders, including station users, railway operators, local communities, transport providers, businesses, statutory authorities, emergency services and other DART+ contractors.

The successful Contractor will be required to:

- identify, map and analyse relevant stakeholders;
- deliver project communications in accordance with the Integrated Communications and Stakeholder Management Strategy;
- develop and implement stakeholder and community-engagement plans;
- issue advance notifications of works that may affect local communities or station users;
- clearly communicate the location, nature, timing and expected duration of disruptive activities;
- maintain effective consultation and liaison arrangements;
- develop escalation procedures for complaints, incidents, emergencies and crisis situations;
- mitigate the effects of construction on local communities and businesses;
- support the social, economic and environmental objectives of the programme; and
- provide a dedicated and appropriately resourced communications and community-relations team.

Sustainability and Social Value

DART+ is intended to create a more sustainable and integrated transport network that delivers environmental, social and economic benefits for current and future generations.

Throughout the design and construction phases, the successful Contractor will be required to:

- comply with the IÉ Sustainability Policy and DART+ Sustainability Strategy;

- minimise greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption;
- reduce water consumption and waste generation;
- apply the waste hierarchy and maximise reuse and recycling;
- protect biodiversity and minimise ecological impacts;
- use materials and resources responsibly;
- support responsible local sourcing and employment;
- contribute to workforce development and skills;
- promote diversity, inclusion and fair labour practices;
- engage positively with local communities; and
- establish measurable environmental and social outcomes.

The Contractor's sustainability and social-value performance will be monitored throughout contract delivery.

Rail Safety Assurance

The successful Contractor will be responsible for undertaking the safety-assurance activities necessary to demonstrate that the completed works, together with all temporary and intermediate operational states, are safe to construct, operate and maintain.

The Contractor will be required to comply with applicable legislation, the IÉ Safety Management System and the DART+ Safety Assurance Strategy.

This will include:

- developing and implementing a project-specific safety-assurance plan;
- identifying and managing system and operational hazards;
- maintaining appropriate hazard records;
- providing objective evidence that safety requirements have been satisfied;
- managing safety-critical interfaces;
- supporting independent assessment, verification and acceptance activities;
- coordinating assurance activities with IÉ and other DART+ contractors;
- demonstrating the safety of temporary and staged operational configurations; and
- producing all required assurance documentation to support testing, commissioning, authorisation, entry into service and handover.

Testing, Commissioning and Handover

The successful Contractor will be responsible for testing and commissioning all systems and assets within its scope and for supporting the integration of those systems with the existing operational station.

The Contractor will be required to:

- prepare coordinated testing and commissioning plans;
- define system, interface and acceptance requirements;
- complete factory, site and integrated testing, as applicable;
- coordinate testing with IÉ and other contractors;
- manage defects and outstanding works;
- support operational readiness, staff familiarisation and training;
- demonstrate compliance with all technical and safety requirements;
- provide complete asset and maintenance information; and
- deliver accurate as-built drawings, BIM models, manuals, certificates and handover records.

Further information is provided in the Supplementary Project Brochure at Appendix 3, including a link to the project fly-through animation. This supplementary material is provided for information only and is intended to enhance Applicants' understanding of the Project.

5.2 Duration of the Contract and Form of Contract

The duration of the contract will be stipulated in the contract documents that will be executed following this competition and expire on completion of the works, as certified in writing by IE.

The form of Contract, currently anticipated to be the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC) Option C: target contract with activity schedule, will be issued with the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) at the ITN stage of this procurement process, to all Applicants who pre-qualify under this PQQ, subject to IÉ's decision (in its sole discretion) to proceed to the ITN stage of the competition.

6. The Applicant

6.1 Individual Entities/Groups/Consortium

A person who has reviewed the Contract Notice published by IÉ for this competition and wishes to be considered for award of this contract and has submitted a completed Questionnaire and returned all supporting documentation requested. To qualify for the next stage of the competition, all applicants must satisfy the "Selection Criteria" set out in section 9 of this document.

A person who submits a completed Questionnaire is referred to as the "**Applicant**". This may be a natural person or sole trader, or a single corporate entity such as a company, or the person may consist of an applicant who is acting as a "**Prime Contractor**" who is proposing another person or persons as a "**Sub-Contractor**".

The Applicant may also consist of a consortium or group (referred to here as a "**Consortium**") specifically coming together as a group (whether incorporated or unincorporated), to tender for this Contract, such as a joint venture or a partnership, and including where a group proposes to contract through an SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle), or where one or more members of a consortium act as the lead member/members and where other members of the group act as sub-contractors, while being members of the consortium.

If an Applicant consists of a Consortium, a single nominated entity who is authorised to represent all members of the Consortium must be identified in Part 1 of Questionnaire (Lead Member).

The Applicant must set out its proposed structure in Part 1 of the Questionnaire (in Appendix 1).

Where the Applicant consists of a Consortium, refer also to section 6.2 of this document (requirements concerning Consortium Groups) and all members of the Consortium must complete a Questionnaire (Appendix 1).

Note that a Consortium could also have sub-contractors in its group, who are being specifically designated as members of the Consortium and this needs to be identified by the Applicant where this is the case.

Where an Applicant consists of “Prime Contractor” and a Sub-Contractor, and they are not coming together in a group to form a consortium, this is not deemed to be a “Consortium” for the purposes of this PQQ and the Questionnaire must be completed by the Prime Contractor but note the requirements concerning Declarations (section 6.7 of this document) and Reliance on Resources (section 6.6 of this document).

Reference should be made to section 6.5 of this document (requirements concerning Sub-Contractors) and note that the information concerning Sub-Contractors will be required where Sub-Contractors form part of a Consortium and also where Sub-Contractors do not form part of a Consortium.

In the case of any changes to any Consortium, please refer to section 6.8 of this document.

6.2 Consortium Arrangements

Each member of the Consortium must complete a Questionnaire setting out its full details, legal structure, and role in the Consortium for this Contract.

Where a Sub-Contractor is also a member of a Consortium, it must complete the Questionnaire. Where a Sub-Contractor is acting in the role of sub-contracting only, and is not part of a Consortium, it need not complete the Questionnaire, but full details must be provided by the Applicant of the Sub-Contracting and proposed sub-contracting.

A consortium must identify a lead consortium member (Lead Member) who is authorised by all the other members of the consortium as the lead consortium member authorised to deal with this application, and the role of all other consortium members must be identified.

The Applicant must supply full details of the person/entity designed to act as the nominated person/entity in respect of all members of the Consortium (Contact Person) for contact from IÉ in relation to this competition, and of the nominated person authorised to act for a Prime Contractor and Sub-Contractor in respect of all contact from IÉ in relation to this competition.

IÉ shall be entitled to assume that the lead consortium member has the authority to bind all other members of the consortium and IÉ reserves the right to seek satisfactory evidence of the authority of the lead consortium member to bind all other members of the consortium. All contact with the consortium will be conducted by IÉ with the lead consortium member who will act as the contact person for the consortium for this competition (the “Contact Person”) and IÉ reserves the right to disregard contact with any other member of the consortium and/or to report such contact to the lead consortium member.

IÉ recognises that arrangements in relation to Groups may be subject to future change or at PQQ stage not be fully determined, with this in mind an Applicant’s choice of legal structure (e.g. joint venture, partnership, incorporated/unincorporated) will not be relevant in assessing eligibility at this time. The Lead Member should therefore respond in light of such arrangements as are currently envisaged and notify IÉ of any future change in relation to group arrangements. In such case, IÉ reserves the right to undertake a further assessment by applying the eligibility criteria and to exclude the Applicants where the criteria is no longer met.

A consortium howsoever constituted, will not be required to convert into a specific legal form in order to submit a tender. If the consortium is not proposing to form a single legal entity, full details of alternative arrangements must be provided.

If a consortium intends to convert into a special legal form for the purpose of providing the required good/services, full details of the proposed legal structure and/or principal contractual relationships must be outlined in response to this PQQ. Where a grouping/consortium proposes to contract via a single legal entity whether through the incorporation of an SPV or otherwise, Applicants should note that details of the actual or proposed percentage shareholding of the consortium members in the SPV must be disclosed. Applicants should also note that an SPV's obligation may be required to be guaranteed by each group member/member of the grouping/consortium in the event of that Applicant being invited to tender and that tender being accepted.

Each member's role and details of the actual or proposed percentage shareholding of the constituent members of the consortium must be stated in the Questionnaire. Questions in PQQ Part 1 must be completed in full and each member's role in the consortium and/or any sub-contracting arrangements identified.

An Applicant consisting of a consortium must include in its PQQ submissions, with the duly completed Questionnaire, an irrevocable and unconditional letter of authorisation and undertaking from each member of the consortium authorising the Applicant to make the submission and to confirm that they are aware of their requirements and undertake to make available all necessary resources where required to fulfil their role in the proposed consortium.

All members of a Consortium must complete a Declaration of Eligibility in the form set out in Part 5 Questionnaire.

If the Applicant consists of a prime contractor and a sub-contractor or group of sub-contractors, this PQQ must be completed by the Applicant as "Prime Contractor" with full details of the proposed sub-contractor(s) and the prime contractor must identify the sub-contractor(s) and their proposed role in the process. If a consortium proposes to act as a prime contractor, this must also be disclosed. An irrevocable letter of undertaking from any proposed sub-contractor(s) authorising the prime contractor to make this application to this PQQ on its behalf, executed under seal or as a deed, as an irrevocable and unconditional letter of authority from a sub-contractor authorising the prime contractor to disclose details of the proposed sub-contracting arrangements, must be submitted by the prime contractor with its submissions.

6.3 Joint and Several Liability

If, on any contract award, the contract is awarded to a consortium or grouping, then, other than in respect of a prime contractor / sub-contractor relationship, each member of the consortium will be required to be jointly and severally liable to IÉ for the performance of the Contract and delivery of the required goods/services.

If the grouping consists of a prime contractor and a sub-contractor(s), and the sub-contractor(s) are not members of a consortium and the application is being made by the prime contractor, the prime contractor will be fully liable to IÉ for all the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors under the terms and conditions of the Contract.

6.4 Changes to Consortium Arrangements

Any change in the ownership, structure or control of the Applicant or where the Applicant is a consortium, in the ownership, structure or control of any members of the consortium, or in the roles of the members of a consortium after the Applicant has submitted its PQQ submission, must be notified in writing by the Applicant to IÉ as soon as the Applicant is aware of same or of such proposals, failure to do so may lead to disqualification of the Applicant. Any such changes must be approved by IÉ in its absolute discretion and IÉ may withhold approval for any such changes and may exclude the Applicant from any further participation in this competition.

6.5 Sub-Contractors

Firstly, Applicants must clearly identify in Part 1 of the Questionnaire, if they are proposing any persons/entities to act as a Sub-Contractor(s).

Secondly, Applicants must also identify in Part 1 of the Questionnaire, if the proposed Sub-Contractor is also to be part of a Consortium or not. If a Sub-Contractor is also a member of a Consortium, it must complete a Questionnaire like all other members of the Consortium. If a proposed Sub-Contractor is not part of a Consortium but proposed for sub-contracting purposes only, they need not complete a Questionnaire, but the Applicant must do so giving all information requested (however see requirements concerning Reliance on Resources, section 6.6 and Declarations, section 6.7 of this document).

However, in all cases, whether a Sub-Contractor is part of a Consortium or not, full information concerning proposed Sub-Contractors must be provided by all Applicants in Part 1 of the Questionnaire. IE is entitled and reserves the right to seek further information about the Applicant or any Sub-Contractors at any stage of the competition.

Thirdly, please note in addition, all Sub-Contractors will be required to complete and return a Declaration of Eligibility relating to the exclusion grounds under procurement law, referred to in Part 5 of the Questionnaire, whether they are part of a Consortium or not (refer to section 6.7 of this document I).

Fourthly, Applicants must clearly identify in Part 1 of the Questionnaire, whether they proposed to rely on a Sub-Contractor's resources for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria (refer to section 6.6 of this document, Reliance on Resources). If an Applicant is not relying on a Sub-Contractor for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria but is still putting forward this person/entity as a Sub-Contractor for sub-contracting purposes only, this needs to be confirmed in Part 1 of the Questionnaire.

Fifthly, all Sub-Contractors must complete a Declaration of Eligibility in the form set out in Part 5 of the Questionnaire, regardless of whether they are part of a Consortium or not.

If there are grounds for mandatory exclusion of any Sub-Contractor, then the Sub-Contractor must be replaced. If the grounds for exclusion fall into the discretionary category, IE may require the Applicant at its discretion, to replace the Sub-Contractor.

Applicants should note that the Contract does not allow for the entire obligations of the contractor to be sub-contracted, but part only and also note that any sub-contracting under the Contract is at the sole discretion of IE who may withhold its consent.

In the case of any changes to Sub-Contractors, please refer to section 6.8 of this document.

6.6 Reliance on Resources

If any Applicant wishes to rely on the resources of any person or other entity or entities (including for example, any Sub-Contractors), in order to fulfil or meet any of the Selection Criteria set out in section 9 of this document, including any minimum qualification criteria, it may do so whatever the nature of the legal link between itself and those persons/entities PROVIDED the Applicant can prove to the satisfaction of IE (in its absolute discretion) that it will have these necessary resources at its disposal when required, in accordance with Article 79 of the Utilities Directive and Regulations 86, 87, 88 and 89 of the Utilities Regulations.

If an Applicant seeks to rely on the resource of any other person or entity to fulfil any of the Selection Criteria:

- (a) the Applicant must set out in PQQ Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Questionnaire its detailed responses as to what are the precise arrangements by which it proposes to rely on the capacity and resources of other persons or entities, if this arises, and this must be completed in the case of each of the Selection Criteria including Minimum qualification criteria referred to in section 9 of this document,

where it proposes to do so, and the relevant Parts of the Questionnaire must be completed in detail in relation to reliance on resources where this is relied upon by the Applicant;

- (b) a Declaration of Eligibility relating to the exclusionary grounds under procurement law, in the form set out in PQQ Part 5 of the Questionnaire, must be completed by all third parties (including any Sub-Contractors) whom the Applicant intends to rely on for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria (including the minimum qualification criteria);
- (c) the Applicant must prove to the satisfaction of IÉ that the necessary resources will be made available to it, for the purposes of fulfilling the Contract if it is awarded (as required by Article 79 of the Utilities Directive and Regulations 86(3) and 87(3) of the Utilities Regulations), and in this regard IÉ may require, a legally binding Letter of Undertaking/Letter of Support from such other third party confirming that it will provide the necessary support to the Applicant for the purposes required by the Applicant. This letter of undertaking must be submitted with Applicants PQQ submission (and deemed acceptable in form and substance by IÉ, at its sole discretion.), and executed as a deed or otherwise by a duly authorised person who is duly authorised to bind such other entity and must specifically refer to this competition as well as the name of the Applicant, and nature of resources being provided by the third party that the Applicant proposes to rely on; and
- (d) the Applicant must provide such other evidence and supporting documentation on request from IÉ, that is sufficient to demonstrate that it can satisfy the Selection Criteria or any one of them, and in relation to any reliance on resources of any third party.

If the above conditions are not met, the Applicant shall be excluded from further participation in the competition.

In the event that IÉ deems that the evidence provided in respect of reliance on resources is insufficient following clarification, if necessary (or where no reliance on resources is sought), the Applicant or the relevant Member of the Applicant will be evaluated based on its own financial and technical standing.

Please also see section 8.1, Pre-Conditions for Qualification and Shortlisting, item f) Verification, of this document.

6.7 Declarations

The Applicant must complete a Declaration of Eligibility (Part 5 of the Questionnaire).

All members of a Consortium must complete a Declaration of Eligibility (as well as completing the Questionnaire) and they must be returned by the Lead Applicant on behalf of the Consortium.

All Sub-Contractors being proposed (whether part of a Consortium or not) must complete a Declaration of Eligibility and the Applicant return these.

All persons whom an Applicant relies on for resources, in order to fulfil any of the Selection Criteria (including any minimum qualification criteria), a Declaration of Eligibility must be completed by that third party (including any Sub-Contractor whose resources are being relied upon).

6.8 Changes in Circumstances

IÉ has the right to verify any information or documentation received at any stage of the competition.

The information submitted in response to the PQQ (in particular, but without limitation, regarding the circumstances, ownership, structure, and/or control of an Applicant and/or the Members or any entity being relied upon) may only be changed following the submission of the Pre-Qualification Submission, with the consent of IÉ.

Where there is any change or proposed change in the details concerning any Applicant, all such changes must be notified in writing to IÉ, as soon as the Applicant is aware of any change in circumstances or of any proposed change – failure to do so may lead to disqualification of the Applicant.

IE will assess any proposed change against the applicable “Selection Criteria”, to ensure all requirements continue to be met. In any instance, where the proposed change fails to continue to meet all requirements this will result in the rejection of the proposed change.

IE reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, to withhold such approval for any such change in such circumstances and to disqualify the Applicant from further participation in the procurement process.

7. The Procurement Process

IE published a call to competition for the Design & Build of Capacity Enhancement Works at Connolly Station, on the 28th day of September 2026 in the Official Journal of the EU (the OJEU) under Reference Number: 9157739 on the Irish E-Tenders website, www.etenders.gov.ie on the 28th day of September 2026.

7.1 Two Stage Process

This competition is under the scope of S.I. No. 286/2016 - European Union (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2016 and conducted Regulation 46 Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition.

The procurement process for the award of this Contract consists of 2 distinct stages: a pre-qualification stage (selection stage) the details of which are set out in this and other relevant documents published with this tender opportunity. Following the selection assessment process, shortlisted participants will be invited to the second stage of the procurement. All Applicants will be treated equally and have an opportunity to pre-qualify.

7.2 Shortlisting Process

IE anticipates that it will, following the PQQ stage of this procurement process, have established a shortlist of pre-qualified Applicants. IE intends to shortlist a maximum of five (5) Applicants to proceed to the next stage of the procurement process. However, IE reserves the right to increase this number at its sole discretion if the quality of submissions warrants such action, such as where there are multiple high-scoring applications of comparable merit. The decision regarding the final number of shortlisted Applicants rests entirely with IE and will be based on the quality, completeness, and suitability of the submissions received.

7.3 Tender Process

The tender stage, or award stage of this procurement process will commence when IE issues an ITN to each Applicant that has been shortlisted under this PQQ and its procedures.

If IE decides (in its absolute discretion) to proceed to tender stage, it will provide each shortlisted Applicant with the following detailed documentation or access to documentation, as part of the documentation making up the ITN that will include the following:

- Detailed information regarding the procedures to be followed during the tender stage/award process including the award criteria and methodology;
- A draft of the form of Contract; and
- Scope of services/technical specifications for the Contract.

Applicants should note that those who have been shortlisted to proceed to tender stage, will be required to comply with the insurance requirements of the Contract and be required to be in possession of and produce a Tax Clearance Certificate from the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland at time of contract award.

Information on the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland can be found at www.revenue.ie.

7.4 Proposed Timescale and Anticipated Programme

IE expects to undertake this procurement process in accordance with the indicative timescale and programme set out below:

Table 3:

Activity/Milestone	ANTICIPATED DATE
Date Of Publication	28 th September 2026
Deadline For Submission of Clarification Requests	as stated in the CfT Core Information on the eTenders.gov.ie portal
Deadline For Submission of Completed PQQs	As per www.etenders.gov.ie CfT page under the heading "Time-limit for receipt of Tenders or requests to participate"
Pre-Qualification Assessment Complete	Quarter 4 2026
Issue Of ITN (Tender documentation)	Quarter 1/2 2027
Closing Date for Submission of Tenders	Quarter 4 2027
Contract Award Notice Issued to Tenderers, Start of Standstill Period	Quarter 1 2028

IE reserves the right to make changes to the timetable, structure and/or content of the procurement process.

IE reserves the right not to award any contract as a result of this procurement process.

7.5 Regulatory Framework/Utilities/EU Thresholds

IE is a utility providing transport services and is governed by public procurement law applicable to entities operating in the Utilities Sector.

7.6 Compliance

Applicants should read this entire document, very carefully, any failure to comply with its terms may be treated as 'non-compliance' and may lead to your Submission being excluded from this procurement or to you being disqualified from bidding for this procurement.

If IE consider that a Submission (or any part of it) may be or is non-compliant, then we may (but are not obliged to) seek clarification from the Applicant. Where we determine that a Submission (or any part of it) is non-compliant (either with or without further clarification) then we may at our sole discretion exclude the Submission from the competition and it will not be evaluated further.

Where IE determine that a Submission (or any part of it) is non-compliant but exercise IE's discretion not to exclude it from the competition, then we may (at IE's sole discretion):

- disregard the non-compliance and continue to evaluate the Submission; or
- adjust the requirements of this PQQ and give all Applicants the opportunity to adjust or update their Submissions to reflect the revised requirements.

8. Procedural Requirements

It is vital that Applicants read this document, in full, before responding to this tender opportunity. All instructions in this document must be followed.

The Questionnaire must be completed in the prescribed form (Pro Forma provided, document in word format, Appendix 1 co published with this PQQ). Failure to provide the requested information, omission of supporting documentation and the provision of incomplete or misleading information may result in exclusion from the procurement process. A summary of the procedure for pre-qualification of Applicants under this procurement process is as follows:

- each Questionnaire returned will be checked to ensure that the Applicant has complied with any applicable procedural requirements and that the Questionnaire has been submitted on time within the deadline for submissions set by this PQQ and is complete. Applicants who do not comply may be eliminated at this point;

- (b) each Questionnaire will be checked to see if any of the mandatory or discretionary exclusionary criteria apply to it (refer to the Declaration at Part 5 of Questionnaire);
- (c) each Questionnaire will be checked to ensure that the Applicant complies with the pre-conditions for pre-qualification set out in section 8 of this document. Applicants who do not comply may be eliminated at this point;
- (d) each Questionnaire will be checked to ensure that the Applicant meets the minimum qualification criteria which are set out in section 9 of this document. Applicants who do not meet the minimum qualification criteria will be eliminated at this point;
- (e) all Applicants who have passed the previous stages set out above, will then proceed to be evaluated under the further selection shortlisting criteria (relevant experience questions) set out in this document and a further evaluation or shortlisting exercise will be carried out at this stage;
- (f) IE will then inform Applicants in writing of the outcome of the pre-qualification procedures and will inform Applicants whether or not they have been shortlisted; and
- (g) Shortlisted Applicants will be invited to tender and issued with the ITN documentation, if IE decides (in its sole discretion) to proceed to the tender stage.

8.1 Pre-Conditions for Qualification and Shortlisting

Applicants must note the following:

- a) Completion of Appendix 1 (Pre-Qualification Questionnaire)
Applicants must complete **all Parts** of Appendix 1 (the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire). This is without prejudice to the completion of the European Single Procurement Document (the “**ESPD**”) by any Applicant (which ESPD is referred to in Article 59 of Directive 2014/24/EU (the “**Public Sector Directive**”) which is referenced in Article 80(3) of the Utilities Directive and nothing in this PQQ shall prevent an Applicant from submitting an ESPD, should they choose to but it is not a mandatory requirement;
- b) Declarations in the Questionnaire
Applicants must complete **all Declarations** in Appendix 1 (the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire) relating to meeting the minimum qualification criteria, and any other entity on whom reliance on resources is sought to be relied upon; and where applicable declarations concerning Consortium submissions or Sub Contractors;
- c) Declaration in Part 5 of the Questionnaire relating to mandatory exclusionary criteria and discretionary exclusionary criteria, referred to in the Utilities Directive, to be completed by the Applicant and any other entity on whom reliance on resources is sought to be relied upon and by all Sub-Contractors (without prejudice to any declarations made in any ESPD document submitted by an Applicant and any other entity);
- d) Statement of Confirmation (Appendix 2) to be completed by the Applicant and returned to IE with the completed PQQ, confirming acceptance of terms and conditions of the PQQ documents and confirming all declarations and information has been submitted;
- e) Conflicts of Interest: The Applicant including all its members where it is a grouping or consortium, must be able to comply with IE’s policy on conflicts of interest (as set out in this document), as a pre-condition for qualification; and

- f) Verification: IÉ reserves the right to seek verification from any Applicant, at any stage during the competition, (including the pre-qualification stage, invitation to tender stage and contract award stage) in relation to any item, data or information supplied or in relation to any item referred to in any of the Declarations to be completed and referred to in the Appendices to this PQQ, and to seek verification of evidence of any remedial measures taken by the Applicant to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant exclusionary ground, as such reliability measures as are referred to in Article 57(6) of the Public Sector Directive (2014/25/EU) which is referenced in Article 80(1) of the Utilities Directive, and/or to verify its compliance with the selection criteria set out herein and seek supporting documents/references/clarifications.

NOTE:

If an Applicant, at any stage during the competition, refuses to provide evidence which is considered by IÉ to be sufficient to demonstrate (a) compliance with the Selection Criteria or (b) the Applicant's reliability despite the existence of a relevant exclusionary ground, it shall be excluded from the competition, and this shall include evidence required in relation to any member of a consortium or in relation to any entity on whom the Applicant relies in order to fulfil any of the Selection Criteria.

IÉ reserves the right to require the Applicant to replace any entity who does not fulfil the Selection Criteria, or in respect of which a ground for exclusion exists, and where remedial measures are produced which are not satisfactory in the opinion of IÉ (in its absolute discretion). Where an Applicant is required to replace an entity in respect of which there are grounds for exclusion (on whom it is seeking to rely), and the replacement entity does not fulfil the selection criteria or is also entity in respect of which there are grounds for exclusion, it may be excluded from the competition.

- g) National Databases: The provisions of this Section 8 of the document are without prejudice to the availability of any supporting documents/certifications etc. as may become available on any national database or online repository of certificates, that is made available by Ireland as a Member State of the EU on its implementation of the Utilities Directive 2014/25/EU.

Shortlisting of Applicants who meet the pre-conditions for qualification and minimum qualification criteria, will be carried out in a non-discriminatory manner and on the basis of equality of treatment of such Applicants, based on the objective rules and criteria set out in this document, and in accordance with all applicable law including the Utilities Directive 2014/25/EU.

8.2 Return of PQQ Submissions

Pre-Qualification Submissions must be submitted through the eTenders website only (www.etenders.gov.ie). Responses submitted by hand, post, fax or email will not be accepted and will not be evaluated. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that their Pre-Qualification Submission is uploaded to the eTenders website on time. Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the eTenders website and to allow plenty of time for upload. Other than in exceptional circumstances (as determined by IÉ), consideration will not be given to any Pre-Qualification Submission received after the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline or the receipt of Pre-Qualification Submission by any other means other than the eTenders website.

IÉ is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Applicants must ensure electronic documents are not corrupted.

Below we provide an overview of the key steps. Please note that the Contracting Authority take no responsibility for these steps being the totality of the steps required as different processes may require different actions. If in doubt, please ensure you contact the eTenders helpdesk as follows:

Email: irish-eproc-helpdesk@eurodyn.com

Phone: +353-818001459 (Ireland) or +353 818001459 (International) during office hours (09:00am – 17:00pm Irish time).

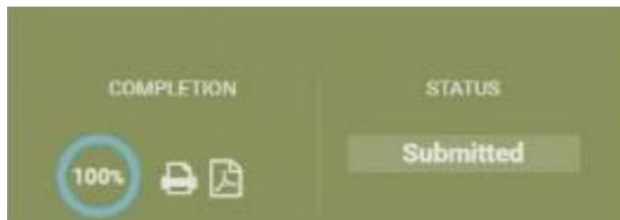
Accessing documents

It is important to note that you must ensure you ASSOCIATE your company with this competition in the first instance. To do this you must do the following:

- Log-in to the system
- Locate the competition using the Advanced Search by Contracting Authority or Resource ID
- Click on the hyperlink for the competition which will bring you to the Cft Workspace
- In the Show Cft Menu for the competition click on the “Expression of Interest” in the drop-down menu
- Complete the “Association with the Cft” tab
- This will then provide you with a link to “Tender” under the Show Cft Menu

Submitting your Response

The final step involves clicking on a Submit button and receiving the following status message:



If you do not receive a message similar to above, you have not submitted your response. Please note that the screen may say **OFFLINE**, this is a technical feature of eTenders and does not mean you cannot submit.

Also please note you may see the percentage field also saying 100% before you submit, this still requires you to go through the submit button.

Please upload your response as a ZIP FILE to protect the integrity of the file names. It is the responsibility of the Candidate to ensure that their application is complete and is uploaded in accordance with the instructions provided on eTenders prior to the deadline as per the front page of this document and the Cft screen of eTenders.

8.3 Deadline for PQQ Submissions

The fully completed Questionnaire and all submissions relating to it must be submitted via the e-tenders portal only on or before **the date that is the set as the deadline** for PQQ submissions that is stated on the front cover of this PQQ and on the CFT page of e-tenders. Applicants should note if the submission date changes, solely at IEÉ discretion, this will be communicated to all Applicants via clarification and the submission date will change accordingly on eTenders.

8.4 Format of PQQ Submissions

All electronic copies must be in PDF (portable document format) format. Applicants are required to provide all details which they consider necessary to provide a sufficient response to each Part and Appendix of the PQQ including contact details where requested.

One electronic copy per Applicant of the completed Pre-Qualification Submission shall be uploaded to the eTenders procurement website, www.etenders.gov.ie, **no later than the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline as set out on e-Tenders.**

The Pre-Qualification Submission, including all information and documentation, should be submitted in English and where copies of original documents are provided in languages other than English, a complete and accurate and certified English translation must be provided, or the documents will not be considered during the pre-qualification evaluation. In the event of any discrepancy or difference between various languages, the version in the English language shall prevail.

Tenderers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required tender documentation in their Tender before the Tender Deadline. Tenderers should take into account the fact that upload speeds vary.

Tenderers must note that in the electronic tenderbox, there is a file size limit of 250MB.

Please upload your response as a ZIP FILE to protect the integrity of the file names. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that their application is complete and is uploaded in accordance with the instructions provided on eTenders prior to the deadline as per the front page.

The following documents should be returned, in a **Zip. File**, labelled with the **“Applicant Name” and Ref 9843 Contract for the Design & Build at Connolly Station** and uploaded to eTenders.

The Applicants completing a Pre-Qualification Submission for this competition will be required to submit a folder structured as follows containing documents labelled as below:

Table 4:

Zipped Folder with the “Applicant Name” and Ref 9843 Connolly Station		
Folder No	Folder Name	Label
1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1, Parts 1-5, completed by the Applicants –labelled: [Name of Applicant] PQQ
2	Appendix 2	Appendix 2 Statement of Confirmation [Name of Applicant]
3	Health & Safety	Applicants must provide: a copy of your organisations current Safety Management System (for example Safety Manual or Safety Statement or equivalent) – labelled: Part 2 Q2.5e [Name of Applicant] Safety Manual / Statement
4	Financial Statements	Applicants must provide evidence of Financial Turnover as outlined in section 9.1.1, 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 of this document, Financial Statements, Credit Report and any other information required to support this submission, labelled: Part 2 Q2.1 [Name of Applicant] [Name of Financial Documents] Part 2 Q2.2 [Name of Applicant] Bankers Letter Part 2 Q2.3f [Name of Applicant] credit reference

		And any other supporting documentation clearly labelled [Name of Applicant] [Name of Financial Documents]
5	EMS	Applicants must provide: a copy of their organisations Sustainability Policy, labelled Part 2 Q2.8e [Name of Applicant] Sustainability Policy
6	Part 4 Relevant Experience Questions	Applicants should submit each response as a standalone PDF each labelled Part 4 Q1 [Name of Applicant] Part 4 Q2 [Name of Applicant] Part 4 Q3 [Name of Applicant] Part 4 Q4 [Name of Applicant] Part 4 Q5 [Name of Applicant]
7 (if applicable)	Reliance on Resources (if applicable)	If an Applicant relies on the capacity of others for financial, technical requirements, or in order to fulfil any of the Selection Criteria they must include a Letter of Undertaking, refer to section 6.6, labelled [Name of Applicant] Letter of Undertaking

Applicants should note and adhere to the specific requirements in relation to PQQ Part 4 Relevant Experience, particularly the format of responses.

9. Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed as outlined below.

Applicants must not make assumptions that IE has prior knowledge of their organisations or their service provision. Applicants will only be evaluated on the information provided in their responses.

Applicants are to provide responses to all the questions in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire. The questions have been split into two categories as follows:

- Pass/ Fail** questions – failure to pass any of these questions, unless caveated in the question by the subsequent response to another question, will result in the Applicants response to the PQQ being disregarded; and
- Scored** questions – these questions will only be scored if an Applicant has supplied all the information requested in the ‘Information Only’ questions and successfully passed all of the ‘Pass/ Fail’ questions. Applicants should note that the scored questions have a minimum standard score.

The Applicants submission will not be assessed any further after it has been deemed that the Applicant has failed to meet a ‘pass/fail’ criterion.

In relation to PQQ Part 4 **questions 1 to 5**, Relevant Experience (Scored Selection Criteria) questions a minimum standard score will apply.

The minimum standard score for questions in PQQ Part 4 is 2 (two).

In the event that an Applicant scores less than the minimum standard score in questions 1 to 5, the entire PQQ Response will be **rejected**. It is therefore essential that the Applicant does not omit any answer to any of the questions within the PQQ.

Applicants failing to score at least 2 in questions 1 to 5 will be disqualified from the competition.

Responses shall represent the entire Applicants team. Where the response is provided on behalf of a Group/ Consortium, the Lead Member must complete the PQQ and provide all required supporting documentation on behalf of the group.

9.1 Minimum Qualification Criteria

The minimum qualification criteria that each Applicant must satisfy in order to proceed to the next stage of the qualification evaluation are as follows, but assesses: Financial turnover, Financial Robustness, Quality Management, Environmental Management and Health & Safety.

9.1.1 Minimum Financial Turnover (Pass / Fail)

To pass this criterion, the Applicant must demonstrate that they have the financial capacity to deliver the scope of works, as described in section 5 of this document.

The Applicant must demonstrate an annual turnover, in each of the last three financial years immediately preceding the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline, of:

- An annual turnover, of at least **€50,000,000.00** per annum, exclusive of VAT.

Where turnover is reported in a currency other than EUR (€), Applicants should use the average exchange rate per relevant period as per ECB Euro system, which can be found here:

https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy_and_exchange_rates/euro_reference_exchange_rates/html/index.en.html

Applicants must provide evidence of turnover that is satisfactory to IÉ, [by way of signed auditor's statement and a copy of the audited accounts for the last three financial years]. A signed Declaration in the Minimum Qualification Criteria in the form set out in PQQ Part 2 must be submitted.

Reliance on resources to meet Turnover Requirement: Where the Applicant seeks to rely on the resources of any third party to meet the above stated Minimum Financial Turnover criteria, in addition to the requirements under section 6.6 of this document, and furnish the necessary Declarations of Eligibility (PQQ Part 5), it must provide evidence of the turnover for such other persons/entities for each of the financial years listed above and prove to IÉ that the necessary resources will be available to it when required, whether by way of a signed auditor's statement or similar.

Reliance on a Consortium Member: Where an Applicant who is a consortium, seeks to rely on the resources of its lead consortium member, or other consortium member, or whether a Sub-Contractor who is a member of a Consortium, to satisfy the above stated Minimum Financial Turnover criteria, this must be stated in the Declaration set out in Part 2 of the Questionnaire and the conditions of section 6.6 (Reliance on Resources) of this document, must be met and the relevant Declarations furnished.

Reliance on a Sub-Contractor: Where an Applicant seeks to rely on the resources of a Sub-Contractor, where it is not part of a Consortium, to satisfy the above stated Minimum Financial Turnover criteria, this must be stated in the Declaration set out in PQQ Part 2 of the Questionnaire and the conditions of section 6.6 (Reliance on Resources) of this document, must be met and the relevant Declarations furnished.

Parent company: Where the Applicant is a subsidiary and relying on its parent company to meet the Minimum Financial Turnover criteria, the details required by this section must also be provided by the parent company, and a Declaration of Eligibility (PQQ Part 5) from the parent company provided in accordance with section 6.6 of this document.

IE reserves the right to conduct any due diligence checks to assess financial capacity to undertake the services, at any stage of the procurement process and procurement lifecycle.

In advance of progressing to award stage, IE, as a diligent contracting authority intends to verify Tenderers continued compliance with the PQQ requirements of Economic and Financial Standing. If this determines that a Tenderer no longer meets the stated thresholds and requirements set out in the PQQ then IE reserves the right to disqualify the Tenderer from the process.

9.1.2 Bankers Letter (Pass/Fail)

Applicants (to the extent that they are separate legal entities) must provide a signed statement from their principal bankers dated within three months of the PQQ submission deadline:

- i. Stating the length in years of their financial relationship;
- ii. Confirming that the bank is the entity's principal banker; and
- iii. Confirming that all accounts held by the entity are currently in good standing order

If an Applicant is relying on the resources of others for economic and financial standing, that other entity must meet the requirements set out above.

9.1.3 Financial Robustness Assessment (Pass / Fail)

Applicants must demonstrate their financial robustness. Applicants must provide copies of signed financial statements showing an unqualified audit opinion for each of the last three financial years including all notes to the financial statements, auditor's report and director's report.

Should the auditor's report contain other statements regarding their findings then IE will consider, at its absolute discretion, if these audited accounts meet this minimum requirement. The latest set of audited financial statements must have been filed with the Companies Registration Office (or equivalent for non-Irish based companies) ("CRO") within the relevant statutory filing period.

Where the most recent audited financial statements have not been filed with the Companies Registration Office (or equivalent outside Ireland) within the statutory filing period and/or remain unsigned by an auditor, the draft financial statements for that period must be provided with a reasonable and comprehensive explanation as to why such accounts remain unsigned, together with the signed audited financial statements for the three previous financial years. IE may, at its absolute discretion, elect to accept such unsigned accounts.

The Applicant must attach to the Pre-Qualification Submission, copies of the following documents for the Lead Member as well as any entities being relied on in accordance with section 6.6 of this document:

- Financial statements (including Income Statement/Profit & Loss, Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cashflows/Cashflow Statement) for each of the three financial years immediately preceding the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline. Copies of audited accounts should be furnished unless an audit exemption has been claimed for any of the required periods in accordance with applicable law. If so, the copies of relevant management accounts (including the statements included above) should be attached for the relevant years together with confirmation from the entity's accountant that the relevant audit exemption has been properly claimed;
- The audit opinion contained in the financial statements is required to be unqualified and must confirm that the financial statements give a true and fair view.
The Lead Member (and any entities being relied on) is also required to provide details of any post balance sheet events between the date on which the last audited accounts were authorised for issue and the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline, and in particular any event that, had the

accounts not been authorised for issue until this submission date, would have required to be adjusted for, or disclosed in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.

Where the most recent audited financial statements have not been filed with the Companies Registration Office (or equivalent outside Ireland) within the statutory filing period and/or remain unsigned by an auditor, the draft financial statements for that period must be provided with a reasonable and comprehensive explanation as to why such accounts remain unsigned. IÉ may, at its absolute discretion, elect to accept such unsigned accounts. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to provide audited financial statements to IÉ once these become available;

- Provide copies of any material announcements made to the authorities of any stock exchange, market or bourse on which the stocks or shares are publicly traded since the publication of the latest set of accounts or confirmation that no such announcements have been made; and
- Credit rating report of the Lead Member (and any entities being relied on) that must have been issued by a recognised business credit research and ratings firm within three months immediately preceding the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline.

Applicants must complete the questions in PQQ, Part 2, Question 2.3. IÉ will perform a review and verification of the self-declarations provided by Applicants in relation to questions in PQQ, Part 2, Question 2.3.

Where IÉ considers, based on its assessment of the financial information provided and the factors described above, that an Applicant has not demonstrated that it is financially robust, IÉ shall have the right to eliminate the Applicant from the competition.

Please note that IÉ reserves the right to request additional information, including but not limited to accounts, at any stage of the procurement process and procurement lifecycle to verify an Applicants financial standing.

In the case of consortiums, the above information must be provided by all members of the consortium, not just those who are relied upon to satisfy the Minimum Financial Turnover criteria.

Applicants should note that they are responsible for carrying out their own checks of such sources and highlighting in their submission any material misreporting or other additional explanation which may be required. Where appropriate, additional clarification questions will be raised with Applicants.

Where, for any valid reason, the Applicant is unable to provide the specified documentation set out above, the Applicant must inform IÉ, via the eTenders messaging portal, of a valid reason as to why the documentation cannot be supplied prior to Pre-Qualification Submission deadline, and where other suitable alternative documentation can be provided to prove financial robustness, Applicants should identify and outline what such documentation shall be provided in advance to the Pre-Qualification Submission for the approval and satisfaction of IÉ, prior to Pre-Qualification Submission deadline.

The assessment will be undertaken as follows:

Pass / Fail Indicators

Mark	Indicator
Pass	Following a review of the specific information provided, IÉ is satisfied with the financial and economic standing (robustness) of the Applicant.
Fail	Following a review of the specific information provided, IÉ is not satisfied with the financial and economic standing (robustness) of the Applicant. Should the Applicant achieve a Fail at question 2.3 they will be disqualified from this procurement.

**9.1.4 Minimum Qualification Criteria: Declaration of Eligibility
(Pass/Fail)**

A Declaration of Eligibility must be signed by a company Director, (complete in full, PQQ, Part 5).

**9.1.5 Minimum Qualification Criteria: Health & Safety
(Pass/Fail)**

The successful Tenderer will be required to comply with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and any subsequent Safety, Health and Welfare legislation including the requirement to have a Safety Statement. The successful Tenderer will also be required to comply with the Construction Regulations, particularly in relation to the appointment (as applicable) of the Works Contractor, Health and Safety Coordinator, Designer, and the PSCS.

Applicants must demonstrate their approach to managing safety on projects of this nature and scale. Applicants must complete in full and provide the following information:

- Details of their health and safety management system currently in operation, accredited to ISO 45001 or equivalent accredited safety management system.
- Confirmation that they (or any third party whom they rely upon) have the ability to perform the role of the PSCS (Project Supervisor Construction Stage) and experienced staff.
- Provide a copy of the company Safety Management System (for example Safety Manual or Safety Statement or equivalent). This must be a signed and dated copy.
- Self- certify that the Safety Management System (for example Safety Manual or Safety Statement or equivalent) complies with current legislative requirements.

Applicants must provide Accident Statistics for the last five financial years immediately preceding the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline.

**9.1.6 Minimum Qualification Criteria: Quality Assurance & Management Systems
(Pass/Fail)**

To pass this criterion, the Applicant must complete in full, PQQ Part 2, question 2.7 and provide:

- Details of their Quality Management System currently in operation, accredited to ISO 9001 or equivalent.

**9.1.7 Minimum Qualification Criteria: Environmental Management Systems
(Pass/Fail)**

To pass this criterion, the Applicant must complete in full, PQQ, Part 2, question 2.8 and provide:

- Details of their environmental management system currently in operation, accredited to ISO 14001 or equivalent.
- Applicants must also evidence a Sustainability Policy, which must have been dated within the last two years (at point of PQQ submission deadline).

9.1.8 Electronic Information Management Capability and Capacity Assessment**(Pass / Fail)**

To pass this criterion, the Applicant must complete in full, PQQ Part 2 question 2.9 and provide:

- Evidence of their experience of working with a common data environment (CDE) as described in ISO 19650-1:2018 and ISO 19650-2:2018.
- Evidence of their teams capability and commitment to work to the principles and requirements outlined in the ISO 19650 series.

9.2 Further Shortlisting Criteria:

(Scored Relevant Experience Questions)

Part 4 of the PQQ, relevant experience questions will be evaluated on a scored basis to enable IÉ at its discretion to assess the overall professional and or technical ability of the Applicant. Table 5 sets out the scored selection criteria, weighting and minimum score requirements.

Questions 1-5 will be assessed on a scored basis and have a minimum acceptable score of 2. Failure to achieve the minimum acceptable score, in any scored question, will result in disqualification from the procurement process.

For the avoidance of doubt should any scored question which achieves a score of 0 or 1 will result in disqualification from this procurement.

9.3 Reference Projects

Applicants must respond to the questions, Scored Relevant Experience Questions, with reference to project examples (reference projects) whereby the Applicant or Member(s) of the Applicant team have successfully, provided similar scopes of work on projects of similar nature, scale and complexity as the design & build of Capacity Enhancement Works at Connolly Station requirements for the DART+ Programme.

Applicants shall note that no marks will be awarded for the Reference Project itself. IÉ shall apply professional judgement to assess the level of capability of the Applicant demonstrated in its responses, having regard to the nature, scale, and complexity of the Reference Projects and response submitted.

Details of the Reference Projects must be submitted in the form of PQQ Part 3 (Reference Project Template).

Projects must be completed within the **10 years prior to the PQQ submission date**, of a similar scope, scale and complexity to the proposed requirements outlined in Section 5 of this document. Projects completed outside of this timeframe will not be considered.

Applicants must note that each question has specific parameters about the reference projects. Where a question requests 3 reference projects, the same 3 reference projects must be used to illustrate experience across all questions.

Applicants must provide contact details for a project contract referee. It is the Applicants responsibility to obtain the Contact Point's permission to share their contact details with IÉ and only select those who are prepared to confirm accuracy of the information provided. Applicants must ensure that the Project Contract Referee is available to provide IÉ with feedback, verbally and or in writing. IÉ reserves the right to contact all referees provided as part of due diligence and request written feedback on the Applicants performance on the project cited or request a site visit of the project cited. Should IÉ decide to exercise its right to request feedback from the reference project Client or a site visit of a reference project this will be used to verify statements in the Applicants submission. If the information provided by the Applicant in any PQQ response turns out to be false, or misleading, the PQQ response shall be re-marked to reflect this and may result in disqualification for the competition.

Relevant contracts are those directly relating to a project which include the various types of works listed in this PQQ document, (refer to section 5) and be of a similar scale, scope and complexity to the proposed scope of works. The value of these contracts and a client contact for reference purposes must be given. These reference projects shall reflect similar works and services in terms of scale, scope, complexity and risk profile as the Contract.

IÉ recognise that not all services required may be evidenced in a reference project and will use the following approach.

In All Material Respects IAMR demonstrates all service required.

In Most Material Respects IMMR demonstrates a number of services required but not all.

IE shall apply professional judgement to assess the level of capability of the Applicant demonstrated in its submitted responses to PQQ, Part 4, Relevant Experience.

Where the Applicant is a Group, it shall be sufficient for a Reference Project to be provided by one or more Members of such Applicant (i.e. Reference Projects do not need to have been performed by the Applicant as a whole), however it must clearly stipulate within the response whose experience is being relied upon in this scenario.

Applicants shall not provide more than the requested number of reference projects stipulated per question. Additional Reference Projects will not be evaluated.

Applicants are required to provide relevant Reference Projects in order to support their responses to the Relevant Experience Questions set out in PQQ, Part 4.

Applicants should note that IE reserves the right to seek feedback from the client references provided, refer to PQQ, Part 3, Important Notes for further information. Applicants should ensure that companies/ clients listed are willing to provide a reference for them and to confirm the accuracy of the information provided by the Applicant.

9.4 Relevant Experience Questions (Scored)

The responses to the Relevant Experience Questions shall demonstrate that the Applicant has experience in each of the areas interrogated by the Relevant Experience Questions in Table 5 below.

Each response to the Relevant Experience Questions shall be a standalone response and tailored to the question with no cross-referencing between responses. The Applicant shall respond to the questions as summarised in Table 5 below and provided in full in PQQ, Part 4, by reference to the approach that was taken in projects provided as examples and illustrating how the services provided on such projects are relevant to the requirements of IE for the design and build of Capacity Enhancement Works at Connolly Station.

Responses will be scored by IE using the scoring methodology set out in Section 10 of this document.

Applicants must respond in full to each question. Where a response exceeds the stated limit, any text in excess of the limit will be disregarded by the evaluation panel and excluded for the purposes of the evaluation.

9.5 Minimum Score Threshold

Responses to questions identified as Scored questions, PQQ, Part 4, will be assessed as follows:

Table 5:

No	Question Area	Max Points Available	Weighting	Minimum Rule/ Minimum Acceptable Score
1	Previous Experience of Managing Design Activity	300	30%	Applicant must score a minimum of 40% of the allocated score under this criterion
2	Previous Experience of Construction	300	30 %	Applicants must score a minimum of 40% of the allocated score under this criterion.
3	Previous Experience of Stakeholder Management	150	15%	Applicants must score a minimum of 40% of the allocated score under this criterion.
4	Previous Experience of Management of Sub-Contractors	150	15%	Applicants must score a minimum of 40% of the allocated score under this criterion.
5	Organisational Sustainability Management	100	10%	Applicants must score a minimum of 40% of the allocated score under this criterion.

TOTAL AVAILABLE	1000 points	100%
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Failure to meet the minimum scoring threshold, i.e. failing to score at least 2 in PQQ Part 4 questions 1 to 5, will be disqualified from the competition.

Reliance on resources – If the Applicant is relying on the resource of any third party/Sub-Contractor/Consortium member to fulfil Further Shortlisting Criteria (Scored Relevant Experience), full details are required as per section 6.6 of this document. In particular, if experience of any Sub-Contractor or third party/Consortium member is being relied upon to fulfil this Scored Selection Criteria, relevant examples of experience of the Sub-Contractor/Consortium member/ third party should be provided in PQQ, Part 3, Reference Projects, clearly indicating whose experience is being relied upon.

10. Scoring Methodology for Scored Selection Criteria

The following scoring matrix will be used for PQQ Part 4 questions 1-5.

Table 6:

Scoring Methodology Question 1-5		
Score	% of total mark available	Indicator & Description
5	100%	Excellent An excellent response which: - Fully demonstrates excellent experience in all material respects, work of a similar scope, scale and complexity to those outlined in Section 5 of the PQQ; - Comprehensively addresses all areas of the question and meets or exceeds the requirements, with no weaknesses or omissions; and - Provided Iarnród Éireann with an excellent level of confidence with regards to previous methodology / approach engaged and evidence provided.
4	80%	Very Good A very good response which: - Demonstrates very good experience, in all material respects, work of a similar scope, scale and complexity to those outlined in Section 5 of the PQQ; - Addressed all areas of the question, supported with project specific details, with only minor weaknesses identified; and - Provided Iarnród Éireann with a very good level of confidence with regards to previous methodology / approach engaged and evidence provided.
3	60%	Good A good response which: - Demonstrated good experience, in all or most material respects, work of a similar scope, scale and complexity to those outlined in Section 5 of the PQQ; - Addressed the majority of the question with good project specific details, with only minor weaknesses or omissions identified, although in some cases more detail could have been provided; and - Provided Iarnród Éireann with good confidence with regards to previous methodology / approach engaged and evidence provided.
2	40%	Acceptable An acceptable / satisfactory response which:

		• Demonstrated acceptable / satisfactory experience in all or most material respects, work of a similar scope, scale and complexity to those outlined in Section 5 of the PQQ but to a limited extent; • Addressed the question with acceptable project specific details, with some errors, risks, weaknesses or omissions identified, which can be corrected / overcome with minimum effort; and • Provided Iarnród Éireann with an acceptable / satisfactory confidence with regards to previous methodology / approach engaged and evidence provided.
1	20%	Poor A poor response which: • The project selected is of poor relevance and therefore demonstrated poor experience of a similar scope, scale and complexity to those outlined in Section 5 of the PQQ. • Addressed some of the response requirements for this question; however major omissions / and or weaknesses have been identified. The existence of numerous errors, risks, weaknesses or omissions, are difficult to accept, and/ or addressed the question with poor project specific details, and poorly supported by limited details; and • Provided Iarnród Éireann with poor confidence with regards to previous methodology / approach engaged and evidence provided and therefore presented unacceptable risk. Should the Applicant achieve a score of 1 in any question they will be disqualified from this procurement. For the avoidance of doubt this means the Applicants PQQ is rejected in its entirety.
0	0%	Unacceptable An unacceptable response which met one of the following parameters • No response has been provided; or • The response provided wholly failed to address the question. Should the Applicant achieve a score of 0 in any scored question they will be disqualified from this procurement. For the avoidance of doubt this means the Applicants PQQ is rejected in its entirety.

Applicants should note:

- It is not possible to achieve scores between the bands (e.g. it is not possible to score 3.5 or 4.5 etc).
- In order to determine the total score, each of the relevant experience questions will be scored separately and then added together. Applicants will be ranked by total score and shortlisted Applicants will be invited to tender.
- Failure to score the minimum marks for selection as indicated in Table 5 will result in rejection of the Pre-Qualification Submission and the Applicant will not be invited to tender.
- In the event that there is a tie for the last qualification place involving two or more Applicants, IE shall determine which of such tied Applicants will be invited to the tender phase of this competition as detailed in section 10.2 of this document.

10.1 Evaluation of Scored Selection Criteria

Each Relevant Experience question in PQQ, Part 4, question 1 – 5, shall be scored by each member of the evaluation panel out of a maximum of 5 marks in accordance with the scoring guidance set out above.

The members of the evaluation team shall then meet and agree a single set of un-weighted scores for the responses to each question, a consensus mark/score.

The agreed scores will then added together in order to obtain a total score for each Applicants submission.

Applicants will be ranked in descending order commencing with the Applicant who has achieved the highest overall score. IE intends to shortlist maximum of five (5) Applicants to proceed to the next stage of the procurement competition. Applicants should note section 7.2 Shortlisting Process.

10.2 Ties

In the event of a tie (i.e. equal scores) for the last place on the shortlist, all Applicants tied for last place will be invited to tender.

IE reserves the right (at its absolute discretion) to select a greater or lesser number of Applicants to be invited to tender, as outlined in section 7.2 of this document.

11 General Conditions

11.1 Interviews/Presentation Meetings

Applicants may be requested to attend interviews in Dublin, Ireland, in order to provide clarifications in relation to any information submitted pursuant to the requirements of this PQQ, at their own cost and IE shall not be liable for the costs or expenses of any Applicant attending in Dublin for such interviews.

11.2 Further Information/Queries and Clarifications

QUERIES: Where the Applicant has any queries or observations regarding the meaning of any requirement or any other aspect of this procurement process, the Applicant should submit such queries in writing via the e-tenders messaging system on the eTenders website as early as possible, but no later than the clarification date stated on eTenders for this competition. IE shall be entitled to, but not obliged to, respond to queries and clarification questions received after this date.

If an Applicant considers any part of this document or any of the other Pre-Qualification Documents to be unclear, ambiguous, or inconsistent with the other documents published in relation to the competition, the Applicant shall raise a clarification query with IE. Note that the Applicant must notify IE, even when the time for submitting queries has expired (although IE is not obliged to respond to any queries received after the query deadline). IE shall notify all Applicants of its ruling in respect of any ambiguity, discrepancy, error or omission.

If IE is of the opinion that a clarification and/or amendment is required to be made to the PQQ, and / or additional information is required to be issued, then IE shall be entitled to make any such clarification and / or amendment to the PQQ and / or issue such additional information, at any time. Responses to queries may be issued to all Applicants or published on eTenders at IE's discretion.

Published clarifications shall become part of the Tender process and must be treated as such.

Requests For Clarification Post Deadline: IE may also seek clarifications from Applicants in relation to their PQQ submissions received. IE may request that an Applicant clarifies any aspect of its submission and/or provides additional information. Failure to respond to such a request may result in the Applicant being excluded from the competition.

11.3 Confidentiality and Confidential or Potentially Confidential Queries/Announcements

If an Applicant believes a query relates to a confidential or commercially sensitive matter it must clearly state the reason why the Applicant considers its query "confidential" or "commercially sensitive" and must mark its query as "Confidential" and/or "Commercially Sensitive".

Where IE is satisfied, in its sole discretion, that the query/request and/or its response should properly be regarded as confidential or commercially sensitive, the nature of the query/request and its response shall be kept confidential (subject to the requirements of any law or applicable requirements).

Where IÉ is of the opinion that it would be inappropriate to answer the query/request on a confidential basis, it will notify the Applicant and require the Applicant to either withdraw the query or to raise any objection within three (3) Working Days of such notification and state grounds for its objection.

Where the Applicant does not withdraw the query/request or raise any objection within the specified period, or IÉ is of the opinion that, notwithstanding the objection of the Applicant the query/request is not confidential or commercially sensitive, IÉ may include the query/request and its response to all Applicants in the relevant circular/notice. As noted in Section 11.2 of this document, the identity of Applicants raising individual queries will not be disclosed in such circular/notices.

Subject to the above, it is a requirement of IÉ that all exchanges shall be kept confidential by the Applicants and not disclosed to any person, save as may be required by law. Applicants will also be asked to enter into Confidentiality Undertakings/Agreements should it become appropriate to release confidential information to them. IÉ requires that all information provided by Applicants or by IÉ pursuant to this PQQ be treated in strictest confidence by Applicants, and by submitting an application, Applicants shall be deemed to so acknowledge and agree.

IÉ has the right to disclose to any party information concerning the Contract, the identity of the Applicants, this procurement process and the qualification and tender documentation at any time that is allowed under applicable law.

11.4 Freedom of Information

IÉ is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (the “FOI Act”) for its activities, other than in relation to its freight business and Rosslare Europort. CIE is an exempt agency under the FOI Act.

Applicants should therefore indicate what parts of their application/submission of completed PQQs are commercially sensitive and what parts they consider should be kept confidential, which is a separate matter from dealing with any freedom of information requests (FOI requests) that IÉ may receive under the FOI Act. IÉ will make reasonable efforts to consult with Applicants in all cases where an FOI request has been received, that may affect information the Applicant(s) consider confidential or commercially sensitive, before making a decision on such FOI requests. IÉ may decide, while taking into account requests of Applicants that specific information should not be disclosed, that such information should not be categorised as confidential or commercially sensitive and in that instance may decide to disclose such information. It is not sufficient or acceptable that an Applicant would include a statement that all of its information is confidential or commercially sensitive. IÉ may disclose all information provided by Applicants to its lawyers, auditors or other professional advisers under appropriate terms of confidentiality as it deems necessary. In addition, to the above, nothing in this PQQ will prevent IÉ from disclosing any information, data or materials that is required to be disclosed under applicable law, including the FOI Act.

11.5 Data Protection and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

IÉ, as Contracting Authority for this competition, will be a “**Data Controller**” within the meaning of the “**Data Protection Legislation**” (as defined herein), in respect of any “**Personal Data**” as defined under the Data Protection Legislation, required to be provided by Applicants in the PQQ Questionnaire (and any supporting documentation).

The Applicant, who is itself a “**Data Controller**” in respect of any “**Personal Data**” relating to any person provided by it in its completed Questionnaire (and in any supporting documentation), is required to confirm, in the Applicant’s Statement of Confirmation (Appendix 2 of this PQQ), that all “**Data Subjects**” (as defined in the Data Protection Legislation) whose Personal Data has been provided by the Applicant to IÉ as part of its application at this stage of the competition, have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Applicant, by Consortium members where the Applicant is Consortium, by the Applicant where the Applicant is a Prime Contractor with a Sub-Contractor and not a Consortium, and by IÉ as Contracting Authority and IÉ’s Evaluation

Team, for the purposes of participation by the Applicant in this competition OR that the Applicant has otherwise a legal basis (as identified under the Data Protection Legislation) for providing such Personal data to IÉ as Contracting Authority for the purposes of participating in this competition.

“Data Protection Legislation” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018 of Ireland, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the “General Data Protection Regulation” or the “GDPR”), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Data Protection Commissioner of Ireland or any other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time.

11.6 Conflicts of Interest

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest must be fully disclosed to IÉ as soon as such conflict or potential conflict becomes apparent, in accordance with IÉ policies and procedures related to the probity and ethics for the procurement of DART+ contracts and packages.

In the event of a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, the Applicant must contact IÉ in accordance with this section, section 11.7 and the PQQ submission to fully disclose (in writing) about such conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest. Following receipt of such information, IÉ will, in its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may include (but not be limited to) excluding the Applicant from the competition or permitting the Applicant to continue, subject to safeguards, approved by IÉ, being put in place and observed, in which case, IÉ may require supporting documentation from the Applicant in relation to such safeguard mechanisms or mitigation systems.

Without prejudice to the forgoing, any registerable interest, involving the Applicant and IÉ, members of the board of IÉ, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas or employees of IÉ or their relatives must be fully disclosed in the application, or should be communicated to IÉ immediately upon such information becoming known to the Applicant, in the event of this information only coming to their notice after the Pre-Qualification Submission. The terms “registerable interest” and “relatives” shall be interpreted in line with the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1995 (as amended).

Applicants are expressly and strictly prohibited from discussing any aspect of their Pre-Qualification Submission with any other Applicant or Member(s) of any other Applicant or otherwise exchanging information or colluding in respect of the goods/services required. Any Applicant who fails to comply with this requirement may be disqualified.

- (1) It is a pre-condition for each Applicant to pre-qualify that it complies with IÉ’s policy on conflict of interest as set out below in this PQQ.
- (2) No person may be a member of more than one Applicant other than as a Sub-Contractor or where the entity is the supplier of proprietary goods/services.
- (3) Applicants are expressly and strictly prohibited from discussing any aspect of their Questionnaire or pre-qualification submission with any other Applicant or members of any other Applicant or otherwise exchanging information or colluding in respect of the goods/services required. Any Applicant who fails to comply with this requirement may be disqualified.
- (4) Any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest that an Applicant (or any member of an Applicant) has with IÉ or CIE or any member of the CIE Group of companies, or with any other Applicant must be fully disclosed to IÉ, as soon as they become apparent.
- (5) No Applicant, nor any member of an Applicant, nor any of an Applicant’s advisers, consultants, servants or agents may currently be or have been in the past, an adviser, contractor, consultant, servant or agent to IÉ in relation to the subject of this procurement process where such involvement could or would lead to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest. In such circumstances all

relevant information must be disclosed to IÉ in advance (on or prior to the deadline for PQQ submissions) and IÉ will advise, in its absolute discretion, on the appropriate course of action.

- (6) In the event of any conflict or potential conflict of interest, IÉ may invite Applicant(s) to propose the means or mechanisms by which the conflict or potential conflict may be resolved or dealt with and clarify any mitigation systems in place to deal with any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest and to provide supporting documentation in relation to such mechanisms or mitigation systems.
- (7) IÉ will, in its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action which may, in appropriate circumstances, include elimination of an Applicant(s) from this competition and/or terminating any contract entered into with an Applicant or IÉ may permit the situation to continue provided and conditional upon certain safeguards being put in place and being observed.
- (8) Any “registrable interest” as defined in the Ethics in Public Office Acts, involving the Applicant and/or IÉ, CIE or any member of the CIE Group, or any member of the Government or Oireachtas or their relatives, must be fully disclosed when responding to this PQQ, or should be communicated to IÉ immediately where such information becomes known to the Applicant only after submission of a response and duly completed PQQ, and prior to the award of any contract, and IÉ will, in its sole discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances, result in the Applicant being eliminated from this competition or in any contract with the Applicant being terminated. “Registrable interest” and “relative” are as defined in the Ethics in Public Office Acts.

11.7 Existing Arrangements

Applicants are advised that IÉ has appointed the following firms to act on its behalf in this procurement competition:

AtkinsRéalis	(Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Services for the DART+)
McCann Fitzgerald LLP	(Legal Advisors)

Given their prior involvement in the preparation procedure, none of these firms may be part of any Applicants Team for this Project. Applicants must not contact any of the above firms regarding this competition.

Applicants must confirm that, if shortlisted to tender and ultimately awarded the contract, there would be no relevant conflict or perceived conflict of interest in relation to the Applicant Team completing the contract.

11.8 Multiple Participation

IÉ recognises that there may be entities (such as key sub-contractor) who wish to be involved with more than one Applicant in this competition. Where any entity wishes to participate in more than one Applicant/Applicants, it must contact IÉ, in accordance with section 11.6 and at least fifteen (15) working days before the Pre-Qualification Submission Deadline, to seek approval.

No entity may be involved with (including acting as advisor to or sub-contractor to) more than one Applicant/Applicants without the prior approval of IÉ. Following notification, IÉ will take such steps, as it considers appropriate, which may include prohibiting the entity from being involved with more than one Applicant/Applicants or making such involvement conditional on certain requirements being met. These requirements may include, but not be limited to, requiring certain information barriers to be put in place within the entity and requiring confirmation that each Applicant/Applicants with whom the entity is participating is aware of, and has no objection to, the participation on multiple teams.

11.9 Anti-Collusion/Inducements/Interference

Applicants are strictly prohibited from discussing any aspect of their application with any other Applicants or otherwise exchanging information or colluding in respect of any matter relating to this procurement process and this competition. Any Applicant (or any member of any Applicant) who fails to comply with this requirement may be disqualified.

11.10 Evaluation Panels

Evaluation Panels will be drawn from IE's own staff and those of its advisors, identified in the Conflict-of-Interest section of this document. To ensure consistency the selected Evaluation Panel members will be retained throughout the Procurement from PQQ, through to ITN phases, where practicable.

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire Structure

Applicants must respond using Appendix 1: Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) response document and Appendix 2, in word format co published with this PQQ.

Appendix / Part	Instructions for Applicants	
Appendix 1 Part 1	General Information about the Applicant.	To be completed by Applicants
Appendix 1 Part 2	Minimum Qualification Criteria: Pass / Fail.	To be completed by Applicants
Appendix 1 Part 3	Reference Projects.	To be completed by Applicants
Appendix 1 Part 4	Relevant Experience (Scored Selection Criteria).	To be completed by Applicants
Appendix 1 Part 5	Declaration Of Eligibility.	To be completed by Applicants
Appendix 2	Statement Of Confirmation.	To be completed by Applicants
Applicant's submissions must be completed and returned in a zipped folder with other supporting information and relevant appendices per section 8.4 of this document.		

Appendix 1 Contract for the Design & Build of Capacity Enhancement Works Connolly Station Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

GUIDANCE NOTES for the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

- Applicants must complete the pro-forma Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (document in word format co published with this PQQ.). Each part of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire must be completed in full. Do not leave any section blank. If an Applicant considers a section not relevant, it should direct a clarification to IÉ and state the reason why such a part or section is not relevant. If any of the Parts in this QUESTIONNAIRE are not relevant to an Applicant, please insert “N/A” or “Not Applicable”. Do not leave blanks.
- This QUESTIONNAIRE is divided into **5 Parts**, all of which must be completed unless otherwise stated. This questionnaire is available in soft copy in Word format (co published with this PQQ) and Applicants are permitted to add additional sections to tables etc. as required. Note there are Declarations in Appendix 1 which must be completed.
- Sections to be completed that are coloured **GREEN** require a response.
- Terms defined in this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire shall have the same meaning as in the definitions section of the PQQ document.
- Applicants are not permitted to adjust the headings or questions as they appear.
- Where the Applicant is a Consortium, Applicants should note the specific requirements concerning submissions by Consortiums. EACH MEMBER of a Consortium must complete the QUESTIONNAIRE.
- Where the Applicant is proposing a Sub-Contractor, information on Sub-Contractors must be provided.
- Applicants must complete the Statement of Confirmation set out in Appendix 2 and submit this with their completed PQQ.
- All parts of the PQQ must be completed in the English language.
- Please note that all financial information should be denominated in euro (€), except where financial information is being provided in a certified supporting document such as a set of financial statements where it is sufficient for the information to remain in its original currency. For the purpose of financial turnover figures, Applicants should refer to the instructions in section 9.1.1 of the PQQ.

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire for the Design & Build of Capacity Enhancement Works Connolly Station

Applicants must respond using Proforma Pre-Qualification Questionnaire response document in word format co published with this PQQ.

Note: Sections to be completed that are coloured **GREEN** require a response

PART 1 Details about the Applicant

PQQ Part 1 should be completed by the Applicant or if the Applicant is a Group, by the Lead Member on behalf of the Applicant. Part 1 is Information Only

If the Applicant is a Consortium, each member of the consortium must complete a questionnaire (including any Sub-Contractor who is also a member of a Consortium) and provide a response to all consortium specific questions. The Applicant, when submitting on behalf of the Consortium must be authorised to do so on behalf of all members of the Consortium. If the applicant is a Prime Contractor and has a Sub-Contractor, but this is not being proposed as a Consortium, but only for subcontracting purposes, the Sub-Contractor must supply a declaration in the form set out in Part 5.

1.1 Applicant Details

1.1 Please provide name of the Applicant, or if the Applicant is a Group, please provide name of the proposed Lead Member of the Applicant.

Response to 1.1: Applicant Details		
Full Company Name	[Please enter Full Company Name here]	
Business Name/Trading as	[Please enter Business Name / Trading as here]	
Registered Address/Registered Office	[Please enter registered office/ address here]	
Company website	[Please enter URL of company website here]	
Company Number	[Please enter company number here]	
VAT Number	[Please enter VAT number here]	
Key point of contact (Contact Person) for any queries in relation to this PQQ submission	Name	[Please enter key point of contacts name here]
	Email	[Please enter email address of key contact point]
	Contact No	[Please enter contact number]

1.2 Structure of the Applicant

1.2 Please confirm the structure of the Applicant (tick one box)

Response to 1.2: Structure of Applicant	
Single entity	Choose an item.
Consortium	Choose an item.
Group (i.e. a Prime Contractor with a sub-contractor(s) but not a Consortium)	Choose an item.

If you respond Yes to Option 1 Single entity proceed to question 1.4.

If you respond Yes to either Option 2 Consortium or Option 3 Group complete question 1.3.

1.3 Members of the Applicant

1.3 If the Applicant is a Consortium or a Group, you must provide all member details in the table below.

Applicants are permitted to add additional lines to the pro-forma tables as required but are not permitted to adjust the headings or questions as they appear.

Response to 1.3: Members of the Applicant		
Member(s) of the Applicant		Role
1.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]
2.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]
3.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]
4.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]

1.4 Applicant's Authorised Representative

1.4 Where the Applicant is a single entity, it must complete the first line in this response only.

Where the Applicant is a Consortium or Group, the name of the Authorised Representative of the Applicant (Lead Member) shall be inserted in the first line and each Member of the Applicant must sign this section 1.4 confirming that the Applicant's Authorised Representative is authorised to provide the information set out in its Pre-Qualification Submission on its behalf as set out below.

A consortium must identify a lead consortium member who is authorised by all the other members of the consortium as the lead consortium member authorised to deal with this application, and the role of all other consortium members must be identified. IE shall be entitled to assume that the lead consortium member has

the authority to bind all other members of the consortium and IÉ reserves the right to seek satisfactory evidence of the authority of the lead consortium member to bind all other members of the consortium. All contact with the consortium will be conducted by IÉ with the lead consortium member who will act as the contact person for the consortium for this competition (the “Contact Person”) and IÉ reserves the right to disregard contact with any other member of the consortium and/or to report such contact to the lead consortium member.

Applicants are permitted to add additional lines to the pro-forma tables as required but are not permitted to adjust the headings or questions as they appear.

Response to 1.4. Applicant's Authorised Representative		
Name	[Please enter Name here]	
Please complete and sign the form below in respect of the Applicant's Authorised Representative.		
I/We confirm that the Applicant's Authorised Representative named above is authorised to act on behalf of the Applicant, of which we are a Member, and to be the principal contact for the Applicant in all dealings with IÉ.		
Member of the Applicant	Name and Title	Signature
[Please enter Member Name here]	[Please enter Name and Title here]	[Signature]
[Please enter Member Name here]	[Please enter Name and Title here]	[Signature]

1.5 Legal form of the Applicant (Single Entity)

1.5 Is the Applicant already a limited company or is it intended that it will (if successful) be incorporated? (tick one box).

Response to 1.5: Legal Form (Single entity)	
Already a Limited Company (complete 1.6 below)	Choose an item.
Will (if successful) be incorporated	Choose an item.

1.6 Legal Form (incorporated) (Single Entity)

1.6 If the Applicant is already incorporated, please provide the following information:

Response to 1.6: Legal Form (Applicant already incorporated)	
Registered Number	[Please enter Registered Number here]
Year of Incorporation	[Please enter Year here]
Issued Share Capital	[Please enter here]
Place of Registration	[Please enter here]

1.7 Legal form of the Consortium

1.7 This question is to be completed by Consortiums or proposed Consortiums only

Response to 1.7 Legal Form (Consortium)	
Already a Limited Company/ incorporated entity (complete 1.8 below)	Choose an item.
Yet to be incorporated	Choose an item.
Not to be incorporated	Choose an item.

1.8 Legal Form (incorporated) (Consortium)

1.8 If the Applicant is already incorporated, please provide the following information:

Response to 1.8: Legal Form (Applicant (Consortium) already incorporated)	
Registered Number	[Please enter Registered Number here]
Year of Incorporation	[Please enter Year here]
Issued Share Capital	[Please enter here]
Place of Registration	[Please enter here]

1.9 Consortium Agreement

1.9 If the Applicant is a Consortium /Group, please confirm whether or not there is a legal agreement that defines the rights and liabilities of each Member of the Applicant. *(Please note this refers to agreements between all Members of the Applicant).*

Response to 1.9: Consortium Agreement	
Please confirm the legal entity of the Consortium	Choose an item.
Please confirm the proposed legal structure of the Applicants (e.g. consortium, joint venture, special purpose vehicle) and the proposed legal relationship between the members of the group and with IÉ. Please enter response below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]	

1.10 Consortium Activities

1.10 Is it proposed that the Consortium will be a single purpose entity formed solely to undertake this Contract?

Response to 1.10: Consortium Activities	
Is it proposed that the Consortium will be a single purpose entity formed solely to undertake this Contract? If No please complete below	Choose an item.
If you responded No, above, in what other undertakings will the Consortium be involved? [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]	

1.11 Consortium Member Details

1.11 Applicants who are, or intend to be a Consortium, must provide further detail on each member and provide a description of the relationship between members of the Consortium. An original and legally binding and

irrevocable and unconditional letter of authority from each of the consortium members must be submitted with this PQQ.

Please confirm the legal names, addresses and company numbers of all members of the Consortium, detailing which members are;

- Equity Participants and Non Equity Participants
- The percentage equity share of the consortium for each Equity Participant
- Role within Consortium and Contract (lead consortium member must be identified, role of other consortium members, Sub-contractors must be identified)

Response to 1.11: Consortium member details

Please provide the legal names, addresses and company numbers of all members of the Consortium and the specific information requested above.

Please enter response below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10.

[Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]

1.12 Consortium Obligations

1.12 Please outline the extent to which each Equity Participant will **guarantee the performance and obligations** of any vehicle which is formed by the Applicants (or where no vehicle is formed, details of the extent to which each Equity Participant will guarantee the performance and obligations of each and every other member).

Response to 1.12: Consortium Obligations

Please outline the extent to which each Equity Participant will guarantee the performance and obligations.

Please enter response below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10.

[Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]

1.13 Consortium Declaration

1.13 The Lead Consortium member, identified above and acting as the Contact Person, who is authorised by all the other members of the consortium as the lead consortium member and Contact Person.

1.13: Consortium Declaration	
Declaration Signed	[Signature]
Name	[Please enter Name here]
Duly Authorised for and on behalf of	[Please enter details here]
Date	[Please enter date here]

1.14 Details of Sub Contractor Arrangements

1.14 Details of all proposed sub-contracting arrangements, whether by a Consortium or an individual Applicant who is a Prime Contractor and proposes to use a Sub-Contractor for sub-contracting purposes only (but not as a Consortium), must be fully disclosed. (Note that all sub-contracting is subject to the prior written consent of IÉ under the terms of the Contract, in its absolute discretion and IÉ may withhold such consent in its absolute discretion. All Sub Contractor arrangements and the details must be submitted with this application).

Applicants are permitted to add additional lines to the pro-forma tables as required but are not permitted to adjust the headings or questions as they appear.

Response to 1.14: Sub-Contractor Arrangements		
Name of Proposed Sub-Contractor (full legal name, registered office, registered number, country of incorporation, trading or business name)	Role of Proposed Sub-Contractor	
1.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]
2.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]
3.	[Please enter Name here]	[Please enter Role here]

If the Sub-Contractors are members of a Consortium, they may be required to be jointly and severally liable to IÉ for the performance of the Contract, on any contract award.

Irrevocable letters of authority from each Sub-Contractor confirming their proposed role in the Applicant, whether as Sub-Contractor only, or also members of the consortium, (in which case the sub-contractor must also complete this Questionnaire), must also be enclosed.

Where reliance on resources of any Sub-Contractor is also sought by any Applicant to meet any of the Selection Criteria, a separate legally binding letter of authority must be included with the PQQ submission when returning in compliance with section 6.6 of the PQQ, identifying the specific nature of the reliance on resources in each case, to meet the specific qualitative selection criteria.

1.15 Reliance on the capacities of others

1.15 Applicants refer to Section 6.6 of the PQQ in relation to the requirements on reliance on resources to meet any of the selection criteria.

Is the Applicant or any Member of the Applicant relying on the resources of entities with which it is directly or indirectly linked (including, for example, but not limited to, reliance on a parent company's resources) for the purposes of proving its financial and/or technical capacity.

Response to 1.15: Reliance on the capacities of others	
Is the Applicant or any Member of the Applicant relying on the resources of entities with which it is directly or indirectly linked (including, for example, but not limited to, reliance on a parent company's resources) for the purposes of proving its financial standing .	Choose an item.
Is the Applicant or any Member of the Applicant relying on the resources of entities with which it is directly or indirectly linked (including, for example, but not limited to, reliance on a parent company's resources) for the purposes of proving its relevant experience .	Choose an item.

NOTE: It is essential that where reliance on resources is sought from any other person or entity in respect of any of the Selection Criteria, whether of economic and financial capacity or of technical and/or professional ability (relevant experience), or both, full supporting evidence and accompanying documentation is provided in each relevant section/criteria where reliance on resources is sought, and the requirements of that section on reliance on resources under each criteria, are met, as per section 6.6 of the PQQ and the requirements of the Utilities Directive and Utilities Regulations.

1.16 Reliance confirmation

1.16 If the response to 1.15 is yes for either or both items (a) ("Reliance on resources for financial standing") or (b) ("Reliance on resources for relevant experience"), the Applicant or Member of the Applicant must provide evidence satisfactory to IÉ demonstrating to IÉ's satisfaction that it has available to it the resources /capacities of those entities or undertakings which are necessary for the performance of the contract and that it will provide contractual confirmations satisfactory to IÉ if required to do so.

If the entity in question is being relied upon with respect to criteria relating to relevant experience i.e. Part 5 of the PQQ, the applicant shall satisfy IÉ that the entity being relied upon will perform the works or services for which resources /capacities are required.

In order to demonstrate this for the purpose of the PQQ, it shall suffice for an Applicant to include with its submission a written undertaking in the format of an irrevocable letter of undertaking from such other third party confirming that it will provide the necessary support to the Applicant for the purposes required by the Applicant. Any such letter must confirm that it will provide the necessary support including:

- details of the resources which will be made available;
- how those resources will be made available; and confirmation that it will enter into a contractual commitment (in a form satisfactory to the Authority) to provide such resources if the Applicant is successful in the Competition.

The letter(s) of undertaking must be executed as a deed or otherwise by a duly authorised person who is duly authorised to bind such other entity.

It is anticipated that IÉ will require entities who offer resources or support to Applicants to contract on a joint and several basis, provide guarantees, collateral warranties, direct agreements or some other structure or contractual mechanism as IÉ considers necessary in order for it to have appropriate recourse to the substantive entities bidding for this project.

In the event that IÉ deems that the evidence provided in respect of reliance on resources is insufficient following clarification, if necessary (or where no reliance on resources is sought), the Applicant or the relevant Member of the Applicant will be evaluated based on its own financial and technical standing.

Response to 1.16(a): Reliance on resources for financial standing <i>Provided with submission</i>	Choose an item.
Response to 1.16(b) Reliance on resources for technical capacity <i>Provided with submission</i>	Choose an item.

1.17 Conflict of Interest

Please confirm:

If there could be a conflict or perceived conflict of interest or not, in relation to the personnel or type of work involved in this Contract.

Response to 1.17: Conflict of Interest	
Please confirm: If there could be a conflict or perceived conflict of interest or not, in relation to the personnel or type of work involved in this Contract.	Choose an item.
Should an Applicant indicate No <i>they should clearly mark the response below</i> Not Applicable.	
If an Applicant has indicated Yes they must detail what the possible conflict or perceived conflict of interest may be and who it relates to and how it could have an adverse effect on the Contract and the measures you will take to manage and mitigate this risk. Please enter response below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]	

PART 2 Minimum Qualification Criteria

In the case of reliance upon the financial resources of another entity, Part 2 must also be completed by that other entity as well as a declaration of eligibility to be furnished by the third party being relied upon.

2.1 Minimum Financial Turnover Qualification: Pass / Fail

Applicants must respond to question 2.1a or 2.1b, not both.

2.1 a Single entity should complete 2.1a below:

Please provide details of the annual turnover which must equal or exceed **€50,000,000.00** per annum, exclusive of VAT, for the last three audited financial year ends.

Response to 2.1a Annual turnover (Single entity)			
Single entity	Year: Y1	Year: Y2	Year: Y3
Date of financial year end	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]
Annual turnover (€)	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]

2.1b Consortiums: should complete 2.1b below:

In the case of a consortium, the turnover threshold, which must equal or exceed **€50,000,000.00** per annum, exclusive of VAT, for the last three audited financial year ends must be met by the combined annual turnover of all members of the consortium in each of the last 3 audited financial years. Please provide details of the annual turnover for each Consortium member.

Applicants are permitted to add additional lines to the pro-forma tables as required but are not permitted to adjust the headings or questions as they appear.

Response to B2.1b Annual turnover (Consortium)			
Member name	[Please enter Member Name here]		
Date of financial year end	Year: Y1	Year: Y2	Year: Y3
	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]
Annual turnover (€)	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]
Member name	[Please enter Member Name here]		

Date of financial year end	Year: Y1	Year: Y2	Year: Y3
	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]
Annual turnover (€)	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]
Member name	[Please enter Member Name here]		
Date of financial year end	Year: Y1	Year: Y2	Year: Y3
	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]	[Please insert date here]
Annual turnover (€)	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]

In the case of a consortium, the turnover threshold must be met by the combined annual turnover of all members of the consortium in each of the last 3 audited financial years. Please provide a reconciliation of the turnover figure quoted below to the turnover figure as per the financial statements:

For the consortium	Year: Y1	Year: Y2	Year: Y3
Total	[Please insert cumulative consortium Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert cumulative consortium Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]	[Please insert cumulative consortium Annual Turnover €, exclusive of VAT here]

2.2 Bankers Letter

Please include with your submission a Bankers Letter

Applicants (to the extent that they are separate legal entities) must provide a signed statement from their principal bankers dated within three months of the PQQ submission deadline:

- Stating the length in years of their financial relationship;
- Confirming that the bank is the entity's principal banker; and
- Confirming that all accounts held by the entity are currently in good standing order.

If an Applicant is relying on the resources of others for economic and financial standing, that other entity must meet the requirements set out above.

Response to 2.2: Bankers Letters		
Applicants to enclose a Bankers Letter, per section 9.1.2 of the PQQ instructions and include within the Financial Statement Folder to be submitted as outlined in section 8 & 9 of the PQQ instructions. Each document enclosed must include the Applicants Name and clear document description e.g. "Bankers Letter [Applicant Name]"		
Ref	Question	
2.2(a)	Bankers Letter submitted	Choose an item.

2.3 Financial Robustness

Please provide copies of signed financial statements showing an unqualified audit opinion for each of the last three financial years including all notes to the financial statements, auditor's report and director's report in respect of the entity, or entities, whose turnover is being submitted in section 2.1, to certify the turnover for each of the relevant financial years.

If the Applicant is relying on another entity, please provide signed audited financial statements certifying the turnover for that entity also. Should the auditor's report contain other statements regarding their findings then IÉ will consider, at its absolute discretion, if these audited accounts meet this minimum requirement. The latest set of audited financial statements must have been filed with the Companies Registration Office (or equivalent for non-Irish based companies) ("CRO") within the relevant statutory filing period.

Where the most recent audited financial statements have not been filed with the Companies Registration Office (or equivalent outside Ireland) within the statutory filing period and/or remain unsigned by an auditor, the draft financial statements for that period must be provided with a reasonable and comprehensive explanation as to why such accounts remain unsigned, together with the signed audited financial statements for the three previous financial years. The Authority may, at its absolute discretion, elect to accept such unsigned accounts.

- Provide any prospectus or credit rating issued in the previous three financial years or confirmation that no such documents have been issued.
- Provide copies of any material announcements made to the authorities of any stock exchange, market or bourse on which the stocks or shares are publicly traded since the publication of the latest set of accounts or confirmation that no such announcements have been made.
- Applicants must complete the questions 2.3 (a-i) below.

Response to 2.3: Financial Robustness
Applicants to enclose a Financial Statement Folder to be submitted as outlined in section 8 & 9 of the PQQ instructions. Each document enclosed must include the Applicants Name and clear document description e.g. "Management Accounts [Year Applicant Name]"

Ref	Question
<i>Should an Applicant consider any question in 2.3 a) i) to not be applicable they should clearly mark the response Not Applicable.</i> Responses left blank will be deemed a Fail.	
2.3(a)	Are there any actual and / or anticipated significant events since the last audited set of accounts provided. Choose an item.
2.3(b)	If an Applicant has responded Yes to question 2.2 (a) Please provide below details of the event and a clear statement detailing the impact that this has had on the organisation. If an Applicant has responded No to question 2.2 (a) mark the response Not Applicable. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]
2.3(c)	Please provide a statement of any contingent liability or loss (where not otherwise reported) that could have a material impact on the ability of the Applicant to deliver this Contract. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]
2.3(d)	Please provide confirmation whether or not the Applicant has met all its obligations to pay its creditors and employees during the past year? Choose an item.
2.3(e)	If an Applicant has responded No to question 2.2 (d) Please provide below details and an explanation why not. If an Applicant has responded Yes to question 2.2 (d) mark the response Not Applicable. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]
2.3(f)	Please provide, if available, copies of externally provided, most current credit reference or credit rating reports (including, for example, Duns and Bradstreet, Standard and Poors, or Moody's reports) and confirm inclusion with submission. Choose an item.
2.3(g)	If an Applicant has responded No to question 2.2 (f) and not provided a copy of an external credit reference or credit rating report, please provide an explanation as to why this is unavailable or not submitted. If an Applicant has responded Yes to question 2.2 (f) mark the response Not Applicable. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]
2.3(h)	Please provide details of any existing financial commitments or liabilities which could impact adversely upon the Applicant's ability to meet the Contract's requirements.

	[Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]
2.3(i)	Please provide a statement that the ownership of the Applicant or the structure of the Applicant has not changed significantly over the past twelve months. Where it has, please provide details. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]

☐ Applicants must self-declare by way of a tick to confirm that they meet the minimum qualification criteria in respect of turnover as outlined in this Part 2.

☐ Applicants must self-declare by way of a tick to confirm that supporting documentation (audited financial statements and / or certified statements of turnover from an independent accountant) has been provided with reference to this Part 2. **Supporting documentation MUST be provided.** If an Applicant is relying on resources of another entity/entities, the same information must be provided in relation to that entity/those entities.

☐ Applicants must self-declare by way of a tick to confirm if Applicant is relying on combined turnover of consortium members or those of other any other persons/entities, in order to meet the minimum financial qualification criteria relating to turnover. In the case of an Applicant that is a consortium or grouping, the turnover requirement set out above may be met by the combined annual turnover of all members of the consortium in each of the last three audited financial years. Please provide a reconciliation of the turnover figure quoted below to the turnover figure as per the financial statements.

2.4 Declaration	
Declaration Signed	[Signature]
Name	[Please enter Name here]
Duly Authorised for and on behalf of	[Please enter details here]
Date	[Please enter date here]

2.5 Health and Safety (Pass / Fail)

To be completed by the Applicant and by each member of a Consortium. Identify if any resources of Consortium members (including any Sub-Contractor) are being relied upon (including any Sub-Contractor who is a Consortium member) by the Applicant in order to fulfil this Selection Criteria and provide full details and legally binding Letter of Support/Undertaking from the entity providing the resources and any supporting documentation required by IE. Where the Applicant is a Prime Contractor with a Sub-Contractor but not a Consortium, and resources of a Sub-Contractor are being relied upon to fulfil this Selection Criteria, please provide full details and legally binding Letter of Support/Undertaking from the entity providing the resources and any supporting documentation required by IE.

Health and Safety Assessment		
Ref	Question	
2.5(a)	Do you as the main Applicant or Member have a Health and Safety system in place that is currently certified as compliant with ISO 45001 or equivalent accredited safety management system? If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.
2.5(b)	If yes, please specify the standard and respond below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]	
2.5(c)	Please confirm that you have the ability to perform (or any third party on whom you rely upon) to perform the role of PSCS (Project Supervisor Construction Stage). Further evidence to support this declaration may be requested at tender stage. If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.
2.5(d)	Please provide details of the experience of the staff you propose for this project who will execute the duties of the PSCS. Your response must include the relevant qualifications held, evidence of membership of a professional body (e.g. CIF, CIOB), details of any Safety and Health qualifications, and training (e.g. degree, diploma, certificate, managing safety in construction, continual professional development). [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]	
2.5(e)	Please provide a copy of your organisations current Safety Management System (for example Safety Manual or Safety Statement or equivalent). This should be a signed and dated copy. If the answer is No and a copy is not submitted, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.

2.5(f)	Please self-certify that your organisation current Safety Management System (for example Safety Manual or Safety Statement or equivalent) complies with current legislative requirements. If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.
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2.6 Accident Statistics

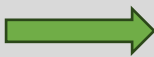
Please provide the following statistics in the table below. You are required to accurately complete all accident statistics for your company for the last 5 years prior to PQQ submission deadline– all spaces must be completed, with none left blank. If you have received any Prohibitions / Improvements notices, etc. either from your National Health & Safety Authority or your client, you are required to provide details of those notices.

To assist you in your calculations, descriptions of the required information is outlined below:

- **Injury accidents:** total number of accidents which required at minimum first aid and must include all 3 day reportable accidents).
- **Number of employees:** The total headcount of all persons working under your control on the project (including sub-contracted labour under your control).
- **Incident rate:** the total number of accidents on each project multiplied by 1000 and divided by number of people employed on the project.
- **Total hours worked:** total number of hours worked by persons under your control on the project
- **Frequency rate:** Total calculated as number of accidents (first aid and 3 day reportable) multiplied by 100,000 and divided by the total number of hours worked.
- **Days lost:** Total number of days lost to accident or industrial injury during the project.
- **Severity rate:** Is calculated as number of days lost as a result of injury accidents (including first aid and 3 day reportable) divided by the number of injury accidents.
- **Total number of sites visits:** Carried out by the Health and Safety Authority on each project (include all visits including ones where no notices were issued).
- **Total number of prohibition and improvement notices** issued for each project used in your submission. Audit severity rate is total number of improvement notices and prohibition notices issues as a result of the number of audits divided by the number of audits.
- **Prohibition notice/ Improvement notice:** notice issued by an inspector in relation to an activity, which the inspector is of the opinion, has been or is likely to be a risk of serious personal injury to persons at work. This might require an immediate stoppage of work. An Improvement notice is a notice from the inspector stating his opinion that, an employer has broken a provision of an Act or Regulation.

Applicants are not permitted to adjust the headings or questions as they appear.

Insert Year 	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]
1) Injury accident	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
2) Numbers employed (including sub-contractors)	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]

Insert Year 	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]	[Insert Year here]
3) Incident rate	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
4) Hours worked	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
5) Frequency rate	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
6) Days lost	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
7) Accident Severity rate	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
8) Number of site visits carried out by the national safety inspectorate (e.g. Health and Safety Authority)	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]
9) Number of Prohibition / Improvement notices received	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]	[text here]

2.7 Quality Assurance & Management (Pass / Fail)

In accordance with section 9.1.6 of the PQQ instructions, the Applicant must complete the form below.

Quality Assurance & Management Assessment		
Ref	Question	
2.7(a)	Do you as the main Applicant or Member have a formal quality management system in place that is current and certified as compliant with ISO 9001 or an equivalent recognised standard? If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.
2.7(b)	If the answer is Yes, please state the quality standard below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max]	

2.8 Environmental Management (Pass / Fail)

In accordance with section 9.1.7 of the PQQ instructions, the Applicant must complete the form below.

Environmental Assessment		
Ref	Question	
2.8(a)	Environmental Management: Does your company have an Environmental Management System accredited to a recognised standard? EMAS, ISO4001 or equivalent etc.? (Yes/No) If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.
2.8(c)	If yes, please specify the standard and respond below which is limited to 1500 characters in Arial font size 10. [Please enter text here - 1500 characters max] If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	
2.8(d)	Sustainability Management Please confirm your organisation has a Sustainability Policy, which must be signed and dated in the last two years. If the answer is No, then this is a fail and will result in disqualification from the competition.	Choose an item.
2.8(e)	Please provide a copy of your organisations Sustainability Policy	Choose an item.

2.9 Electronic Information Management Capability and Capacity Assessment (Pass / Fail)

In accordance with section 9.1.8 of the PQQ instructions, the Applicant must complete the form below.

Electronic Information Management Capability and Capacity Assessment				
Ref	Question	Description of information to support response	Yes / No	Comments or reference to relevant supporting information
3a)	Does the team have experience of working using a common data environment (CDE), as described in ISO 19650–1:2018 and ISO 19650–2:2018?	Provide evidence of the team(s) previous experience of working with a common data environment (CDE). Reference the platform(s) used and their relevant functionality, where applicable	Choose an item.	[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]

3b)	Does the team have the capability and commitment to work to the principles and requirements outlined in the ISO 19650 series?	Provide evidence of the team(s) capability and commitment to work to these principles and requirements. This could consist of either evidence of past projects, organisational/internal standards that align with the principles or a statement of commitment.	Choose an item.	[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]
3c)	Does the team have the capability to produce and deliver information against (depending upon the appointment) an information standard and information production methods and procedures, as described in ISO 19650–2:2018?	Evidence the team(s) previous experience of working with project standards, production methods and procedures. This could include an example of the document, as well as a description of your involvement. Or identify how you would propose to develop or deliver project standards, production methods and procedures.	Choose an item.	[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]
3d)	Will any training need to be undertaken to meet the appointment documentation suite (including exchange information requirements (EIR)) associated with your appointment on this project?	If 'yes', provide a description of the training to be undertaken and the anticipated timeframes. If 'no', provide resumes of the proposed team(s) and their relevant experience and/or training.	Choose an item.	[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]
3e)	Does the team have arrangements for training employees in building information modelling (BIM)-related skills, and do you assess their capabilities?	Evidence the team(s) arrangements to ensure that the proposed team have the appropriate skills and understanding to implement and deliver projects in accordance with the ISO 19650 series principles.		[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]
3f)	Does the team have access to information technologies specified or envisaged within the information standards, information production methods and procedures?	Evidence current information technologies and hardware utilised within the team(s). This could include any plans and timeframes to adopt the necessary information technologies.	Choose an item.	[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]

3g)	Does the team have experience in developing quality control procedures to verify that specific standards, methods and procedures have been fulfilled?	Evidence the team(s) previous experience at quality control verification.	Choose an item.	[Please enter text here - 7000 characters max]
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PART 3 Reference Projects

Important Notes

The Applicant will provide information on the reference Projects in the following Reference Project Template (below).

Applicants must provide details of **three** design & build projects to demonstrate relevant experience against the qualitative selection criteria.

Applicants will be evaluated based on their responses to Questions 1–4.

Applicants are required to demonstrate relevant experience of a similar scope, scale, and complexity to the proposed requirements, using evidence from up to three reference projects provided at [Part 3].

Applicants must submit three reference projects and use these to demonstrate relevant experience, questions 1-4, in PQQ Part 4, and address the requirements of the question. Responses may draw on one, two, or all three projects, and experience may be presented cumulatively across them. It is not required for each individual reference project to address every bullet point or criterion; collectively, the selected projects should demonstrate the full range of required experience.

However, higher scoring responses will demonstrate comprehensive and clearly evidenced experience across all aspects of the relevant question(s), with strong alignment to the contract requirements.

The response to the relevant experience question is scored on the Applicants response to the specific requirements of each question and in line with the scoring methodology in section 10 of the PQQ instructions.

Brochures, marketing collateral or direction to hyperlinks are prohibited.

Where a Consortium is the Applicant, they must clearly identify the Consortium members whose experience is being relied upon, to demonstrate relevant previous experience.

Where the Applicant is a Prime Contractor with a Sub-Contractor but not a Consortium, they must clearly identify the Sub-Contractor whose experience is being relied upon, to demonstrate relevant previous experience.

Should an Applicant provide more than 3 projects in any one Relevant Experience question, the evaluation panel will be instructed to disregard any references in excess of 3, as evidence of relevant experience.

Projects must be completed within the 10 years prior to the PQQ submission date. Projects completed outside of this timeframe will not be considered.

Applicants are not to include company literature i.e. brochures with their response. This is due to the fact that an assessment model based on specific criteria in Part 4 of this PQQ will be used to evaluate responses which cannot be applied to any such company literature. All supplementary material and hyperlinks will not be evaluated.

IE reserves the right to seek further clarification or information on the reference projects cited.

*Applicants must provide contact details for a project contract referee. It is the Applicants responsibility to obtain the Contact Point's permission to share their contact details with IE and only select those who are prepared to confirm accuracy of the information provided. Applicants must ensure that the Project Contract Referee is available to provide IE with feedback, verbally and or in writing. IE reserves the right to contact all referees provided as part of due diligence and request written feedback on the Applicants performance on the project cited or request a site visit of the project cited. Should IE decide to exercise its right to request feedback

from the reference project Client or a site visit of a reference project this will be used to verify statements in the Applicants submission. If the information provided by the Applicant in any PQQ response turns out to be false, or misleading, the PQQ response shall be re-marked to reflect this and may result on disqualification for the competition.

Similar Scope, Scale, and Complexity: For the purposes of this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire, *“similar infrastructure projects of comparable scope, scale, and complexity, ideally within operational or constrained environments”* shall be interpreted as projects that demonstrate:

- **Scale:** Comparable overall value, size, and level of resource required (generally within a similar value range to the proposed works, or of a higher value where this demonstrates relevant scale and complexity).
- **Complexity:** Delivery involving multiple interfaces, stakeholders, disciplines, or technical challenges (e.g. integration with existing assets, phased delivery, or coordination across systems).
- **Infrastructure Type:** Rail or other transport and/or public infrastructure projects (e.g. highways, airports, utilities, civic infrastructure).
Experience in rail infrastructure is strongly preferred and will be scored more favourably, however, the presence of rail experience alone will not automatically result in a higher score without clear evidence of quality, relevance, and alignment with the contract requirements.
- **Operational / Constrained Environments:** Projects delivered within live or operational settings, or where access, safety, stakeholder, or logistical constraints significantly influenced design and construction (e.g. maintaining services, restricted access windows, public interface, or adjacent live assets).

Applicants are responsible for clearly demonstrating how their experience aligns with the requirements of the contract. Where non-rail experience is presented, the Applicant must provide clear and specific evidence of comparability in terms of scope, scale, complexity, operational context, and technical interfaces.

Reference Project Template

Applicants are not permitted to add additional lines to the pro-forma tables or adjust the headings or questions as they appear. Hyperlinks or brochures will not be considered.

Note 3 reference projects must be submitted to demonstrate experience per question 1-4.

Reference projects must clearly indicate which question they relate to.

Project Example Number	PROJECT 1
Project Name	[Please enter Project name here]
Name of who carried out the works	[Please enter Name here]
Name and Location of Contract	[Please enter Name and location here]
Name of Awarding Entity	[Please enter Name here]
Brief Description of Contract Requirements Maximum response 3000 characters	[Please enter description of the works here]
Contract Value to Applicant	[Please enter value here]
Details of contract performance and identify any elements that may have been sub-contracted.	[Please enter details here]
Please provide details of resources deployed on this Contract, e.g. number of employees and category – management, admin, employees, other	[Please enter details here]
Original tendered contract value	[Please enter value here]
Completion Contract value	[Please enter value here]
Reason for difference (if any)	[Please enter any difference (if applicable) here]
Contract Commencement Date	[Please enter date here]
Planned Contract End Date	[Please enter date here]
Actual date of contract completion	[Please enter date here]
Reason for any difference (if any)	[Please enter any difference (if applicable) here]
*Name of Project Contact Referee	[Please enter Name here]
*Project Contract referee details	[Please enter address, telephone number and email details here]

Project Example Number	PROJECT 2
Project Name	[Please enter Project name here]
Name of who carried out the works	[Please enter Name here]
Name and Location of Contract	[Please enter Name and location here]
Name of Awarding Entity	[Please enter Name here]
Brief Description of Contract Requirements Maximum response 3000 characters	[Please enter description of the works here]
Contract Value to Applicant	[Please enter value here]
Details of contract performance and identify any elements that may have been sub-contracted	[Please enter details here]
Please provide details of resources deployed on this Contract, e.g. number of employees and category – management, admin, employees, other	[Please enter details here]
Original tendered contract value	[Please enter value here]
Completion Contract value	[Please enter value here]
Reason for difference (if any)	[Please enter any difference (if applicable) here]
Contract Commencement Date	[Please enter date here]
Planned Contract End Date	[Please enter date here]
Actual date of contract completion	[Please enter date here]
Reason for any difference (if any)	[Please enter any difference (if applicable) here]
*Name of Project Contact Referee	[Please enter Name here]
*Project Contract referee details	[Please enter address, telephone number and email details here]

Project Example Number	PROJECT 3
Project Name	[Please enter Project name here]
Name of who carried out the works	[Please enter Name here]
Name and Location of Contract	[Please enter Name and location here]
Name of Awarding Entity	[Please enter Name here]
Brief Description of Contract Requirements Maximum response 3000 characters	[Please enter description of the works here]
Contract Value to Applicant	[Please enter value here]
Details of contract performance and identify any elements that may have been sub-contracted	[Please enter details here]
Please provide details of resources deployed on this Contract, e.g. number of employees and category – management, admin, employees, other	[Please enter details here]
Original tendered contract value	[Please enter value here]
Completion Contract value	[Please enter value here]
Reason for difference (if any)	[Please enter any difference (if applicable) here]
Contract Commencement Date	[Please enter date here]
Planned Contract End Date	[Please enter date here]
Actual date of contract completion	[Please enter date here]
Reason for any difference (if any)	[Please enter any difference (if applicable) here]
*Name of Project Contact Referee	[Please enter Name here]
*Project Contract referee details	[Please enter address, telephone number and email details here]

PART 4 Relevant Experience

Important Notes

In accordance with section 8.4 of the PQQ instructions, Applicants must respond to the Relevant Experience questions below and enclose with their PQQ submission.

Each question must reference **3** applicable Reference Projects with the exception of Question 5. The same Reference Projects must be used for all responses.

Each response must clearly state which Reference Project the works were provided in relation to. Any additional reference projects provided will be disregarded.

Each response to the relevant experience questions shall be a standalone response and tailored to the question with no cross-referencing between responses.

All responses must be provided in PDF. IE is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Applicants must ensure electronic documents are not corrupt or password protected.

Where a page limit is specified in respect of a question, it will be expressed in terms of A4 pages. The contents of each response must adhere to the following parameters:

- The maximum permissible number of A4 pages will be specified for each question;
- Pages must be numbered in sequence in each response starting with the first page of the content to be assessed;
- Minimum font size of 11 for text is permitted, using Arial font style;
- Margins at the top, bottom, left and right of each page must all be set at no less than 2cm;
- Line spacing must be at 1.15 multiple (Before 0pt, After 6pt);
- No images, graphs or diagrams should be included within the responses unless specifically requested; and
- Responses should be included in zipped submission using the naming convention outlined in section 8.4 and Table 4 of the PQQ instructions.

Applicants should note that where a specified page limit is exceeded in their response the specified maximum number of pages will be evaluated starting at Page 1 of the response to the question under evaluation. All pages in excess of the maximum will NOT be evaluated.

Applicants must clearly label each response with the Applicant Name and Question number – cover pages are not necessary but if used will not be included in the page count, therefore no response information should be included as this will not be evaluated.

For the avoidance of doubt, IE shall apply its professional judgement in assessing the level of capability / experience the Applicant has demonstrated based on the responses provided.

All scored questions have a minimum acceptable score of 2. Should Applicants achieve a score of 1 or 0 in any scored selection criteria question they will be disqualified from the procurement. For the avoidance of doubt this means the PQQ will be rejected in its entirety. Note there are **5** questions in total.

No.	Question: Previous Experience of Managing Design Activity 30%
1	With reference to a minimum of one and a maximum of three design & build contracts undertaken within the last ten (10) years (prior to the submission deadline), Applicants are required to provide details of relevant projects that best demonstrate their experience and capability in managing design activities. Projects should relate to rail or similar infrastructure schemes of comparable scope, scale, and complexity, ideally delivered within operational or constrained environments. Applicants may draw on examples from up to three projects and may use any one, two, or a combination of these to demonstrate experience across the design lifecycle. The response should clearly demonstrate how the Applicant has: • Managed and coordinated multi-disciplinary design teams, including specialist designers; • Delivered design solutions involving existing, operational, or constrained assets (e.g. live infrastructure and/ or heritage elements, where applicable); • Achieved programme and budget requirements; • Incorporated quality, value engineering, and whole-life cost considerations into the design process; • Identified, managed, and mitigated health and safety risks through design; • Considered buildability and constructability during design development; • Managed design interfaces across all project stages, including during construction; • Implemented appropriate design assurance and governance processes; and • Delivered or supported safety assurance activities, where applicable. Response Limit: 4 pages

No.	Question: Previous Experience of Construction 30%
2	With reference to a minimum of one and a maximum of three design & build contracts undertaken within the last ten (10) years (prior to the submission deadline), Applicants are required to provide details of relevant projects that best demonstrate their experience and capability in construction activities. Projects should relate to rail or similar infrastructure schemes of comparable scope, scale, and complexity, ideally delivered within operational or constrained environments. Applicants may draw on examples from up to three projects and may use any one, two, or a combination of these to demonstrate experience in managing and delivering activities during construction. The response should clearly demonstrate how the Applicant has: • Mobilised, resourced, and delivered works within live or operational environments, effectively managing and coordinating access constraints (i.e. working within planned possessions windows or similar access restrictions) and phasing activities to minimise disruption to stakeholders and ongoing operations; • Managed testing, commissioning, and handover processes to ensure quality, safety, and operational readiness; • Applied appropriate metrics and performance measures to monitor delivery against scope, cost, and programme; • Undertaken the role of Project Supervisor Construction Stage (PSCS), or equivalent, including coordinating health and safety during construction, managing contractors, and ensuring compliance with relevant safety legislation; and

	Implemented robust safety management and assurance processes throughout construction, testing, and commissioning, in line with applicable standards and regulatory requirements (e.g. rail or equivalent sector standards).
	Response Limit: 4 pages

No.	Question: Previous Experience of Stakeholder Management 15%
3	With reference to a minimum of one and a maximum of three design & build contracts undertaken within the last ten (10) years (prior to the submission deadline), Applicants are required to provide details of relevant projects that best demonstrate their experience and capability in stakeholder engagement and management. Projects should relate to rail or similar infrastructure schemes of comparable scope, scale, and complexity, ideally delivered within operational or constrained environments. Applicants may draw on examples from up to three projects and may use any one, two, or a combination of these to demonstrate experience in managing and engaging with stakeholders. The response should clearly demonstrate how the Applicant has: - Identified and managed a range of stakeholders, including users, asset owners, statutory bodies, and third parties, and effectively integrated them into the project; - Managed stakeholder engagement throughout project phases, including how stakeholder requirements were identified, recorded, monitored, and addressed; - Implemented processes for resolving stakeholder issues, including escalation where necessary; - Consulted with stakeholders during design and delivery, including consideration of asset protection and operational constraints; and - Monitored and reported stakeholder engagement performance to the Client.
	Response Limit: 3 pages

No.	Question: Previous Experience of Management of Sub-Contractors 15%
4	With reference to a minimum of one and a maximum of three design & build contracts undertaken within the last ten (10) years (prior to the submission deadline), Applicants are required to provide details of relevant projects that best demonstrate their experience and capability in subcontractor management. Projects should relate to rail or similar infrastructure schemes of comparable scope, scale, and complexity, ideally delivered within operational or constrained environments. Applicants may draw on examples from up to three projects and may use any one, two, or a combination of these to demonstrate experience in managing subcontractors. The response should clearly demonstrate how the Applicant has: - Procured and managed the supply chain, including subcontractor selection, tendering approach, contract arrangements, and payment practices; - Managed multiple subcontractors concurrently, including coordination of labour, sequencing, and integration; and - Managed subcontractor performance to ensure quality, safety, and timely delivery, achieving standards beyond minimum compliance.
	Response Limit: 2 pages

No.	Question: Organisational Sustainability Management 10%
5	In addition to the pass/fail requirement to provide a corporate sustainability policy, Applicants are required to provide an executive summary outlining, with relevant examples, how the following have been addressed: • Embedding sustainability principles into service delivery, including areas such as ethical sourcing, human rights, climate action (including carbon management), biodiversity protection, fair labour practices, and social value / community benefits; and • Monitoring, measuring, and reporting on sustainability performance and initiatives.
	Response Limit: 2 pages

PART 5: DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Important Notes

Applicants please note:

Note 1 Where the Applicant is a Consortium or Grouping, **EACH** Member of the Consortium/Grouping (as identified at Part 1 of the PQQ) **MUST COMPLETE A DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY SEPARATELY**. Where the Applicant proposes to use a Sub-Contractor, whether they are part of a Consortium or whether they are not and acting in the latter case for sub-contracting purposes only, each SUB-CONTRACTOR **MUST COMPLETE A DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY**.

Note 2: Measures Taken By Applicant: Where any one of more of the Exclusion Grounds set out above in the Declaration applies, the Applicant **must** include details of such Exclusion Ground with its PQQ submission and, where the Applicant is not precluded from doing so under Article 57(6) of Directive 2014/24/EU, the Applicant may provide evidence to the effect that measures taken by the Applicant are sufficient to demonstrate the Applicant's reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground as is referred to in Article 57(12) of Directive 2014/24/EU. The evidence provided by the Applicant will be taken into account by Iarnród Éireann-Irish Rail in considering whether or not to exclude the Applicant from further participation in the procurement process. Nothing in this Schedule or in this PQQ document shall preclude the submission by the Tenderer of a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) referred to in Article 59(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

Note 3: Execution: This Declaration must be signed by a duly authorised person in the Applicant's organisation. In the case of a company, a Director of the company or the Company Secretary must sign this declaration.

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY

AS PER REGULATION 89(1) OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (AWARD OF CONTRACTS BY UTILITY UNDERTAKINGS) REGULATIONS 2016

DECLARATION RE: CONTRACT NOTICE FOR CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN & BUILD OF CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT WORKS AT CONNOLLY STATION required by IARNRÓD ÉIREANN-IRISH RAIL (IE)	
Name of Applicant	[Please enter Name here]
Address	[Please enter details here]
Country	[Please enter details here]

On behalf of the Applicant, and having been duly authorised by the Applicant, I sincerely declare that:

1. The Applicant itself or any person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the Applicant or has powers of representation, decision or control in the Applicant has not been the subject of a conviction for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA;
- (b) corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA as well as corruption as defined in the law of Ireland or the law of the Member State of the European Union, other than Ireland, in which the Tenderer is established;
- (c) fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests;
- (d) terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA respectively, or for inciting or aiding or abetting or attempting to commit an offence, as referred to in Article 4 of that Framework Decision;
- (e) money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council; or
- (f) child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

2. The Applicant:

- (a) is not in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions;
- (b) in the performance of a public contract, has not failed to comply with applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law that apply at the place where the works are carried out or the services provided, that have been established by EU law, national law,

collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Annex X of Directive 2014/24/EU;

- (c) is not bankrupt or the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, its assets are not being administered by a liquidator or by the court, it is not in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are not suspended nor is it in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the law of Ireland;
- (d) is not guilty of grave professional misconduct;
- (e) has not entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition;
- (f) is not aware of any conflict of interest within the meaning of Article 24 of Directive 2014/24/EU;
- (g) has not had any prior involvement in the preparation of the procurement process;
- (h) has not shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions;
- (i) has not been guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria, has not withheld such information and is able to submit the supporting documents required pursuant to Article 59 of Directive 2014/24/EU;
- (j) has not undertaken to unduly influence the decision-making process of Iarnród Éireann-Irish Rail, to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the procurement process or to negligently provide misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.

I understand and acknowledge that the provision of inaccurate or misleading information in this Declaration may lead to the Applicant being excluded from participation in this procurement process and/or in future procurement processes.

Declaration Signed	[Signature]
Date	[Please enter date here]
Name	[Please enter Name here]
Position	[Please enter details here]
Contact Details	[Please enter details here]

EVIDENCE FOR SELECTION

The signatory to this Declaration declares that the economic operator is able to provide the necessary supporting documents required which are not available electronically upon request and without delay.

I understand and acknowledge that the provision of inaccurate, or misleading, or false information in this Declaration may lead to the economic operator/my firm/company/business/partnership being rejected and excluded from participation in this procedure.

This declaration has been made to the best of my knowledge and belief for and on behalf of:

Name	[Please enter Name of economic operator / entity here]
Declaration Signed <i>(Signature must be that of a Director/Principal)</i> (Signature must be that of a Director/Principal)	[Signature]
Date	[Please enter date here]
Full Name	[Please enter Name here]
Title /Position	[Please enter details here]
Witness Signature	[Signature]
Full Name	[Please enter Name here]
Occupation	[Please enter details here]

Please note, confirmation/re-execution/notarisation of the Declaration may be sought prior to any contract being awarded.

Appendix 2 Applicants Statement of Confirmation Enclosing Completed PQQ

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

TO: IARNRÓD ÉIREANN-IRISH RAIL (“IÉ”)

RE: CONTRACT NOTICE FOR THE DESIGN & BUILD OF CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT WORKS AT CONNOLLY STATION

On behalf of **[Please insert full legal name of Applicant here] [insert name of entity on whom the Applicant relies to satisfy any of the selection criteria here]**, I hereby agree and declare the following:

- 1 I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted to questions and statements contained in any Declarations duly completed and referred to in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire are correct.
- 2 I understand that the information provided will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation’s suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement, and I am signing on behalf of **[insert name of Applicant / supporting entity here]**.
- 3 I accept all the terms and conditions of this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.
- 4 I agree to supply IÉ with such supporting information, verification, documentation and references to support this application, at any time during the procurement process in respect of this competition, not limited to the pre-qualification stage, and to confirm the status of all such information and documentation, including the execution by way of notarisation of Declarations, if required, at tender/contract award stage.
- 5 I undertake to inform IÉ promptly of any matter which would or could alter any of the information given in response to this PQQ.
- 6 I agree that, if awarded the contract, **[insert name of Applicant / supporting entity here]** shall comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law.
- 7 I confirm all sections and Parts of the PQQ have been completed by us and all relevant information and documentation is attached to our completed PQQ which is being submitted by us to IÉ.
- 8 I confirm that we are aware of IÉ’s requirements in respect of conflicts of interest, and of the provisions of Article 42 of Directive 2014/25/EU (Utilities Directive) on conflicts of interest, and I declare that (unless otherwise set out in the Declaration completed by us and referred to in Part 5 of this PQQ), we are not aware of any conflict of interest of the **[insert name of Applicant / supporting entity here]** in relation to these requirements.
- 9 I confirm that all “Data Subjects” whose “Personal Data” is provided in this Application and PQQ Questionnaire and supporting documentation, have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Applicant, all members of the Consortium where the Applicant is a Consortium, by a Sub-Contractor where the Applicant is a Prime Contractor with a Sub-Contractor, by IÉ as Contracting Authority, and by IÉ’s Evaluation Team, for the purposes of participating in this competition, or that we

otherwise have a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to IÉ as the Contracting Authority for the purposes of participating in this competition and that we will provide evidence of such consents and/or legal basis to IÉ as the Contracting Authority upon request.

- 10 I confirm that the Declarations referred to in this PQQ have been duly completed and executed and are part the PQQ duly completed by us.

SIGNED FOR THE APPLICANT:	
Signed	[Signature]
Name	[Please enter Name here]
Title	[Please enter Title here]
Date	[Please enter date here]
Duly Authorised for and on behalf of	[Please enter details here]
Witness Signature	[Signature]
Full Name	[Please enter Name here]

Appendix 3 Supplementary Project Brochure

The Supplementary Project Brochure is provided as a separate document within the PQQ Pack and includes a link to the project fly-through animation. Applicants should refer to the brochure for supplementary information to support their understanding of the Project. The brochure is provided for information only and does not form part of the PQQ response requirements.

END OF PQQ