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Appendix 3

School Authority obligations under Safety Health & Welfare Acts

The school authority, as Client for the project, has responsibilities under the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and the Safety Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006 - 2013. The main responsibility is to ensure the appointment of competent individuals or corporate bodies to act as Project Supervisor Design Process (PSDP) and Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage (PSCS) and to ensure that such persons have adequate resources to perform their duties. You should follow the guidance in Guidance on Procurement of Consultants for Small Works with regard to the appointment of a PSDP. Failure to comply with Health & Safety Regulations is a criminal offence and may expose the School Authority to criminal prosecution.

Asbestos Remediation

It is the responsibility of the appointed consultant to apply with all regulations and standards in relation to asbestos remediation. Further information on this can be found on the HSA's website.

Form of Contract for Construction

Where the estimated construction cost of the project is less than €500,000, the appropriate Form of Contract for the construction project is the Short Public Works Contract (PW-CF6) and Tender and Schedule for Short Public Works Contract (FTS6). The version used should be that available on www.constructionprocurement.gov.ie 10 days prior to the date set for the receipt of tenders.

For projects where the estimated construction cost exceeds €500,000 the Contract for Minor Building & Civil Engineering Works designed by the Employer (PW-CF5) and Tender and Schedule for Minor Building & Civil Engineering Works (FTS5). The version used should be that available on www.constructionprocurement.gov.ie 10 days prior to the date set for the receipt of tenders. Your consultant will be familiar with these matters and will advise you.

Maintenance

Generally, the Board of Management (BoM) is responsible for school maintenance. The duty extends to the safety, health and welfare of all employees, staff, teachers, and pupils who use the facilities. School buildings should provide a welcoming, safe, and suitable environment for the educational needs of all staff, students, and pupils. A well-maintained external and internal environment enhances the educational experience for all school stakeholders.

Maintenance plays a key role in all schools and would be an important consideration for the Department when deciding on any capital investment in schools. For any works approved under the CASWS the Department has an expectation that a maintenance programme will be provided to protect any investment by the Department going forward.

Please see below link to the maintenance guide for schools on the Department website: https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/publications/maintenance-guidance-manual-for-schools/

Energy in Schools

As schools are now required by legislation to report annually on their energy usage through the SEAI's website Energy-in-business/Monitoring and Reporting for schools, payment of the grant to schools who receive funding under this new SWS scheme will be subject to them registering on the SEAI website and making a commitment to submitting the appropriate returns.

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