



Competition: **Single-Party Framework for Works-Related Technical Services in Geothermal Engineering Consultancy at Grangegorman**

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Notifications

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1	Tender Deadline: Extension to Tender Period / Change to Time Limit for Receipt of Tenders The new deadline for receipt of tenders is now Thursday 12th November 2026 @ 15:00 The latest date for submitting a query / clarification request has also changed with the new date being Thursday 29th October 2026 @ 17:00 Latest Date for Receipt of Tenders: Thursday 12th November 2026 at 15:00	27.10.2026

Clarifications

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1	Insurance evidence at tender stage The SAQ states that compliant insurance must be evidenced before appointment. Please confirm whether tenderers may submit their current insurance certificates together with a broker's letter confirming that the required additional cover can be arranged if successful, with compliant policies taking effect before appointment. Please also confirm how the MF2.1 Professional Indemnity certificate should be completed in this situation.	We confirm that it is sufficient for tenderers to submit their current insurance certificates together with a broker's letter confirming that the required additional cover for the project can be arranged if the tenderer is successful. Compliant policies would need to take effect before appointment. With regard to completion of the MF2.1 "Professional Indemnity" certificate, please provide details in respect of current professional indemnity policy or policies protection already in place and where it is expected or likely that the current protection policy will be amended / extended to include this project if the tenderer is successful. If the	27.10.2026

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		tenderer believes that new or separate cover will be required in respect of this project then complete the certificate with current PI policy details and indicate that a new / separate policy is likely to be required by way of a note on the certificate form itself or in the cover communication / email that will accompany the submitted certificate.	
2	Public liability excess Our insurer can provide the required €6.5 million public liability limit, but applies an overseas personal injury excess of NZ\$2,500. The tender specifies no excess for death, injury or illness. Would this excess be acceptable where the tenderer bears the excess directly, without reducing its contractual liability?	The proposed arrangement in respect of the excess is acceptable, i.e. where the tenderer bears the excess directly and there is no reduction in the contractual liability.	27.10.2026
3	Employers' liability for an overseas consultancy For a New Zealand consultancy without an Irish establishment, with personnel employed or engaged in different countries, would GDA accept a combination of country-specific employers' liability or equivalent policies, including employer-of-record arrangements, where these cover the personnel's activities in Ireland? Please confirm the required limits, scope and evidence, and whether a single €13 million policy covering the tenderer is mandatory.	GDA is prepared to accept a combination of employer liability protection policies or their equivalent where these would cover activities in Ireland. It is sufficient to include the limits, scope, etc. of existing policies. A single €13 million policy is not mandatory.	27.10.2026
4	Reliance on specialist subcontractors Please confirm whether a tenderer may rely on a specialist subcontractor's corporate project references to satisfy particular requirements under SAQ section 3.4c, where that subcontractor will perform the corresponding services. What	Tenders may rely on a specialist subcontractor but a letter from that subcontractor confirming that they consent to being relied upon will be required.	27.10.2026

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	supporting commitments, ESPD submissions or other evidence are required? Separately, can projects delivered by a proposed individual specialist while working for another organisation count towards section 3.4c, or are these relevant only to that individual's personnel experience?	Tenders may not rely upon an individual's previous experience with another company their own experience.	
5	Allocation of personnel roles The SAQ states that the same people may not be named under criteria 3.4a and 3.4b, while the PIM appears to permit some combination of roles. Please confirm whether the Project Director may also hold a technical role and whether one individual may fulfil two technical roles, provided all applicable requirements and availability are demonstrated.	The Project Director proposed for the project may also hold a technical role.	27.10.2026
6	Surface Facilities Engineer experience The Surface Facilities Engineer requirement specifies a minimum of five years' relevant "reservoir engineering" postgraduate experience. Please confirm whether this should instead refer to surface facilities or mechanical engineering experience. For the requirement concerning involvement in the design and execution of a geothermal well, would responsibility for the associated surface facilities and well-to-heating-system interfaces satisfy this criterion? Please also clarify what experience is acceptable as evidence of high-temperature heat-pump integration.	This should refer to relevant, "reservoir, surface facilities or mechanical engineering experience" This would satisfy the criterion for this role. Experience with high temperature heat pump integration should read "Familiarity with high temperature heat pump integration". This could be demonstrated by involvement in a project where a high temperature (>65°C) ground source or water to water heat pump was used, by participation in a training course or knowledge sharing event that included this topic, or by inclusion of a hypothetical worked example of a process diagram and associated calculations of how a heat pump would be used to lift 50°C	27.10.2026

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		input fluid from a deep geothermal borehole to 80°C and the performance considerations for such a system.	
7	Ongoing project references For ongoing references under section 3.4c, please confirm whether assessment will consider only services delivered by the submission date, or also relevant services included in the appointment but not yet executed. For consultancy programmes comprising several country-specific assignments under one contract, may these be presented as one reference, provided the services and a suitable referee are clearly identified?	Only services that have been executed to be included. Yes, this will be accepted.	27.10.2026
8	Construction value in reference forms For a consultancy reference where construction has not yet been awarded, what should be entered in the "construction value at award stage" field? Would an identified estimated construction budget be acceptable, with the consultancy fee stated separately?	Yes, this will be acceptable.	27.10.2026
9	Submission deadline The published notice states 5 November 2026 at 15:00 with a +01:00 offset, although Ireland will be on GMT on that date. Please confirm the binding submission deadline in Dublin local time.	Submission time is GMT Dublin Time.	27.10.2026

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10	Appendix 3 of the PIM sets out the award criteria A1 (Proposed Methodology for Option Development), B1 (Proposed Methodology and Project Management Approach for Design, Planning and Procurement Definition) and B3 (Proposed Methodology for Archetype Definition). In the “Qualification Criteria & Questionnaire Response” document, sections 3d and 3h ask Tenderers for a narrative on Packages 1 and 2 and refer to “Declaration Form QC_Part 2”. That form has no section for the scope of work or the methodology. • Please confirm where the methodology narratives for A1 and B1 should be submitted • Please confirm whether the A1 limit of 2 x A4 pages is the only page limit, or whether limits also apply to B1 and B3	Narratives should be included as separated clearly labelled pages. There are no page limits.	27.10.2026
11	The Questionnaire Response document has no section for “Proposed Methodology for Archetype Definition”. • Please confirm that Tenderers should submit a methodology for the archetype work, and where it should go. • Please confirm that the roles and team structure the criterion asks for should be described in the same narrative.	Methodology should be submitted for archetype. Narratives should be included as appendices along with team structure and criterion. There are no page limits	27.10.2026
12	In the « Qualification Criteria & Questionnaire Response » document section 3.4c, GDA listed the following as a minimum requirement: “Provision of design and costing of full geothermal doublet and associated heat recovery systems”.	This means surface plant engineering. This would include all elements required for the abstraction of heat from the producer, and reinjection of the fluid into the injection well (heat extraction) and all elements required for the transfer of heat into the district heating system (heat transfer) and the overall control centre. For example the production pump, pipework, inhibitor station, heat pump (if required), injection pump, electrical and	27.10.2026

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	• Please clarify what “heat recovery systems” means here. Does it mean the surface plant engineering (heat exchangers, heat pumps, connection to a district heating network) or stand up column well/other close-loop concepts?	control systems, safety and communications systems, heat transfer station, circulation pump, water treatment, and control centre.	

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