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Tender Brief

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1. Introduction

1.1 This Document must be read in conjunction with the "FTS9-v1.10_ Form of Tender and Schedule, Consultancy Services (Technical) for use with COE1"

1.2 Limerick City & County Council wishes to appoint a specialist Engineering Consultant to provide services for the planning, design, tender evaluation, construction, handover stages for bridge rehabilitation projects throughout County Limerick. The term of this contract is 12 months from the contract award date, with an option for Limerick City and County Council to extend this contract for three further 12 month periods subject to funding received from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport and the satisfactory service / performance of the consultant.

Limerick City and County Council intends to carry out works on an estimated 13 to 25 bridges as part of the 2027 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme. The structures identified at this stage are indicative only and are subject to change at the discretion of the Client. A final list of structures will be confirmed prior to the commencement of bridge inspections. These indicative bridges are representative of the types of structures that may be maintained and repaired under this contract. Final design fees will be agreed upon once the list of bridges has been confirmed by LCCC in accordance with the rates set out in the Schedule of Rates.

1.3 This Tender Briefing Document (together with all accompanying tender documentation) describes the services required and sets out the information which must be supplied by Tenderers. The Instructions to Tenderers sets out the award criteria and the award process which will be followed by the Contracting Authority in making the assessment. The tenderers will first be evaluated on a pass / fail criterion based on the information provided outlined in section 5.1, if the tenderer fails to meet the minimum compliance standards or have the relevant previous experience required, they will be excluded from further consideration. Those whose tender that have not been excluded following the suitability assessment will then have their prices assessed as listed in section 5.2 of this briefing document. Tenders must be submitted in accordance with these Instructions. Any tenders not complying with these instructions may be rejected by the Contracting Authority, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

1.4 Limerick City and County Council spend approximately €500,000 - €1,000,000 on bridge rehabilitation and bridge works per annum. This is all encompassing (consultancy services, construction works, management of contractors and surveys etc.). This figure may vary year on year depending on grant allocations received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

1.5 The continuation of this contract following completion of the initial 12 month period will be subject to funding being received from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport and satisfactory service and performance of the consultant. Should no funding be received or the level of service/performance not be deemed satisfactory by Limerick City and County Council, Clause 14 of the Standard Conditions of Engagement for Consultancy Services will be used to terminate the Contract.

2. Services

2.1 It is envisaged that the Works Contract will be split into 4 separate annual contracts. The Works Contracts will be tendered for the Bridge Projects and will include all of the required works to complete the project in accordance with the relevant standards and specifications.

2.2 This contract will include for emergency bridge works to ensure timely and effective responses to unforeseen structural issues. Emergency works may include but are not limited to the installation of temporary supports following impact damage, urgent repairs to bridge expansion joints or bearings, temporary reinstatement of parapets or guardrails after vehicular collisions.

2.3 The consultant, and in particular their nominated Senior Structural/Bridge Engineer must be available to review the bridges on site within 24 hours of notification upon request by the Council.

2.4 The Performance Periods for performance of the Services for each stage are set out in Schedule B of the Tender & Schedule. The Total Performance Period for performance of the Services is set out in Schedule A of the Tender & Schedule. Failure to meet these conditions may result in the termination of the contract.

2.5 It will be a condition of appointment that the Consultant shall provide proof that the insurances required by Schedule A of the Tender & Schedule are in place. Provision of insurances will be resubmitted each year the insurances are renewed.

2.6 The hourly rates inserted in Schedule B of the Tender & Schedule shall include

(a) Salary payments;
(b) Provision of all secretarial/administration/clerical support;
(c) All equipment required in the performance of the services;
(d) Office overheads including expenses and admin fees;
(e) Insurance including health insurance;
(f) Bonus payments;
(g) Employer PRSI payment;
(h) Any allowances;
(i) General office consumables;
(j) Annual leave payments/sick leave payments;
(k) Postage/telephone/fax/e-mail costs;
(l) Internal photocopy and printing; and
(m) Profit.

2.7 The Schedule of rates pricing document must be submitted as part of the tender documentation submission.

3. Contract

3.1 The services to be provided by the Consultant will be governed by the provisions of the Government Standard Conditions of Engagement for Consultancy Services (Technical), Document Reference COE1 – v.2j dated 30/09/24 and the individually tailored Schedules A and B of the Tender & Schedule, Standard Conditions of Engagement for Consultancy Services (Technical) and as outlined in this tender brief.

4. Format and Contents of Tenders

4.1 Quality Submission

In order for Limerick City and County Council to carry out the assessment of the minimum standard Pass/Fail quality component of the tender submissions, tenderers must provide:

(a) QC2 – Part 1 Suitability Assessment Questionnaire including appendices and declarations required.

(b) All documentary evidence listed in the QC2 – Part 1 Suitability Assessment Questionnaire.

(c) Completed SF128 Health & Safety Competency Questionnaire for the undertaking of the role of Designer and Project Supervisor Design Stage.

Only submissions meeting the minimum pass/fail criteria outlined in the QC2 – Part 1 Suitability Assessment Questionnaire will be considered for inclusion for assessment under the award criteria listed under section 7 of this brief.

Failure to provide the required information above may result in the exclusion of the tenderer from the evaluation process.

4.2 Fee Proposal

In order for Limerick City and County Council to carry out the assessment of the fee proposal, Tenderers must provide.

a. A completed schedule of rates
b. The hourly rates as listed in the Tender and schedule

The Most Economically Advantageous Tender will be assessed based on the completed schedule of rates and the hourly rates inserted in Tender and Schedule, refer to 7.3 for the method of assessment. All amounts must be stated in euro.

5. Submission of Tenders

5.1 The tender should be in accordance with the Instructions to Tenderers and the Particulars referred to in the Instructions.

5.2 Tenderers shall submit the Form of Tender and all required quality and Fee proposal documentation as instructed in the project brief and Instructions to Tenderers.

6. Award Criteria

6.1 Tenders will be assessed to determine if they pass the suitability assessment questionnaire requirements and which is the most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the award criteria set out below and in the Instructions to Tenders. The individual criteria which will be taken into account in making this assessment as set out in sections 6.2 and 6.3 below.

6.2 The suitability assessment will be marked on a pass / fail based on the documentation outline in section 4.1.

6.3 The tenderer with the lowest rate for each section outlined in the schedule of rates and hourly rates will be awarded the maximum marks available, other tenderers will then be scored by deducting 0.5% of the total marks available for price. The assessment methodology is detailed in section 9.5 of the instructions to tender. The completed schedule of rates will be marked out of 90 marks and the completed hourly rates in the tender schedule will be marked out of 10.

Suitability Assessment	**Price Assessment Schedule of rates**	**Price Assessment Hourly rates**	**Total Marks**
Pass / Fail	90 Marks	10 Marks	100

Table 6.1 Tender Award Details

7. Assessment Methodology

7.1 Tenders will first be checked for compliance with the requirements of the Instruction to Tenderers as to procedures and content. Tenders which do not comply with these requirements may be excluded from further consideration.

7.2 Tenders Suitability Assessment Submissions will then be assessed to confirm if the minimum standard of Pass/Fail is complied with. Any tender receiving a Fail mark for their Suitability Assessment Submission may be excluded from further consideration.

7.3 Tenderers whose tenders have not been excluded following the carrying out of Items 7.1 and 7.2 will then have their Tender Price assessed relative to the remaining participants.

7.4 Tenderers who have met the above requirements will have their tender prices assessed. Their price score will be determined by taking the following steps:

(a) The Most Economically Advantageous Tender will be calculated using the information set out in section 6.1 of this document.

(b) The lowest overall tender will be awarded the maximum marks available for price. Other tenders are then scored by deducting one percent of the total marks for price for each percentage point difference between the lowest price and the tender price.

7.5 For tenders passing the quality thresholds under Item 7.2, the tender receiving the highest price score will not be the most economically advantageous tender.

8. Information

The Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003. Where Tenderers consider that any information they supply is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted with clear and substantive reasons specified, and the information said to be commercially sensitive or confidential clearly specified. Requests for access to such information under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 will take into account the nature of the information. Representations as to confidentiality or commercial sensitivity should give a time after which information may be disclosed, this would not normally exceed 7 years. The Contracting Authority shall have the right to publicise, or otherwise disclose, to any third party, information regarding the Services, the identity of Tenderers (including details of their respective members), the tender process or the award of the Task Order (including, without limitation, details of the contract price) at any time.

9. Queries, Clarification, Amendment, Additional Information

If the Contracting Authority is of the opinion that a clarification of and/or amendment is required to be made to these Instructions, and/or additional information is required to be issued, then the Contracting Authority shall be entitled to make any such clarification of and/or amendment to these Instructions and/or issue such additional information at any time.
Any queries arising from these Instructions which may have a bearing on the tender should be raised in writing with the Contracting Authority as soon as possible and in any case not later than 7 days before the day fixed for receipt of tenders. The Contracting Authority shall endeavour (but not be obliged) to answer all queries received during the tender preparation period. In particular, the Contracting Authority may (but shall not be obliged to) answer queries received after the date specified in this paragraph. Answers will, subject to the following provisions and be circulated to all Tenderers. Verbal queries will not be entertained.

Queries should be sent through the eTenders Portal.

All such queries received, together with replies and clarifications on the points raised, may be circulated to all tenderers through the eTenders Portal. If a Tenderer believes a query and/or its response relates to a confidential aspect of its tender, it must mark the query as "confidential". If the Contracting Authority, at its absolute discretion, is satisfied that the query and/or its response should be properly regarded as confidential, the nature of the query and its response shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be kept confidential. If the Contracting Authority is of the opinion that it would be inappropriate to answer the query/request on a confidential basis it will notify the Tenderer and require the Tenderer to either withdraw the query or to raise any objection within 2 days of such notification and state the grounds for its objection. If the Tenderer does not withdraw the query/request or raise any objection within the specified period, or the Contracting Authority is of the opinion that, notwithstanding the objection of the Tenderer, the query/request is not confidential, the Contracting Authority may issue the query and its response to all of the Tenderers.

Subject to the above, it will be a requirement that all exchanges shall be kept confidential by the Tenderers and their respective advisers, consultants, contractors, servants and agents. Tenderers will also be asked to enter into undertakings of confidentiality should it become appropriate to release confidential information to them. Refer also to Instruction to Tenderers.

10. Details of Structures

10.1 Introduction

Limerick City and County Council intends to carry out works on an estimated 13 to 25 bridges as part of the 2027 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme and bridge works. The bridge structures anticipated under this programme comprise a mix of masonry, steel, and composite types. The scope of works varies from bridge to bridge, however works such as bridge replacement, substructure strengthening, widening, deck replacement or strengthening, steel repairs, protective paint coating for structural steel, parapet replacement, concrete repair and corrosion protection and repointing of stonework (including arches and barrel protection may be required). These structures are subject to change and may be substituted by Limerick City and County council for a bridge with a comparable scope of works.

This contract will include for emergency bridge works to ensure timely and effective responses to unforeseen structural issues. Emergency works may include but are not limited to the installation of temporary supports following impact damage, urgent repairs to bridge expansion joints or bearings, temporary reinstatement of parapets or guardrails after

vehicular collisions. The consultant, and in particular their nominated Senior Structural/Bridge Engineer must be available to review the bridges on site within 24 hours of notification upon request by the Council.

It is expected that the successful consultant will take full ownership of the individual schemes from Stages (i) to (v) once confirmed by Limerick City and County Council, the consultant will need to consider this when completing the schedule of rates.

10.2 Bridge Locations

The locations of the bridges will be throughout Limerick and will be determined based on operational needs and priorities. GPS Coordinates have been provided for an indicative list of bridges for inclusion in the 2027 bridge rehabilitation works contract.

10.3 Schedule of Bridges

An indicative list of bridges for inclusion in the 2027 bridge works contract is listed in table 10.1. Note that this list is indicative only and subject to change.

Bridge ID	Road No.	Townland	GPS Coordinates
LK - L1580 - B - 000	L1580	Abbeyfarm / Deebert / Kilmallock	52.400969, -8.572918
LK - L1533 - B - 010	L1533	Jamestown / Mountrussell	52.334280, -8.577235
LK - L8042 - B - 000	L8042	Coolbeg / Ballyculhane	52.631819, -8.805699
LK - L8036 - B - 000	L8036	Ballyashea / Knockroe	52.614966, -8.823463
LK - L1333 - B - 000	L1333	Dunganville Lower	52.486324, -9.087727
LK - L1305 - B - 000	L1305	Ballinvullin / Mahoonagh More	52.430213, -9.010703
LK - L7058 - B - 020	L7058	Dromtrasna (Collins)	52.391932, -9.269129
LK - L7068 - B - 000	L7068	Knocknasnaa / Cratloe West	52.426410, -9.278493
LK - L1214 - B - 000	L1214	Knightstreet	52.474627, -8.865176
LK - R523 - B - 040	R523	Gortnagross / Templeathea West	52.460733, -9.286702
LK - L6106 - B - 000	L6106	Killacolla (Barker)	52.571773, -9.283091
LK - L1227 - B - 010	L1227	Ballygiltenan Lower / Kilfergus	52.564579, -9.265754
LK - L6107 - B - 000	L6107	Cloonoughter	52.561143, -9.256045

Table 10.1: Indicative List of 2027 Bridge Structures

Refer to Information pack for copies of bridge inspection reports for the above listed bridges.

11. Description of Services

11.1 Details of Stage Services

11.1.1 Stage (i) Preliminary

Introduction

This tender comprises of a one year contract (2027) with the possibility of extending to 2028, 2029 and 2030 subject to funding received from the department of transportation tourism and sport and satisfactory level of service / performance by the consultant. The bridges to be assessed are located on Regional and Local Roads network within Limerick City & County. Refer to Table 12.1 in the Project Brief for an indicative list of schemes for 2027, these bridges are subject to change. It is advised that the tenderer uses these bridges as a comparison to the scope of works that will be involved in the rehabilitation programme. Bridges will be identified and confirmed ahead of the 2028, 2029 and 2030 bridge rehabilitation programme.

The continuation of this Contract in 2028, 2029 and 2030 is subject to funding received from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport and satisfactory level of service / performance by the consultant. Should no funding be received or unsatisfactory performance by the consultant, Clause 14 of the Standard Conditions of Engagement for Consultancy Services will be used to terminate the Contract.

Delivery of this project within the tight timeframe is critical. The Consultant is required to meet the following delivery schedule;

i. Feasibility Reports for all 2027 Structures to be received within 4 weeks of appointment.
ii. Allow 2 weeks in the programme for LCCC to review the reports and comment.
iii. Consultant to have completed detailed design in accordance with Stage (ii) requirements and prepared Tender Documents in accordance with Stage (iii) requirements for the 2027 Structures within 5 weeks of receiving LCCC comments.
iv. Consultant shall tender the Construction Works Contract for 3 weeks.
v. Tender Assessment in accordance with Stage (iii) within 2 weeks of receipt of Tenders.
vi. Construction Works can commence on site from April 2027 and must be completed by mid-October 2027. In stream works can only be undertaken during the period of July to September. The time periods stated will apply to each 12 month contract period.

The Bridges identified for rehabilitation under this Tender have been identified by Limerick City and County Council Area Engineers. The condition of the bridges vary as does the scope of works respective to each structure. If there are any historical inspection reports or surveys records held by Limerick City and County Council these records can be shared to the successful tenderer.

The Consultant must assess the structures from first principles. It will be necessary for the Consultants Design Team and Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) to agree the design standards/criteria and statutory requirements to be followed at an early stage following appointment.

The Consultant will be required to manage one or more no. construction stage contracts depending on estimates, logistics and approvals such as Section 50s and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) approvals.

The Consultant shall allow for Stakeholder Engagement including but not limited to LCCC Departments, OPW, IFI, NPWS, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, An Bord Pleanála.

The Construction Contract each year shall commence in late spring and be completed by the end of summer. All invoices must be received from the Consultant and Contractor before the 31st October of each year.

The Consultant shall be required to attend a minimum of 36 no. Progress Meetings (12 meetings per year, 2027, 2028,2029 and 2030) between the Client, OPW and other interested parties as required. The tender proposal must include for all costs and expenses associated with the attendance at meetings. At all meetings at which the Consultant is present, the Consultant must take detailed and comprehensive minutes and circulate them to the Client within five (5) working days of the meeting taking place.

It is expected that after Project Start-up, regular progress meetings between the Consultant and the LCCC Project Team will be required through the Planning and Design stages. These meetings will be held in the LCCC County Hall Offices in Dooradoyle, Limerick unless otherwise agreed. Nine (9) (3 meetings per year, 2027, 2028,2029 and 2030) additional meetings between both parties will be required at the Tender Action, Evaluation, and Award Stage Services.

The Consultant's site inspections (site meetings) at the Construction Stage(s) will be dependent on the successful Contractor's Programme. At this stage in the planning of this project, it is estimated that the Consultant will need to attend approximately three site inspections per structure for the duration of the Construction Stage(s). All costs and expenses associated with the Consultant attending the above meetings and all other meetings identified in the Project Brief shall be included in the Consultant's Tender proposal.

The Consultant shall provide all the data required by Limerick City and County Council to assist in any obligations to report to any department of Limerick City and County Council or any interested Government Department.

The Consultant will be required to assist LCCC with landowner engagement. Access to the structure(s) for the planning, design or construction stage(s) may be via private lands and the Consultant will assist the Client in achieving an access agreement with the landowner and agreeing accommodation works, if required. The Consultant shall allow for two (2) engagement meetings at six (6) structures locations each year. Landowner engagement will be led by the Client. The Consultant shall be required to incorporate any agreed accommodation works in their design.

Scope of Work each year for 2027, 2028, 2029 & 2030

The Consultant shall prepare a detailed and comprehensive Project Programme within fourteen days of appointment which shall include recommendations for the most appropriate methods of meeting the Client's objectives for this project. The programme should reflect

specific tasks, activities and milestone dates. The Consultant shall ensure that the Project Programme identifies all Environmental / Archaeological requirements, Section 50 requirements (if required), and any other statutory processes or approvals required for any stage of the project.

The Consultant is required in the Preliminary Stage to undertake a site survey for each structure for the current year of delivery (e.g.) Review 2027 bridges in 2027, review 2028 bridges in 2028 and so on.

At project start-up, the Consultant will identify any structures that require the cutting back or clearing of vegetation that is deemed necessary for the Consultant to carry out their detailed inspection of the structure, and to allow him/her to complete the Design and Tender Documents. The consultant will be responsible for managing the removal of vegetation at any required structures, Limerick City and County Council should be notified before removal of any vegetation that may have any ecological concerns.

They shall familiarise themselves with the structural condition of each structure and engage with the relevant Area Engineers or Area Supervisor to gain an appreciation of the rate of deterioration and other influencing factors which may affect the design. When undertaking the site survey the Consultant shall pay particular attention to the structural condition of each bridge and take photographic records. The Consultant shall undertake the Structural Assessment of road structures in accordance with AM-STR-06056, TII Publication, and Stage 1 Structural Assessment of Road Structures.

The Consultant is required to identify and manage any third party specialist surveys required to the Client on completion of the site survey. All costs associated with third party specialists surveys will be borne by the Client rates for these services are to be provided in the schedule of rates. This includes but is not limited to Ecology Surveys, Environmental Surveys, Archaeological Surveys, Ground Investigation Surveys, Topographical Surveys, etc. The Consultant shall take cognisance of the findings of any of the above surveys in their designs and shall manage the third party specialists to ensure the successful execution of the Contract.

The Consultant shall complete Appropriate Assessment Screening and inform the Client should the need for further assessment be required at any structure.

A comprehensive examination of the constraints in the area shall be undertaken and the Consultant shall identify and agree with the client the Study Area and the manner by which the eventual solutions will be selected and the considerations that will inform this choice i.e. environmental, engineering, and economic. At this time the Consultant shall also confirm if the structure is a recorded monument under the National Monuments Act and give appropriate notice to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Arising from the Site Survey and the above, the Consultant shall prepare preliminary design drawings and associated treatment options reports identifying the preferred option and the cost associated with each option identified which they shall furnish to the Client for review and comment.

All costs associated with the site survey shall be included in the Schedule of rates.

The Consultant shall Liaise with the Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) Client Representative or a nominated person on their behalf on all aspects of the scheme and consult with all other interested parties including, but not limited to, LCCC Departments, all Private Agencies and all Government Departments, (including Government Agencies, Semi-state Agencies, etc), such as the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, An Board Pleanála, Office of Public Works, Monument Section of the Department of the Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Department of Agriculture, National Parks and Wildlife Service, etc.

At the Preliminary Stage the Consultant shall consider the requirement for approvals at some structures depending on the design proposals and subject to agreement to proceed from LCCC. The Consultant shall undertake all works necessary in order to secure these Section 50 approvals. Any costs associated with surveys required to complete the Section 50 application will be borne by the Client.

11.1.2 Stage (ii) Design

Arising from the Preliminary Design in Stage (i) the Consultant shall take cognisance of comments received from the Client and revise the preliminary design into the detailed design for the Structure.

The Consultant is responsible for developing value engineering solutions and the repair works will reflect the practices and preferences of LCCC.

For the most part, the structures addressed in the Project Brief are located in rural settings and the Consultant's final design solutions and their associated finishes, shall be in keeping with the surrounding environment (e.g. the use of stone faced reinforced concrete). If required, the Detail Design pack will also include for repairing the area in and around the structure and may include, but is not limited to the repair of; embankments, retaining walls, parapet walls, road surface drainage, road surfacing, and all ancillary works and accommodation works. The consultant is to consider this when completing the schedule.

The Consultant shall prepare detailed and comprehensive cost estimate to cover each level of bridge rehabilitation works listed in the schedule, Basic, Intermediate and complex. The Consultant may be required to use the cost estimates to prepare on a monthly/quarterly basis cash flow projections for Limerick City and County Council.

The Consultant shall work with the Client to secure necessary approvals, permits, licenses and permissions, including derogations, if required. The Consultant shall include in their price for the above approvals at six (6) structures per year for four (4) years. The responsibility is on the Consultant to secure the approvals, permits, licenses etc. in time for the construction window.

Once the Client has approved the design the drawings and reports associated with each structure shall be updated to read "FINAL APPROVED" and shall be issued to the Client.

In the event a structure requires environmental or ecological specialists, or the like, the Consultant will be responsible for procuring and managing the specialist services required and shall account for this in their design and also when preparing Contractor Tender Documentation.

The Consultant shall prepare detailed and comprehensive tender documents and drawings and assist the Client in seeking tenders for the Works in Open Tender to procure a Contractor and PSCS for the works.

The Consultant shall allow in their price for completion of one (1) Road Safety Audit (Stage 1/2) per year at any bridge structure identified by the Client. The findings of the audit must be addressed at the design stage and all issues closed out. The Road Safety Audit team must be registered on the TII Road Safety Audit Portal and they must both meet the minimum requirements of GE-STY-01025.

When executing the tender process either PW CF5 Minor Building & Civil Engineering works Designed by the Employer or PW CF6 Short Public Works Contract will be used in accordance with the national procurement policy.

The Consultant shall prepare a detailed "Utility Services Report" adjacent to all work areas which shall accompany the tender documents. The Utility Services Report is to accurately detail and describe all underground and over ground services. Detail is to include, but not limited to: type of utility, location of utility, depth underground, height over ground, side of road, road crossings, valves, chambers, junctions, etc. The Consultant shall be responsible for preparing all documentation and drawings and shall include for liaising with all relevant utility companies.

The Consultant shall prepare feasible temporary traffic management plans to ensure the buildability of the Scheme(s) as designed. These shall highlight any traffic control issues and shall include recommendations on the management of traffic. Consultation with Limerick City and County Council Staff (Area Office & Roads Dept) and the Gardaí shall be carried out to agree any constraints requiring inclusion in contract documentation.

It is intended that the procurement of the Contractor(s) to carry out the repair and/or replacement of the structures will be a single stage tender process, Open Tender including a Suitability Questionnaire for each year (2027, 2028, 2029 & 2030). Notwithstanding the above, Limerick City and County Council will be guided in the procurement process by the successful Consultant. In order to deliver the project within the available timelines, shortly after project start-up, the Consultant will set in motion the process of inviting (open tender) interested Contractors to make tender submissions re the bridge repair works construction contracts. Using the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DOPER), Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) documents, the Consultant shall provide all required information to assist the Client to advertise the tender on etenders.ie in accordance with the Client's, DOPER, and EU procurement rules.

The Consultant shall supply the required information to the Client to enable etender advertising of the Works. The Consultant shall assist the Client in advertising the tenders in accordance with the Client's procurement rules. The Consultant shall issue tender documents, respond to all queries, examine, analyse and prepare a detailed and comprehensive report on tenders, including the submitted proposals, and recommend an appointment on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender(s) based on the award criteria included in the tender documents.

The Consultant shall arrange for Pre Construction Photographic Record Survey, in particular in relation to the elements of the excavation/demolition works phase of the project. All costs and expenses associated with this survey shall be included in the Consultant's Tender Proposal.

11.1.3 Stage (iii) tender Action, Evaluation & Award

The Consultant shall comprehensively evaluate tenders and assess these against the selection and award criteria, making a recommendation to appoint the suitable contractor(s).

The Consultant shall also assess the suitability of the successful tenderer to undertake the role of PSCS for the works. Similarly, the Consultant will be required to make a recommendation to appoint the suitable PSCS.

For the Tender and Contract award procedure the Consultant shall prepare detailed selection and award criteria primarily based on the National Public Procurement Policy (Dept. of Finance), Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport publications and E.U. Procurement Directives. The Consultant will advise on and prepare the necessary Notice and advertisements for the selection process for the appointment of the Contractor in compliance with the appropriate national and E.U. requirements. The Consultant is responsble for completing the Tender Assessment, Tender Recommendation Report and PSCS assessment and Recommendation associated with the award.

The Consultant will be required to prepare three (3) copies of the Contract for signing and sealing.

The Consultant will be requried to schedule and attend the Construction Start-Up Meeting and arrange the execution of the Contract (Signing and Sealing).

The Consultant shall at this point agree a Construction Programme with the Client and Contractor which will ensure all construction works at structures are completed within the construction period of April to Mid October with in stream works only unSeptember in stream and until mid October out of stream.

11.1.4 Stage (iv) Construction

On the award of the contract, the Consultant shall act as Employers Representative taking up a management supervisory role and administering the contract on behalf of the Client for the duration of the construction works and advise Limerick City and County Council on all Contractual matters such as Insurances, Bonds, Project Supervisor Construction, etc., as well as Claims, Payment Certificate and Final Account.

The Consultant shall prepare and issue copies of all documents required by the Contractor such as construction issue drawings and copies of the contract Documents. The cost of preparing and copying these documents is to be included in the tender proposal.

The Consultant shall issue instructions to the Contractor(s) as per the relevant form of contract and make such site visits as are necessary to ensure the works are properly constructed.

The Consultant shall monitor work done and issue certificates of payment for the Contractor to the client which includes a breakdown of any variation orders issued.

The Consultant shall consider and evaluate contractual claims, if any, including meetings with the Contractor(s), the Client and the Client's legal advisers. The Consultant is requried to assist the Client in agreeing the Final Account on each of the four (4) Construction Contracts.

The Consultant shall certify the satisfactory completion of the works and issue Certificates of Completion to the Contractor(s) when necessary under the construction contract.

The Successful Contractor shall forward a Construction Method Statement (CMS) will be required for all sites. The CMS should include description of the overall work and any additional work, purpose of the work, specific procedures, plant equipment and materials etc being used, labour, responsibilities, method of working, method of checking the work, health and safety issues, biosecurity measures & risk assessment. The method statement should be drawn up in consultation/agreement with the relevant River Basin District personnel, and NPWS if applicable. It is advised that a CMS be prepared for each project which will have regard to findings of ecological assessment (If applicable) as well as requirements of Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) (If applicable). The statement should be prepared having regard to CIRIA Guideline C532 Control of Water Pollution from Construction Sites, and IFI Guidelines - Requirements for the Protection of Fisheries Habitat during Construction and Development Works at River Sites and the IFI Biosecurity Protocol.

The Construction Method Statement shall be reviewed by the Consultant and site works shall be inspected to ensure that the Contractor is adhearing to the CMS.

11.1.5 Stage (v) Handover of all Contract Information and Safety File

On expiration of the maintenance period a list of items that require rectification under the contract is to be compiled by the Consultant. Construction management and subsequent certification of the rectification works is to be the responsibility of the Consultant. The Consultant’s Tender Proposal is to include for all costs and expenses associated with the management of the rectification works including site visits as necessary. The tender proposal shall also include for any subsequent changes to the as constructed drawings or safety file resulting from the rectification works.

Within 2 months of substantial completion of a Contract for each year (2027, 2028, 2029 & 2030) the Consultant shall prepare a detailed Project Review Report and include final accounts, as-built drawings and photographs, specifications, construction drawings etc… (3 No Copies.)

Within 2 months of substantial completion the Consultant shall prepare a detailed and comprehensive Safety File for the works in accordance with the current Health & Safety (Construction) Regulations.

11.1.6 All Stages

Health and Safety Services

In order to allow Limerick City and County Council assess the competency of the consultant to provide the PSDP services required for this contract they must submit the completed SF128 document as part of the tender.

In addition to the general obligations and duties under safety, health and welfare the Consultant shall be required to perform the following specific services:

Subject to the assessment and approval of Limerick City and County Council the Consultant shall undertake the duties of Project Supervisor Design Process (PSDP) as per the current Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations, for the duration of the project, through planning, design, tender, construction and close-out stages. This shall include the preparation of Preliminary Health & Safety Plans whenever necessary.

Where a PSCS is to be appointed, the Consultant shall assess their competence and make recommendations to the Client on their appointment. Where necessary the Consultant shall prepare assessment report(s) on the competence of proposed contractors. Such assessment(s) shall have regard for the guidance issued by the HSA and in particular the publication Guidelines on the Procurement, Design and Management Requirements of the current Safety Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations.

The Consultant must organise a pre-commencement safety meeting and a post works safety close-off meeting with the PSCS, as per Limerick City and County Council's (LCCC) procedures for compliance with the Construction Regulations. The LCCC safety advisor (or relevant assistant safety advisor) must be notified of these meetings and will attend where possible. Minutes must be recorded and circulated. The Consultant's Project Engineer and the LCCC Project Engineer will attend these meetings.

The Consultant shall prepare detailed and comprehensive Preliminary Traffic Management Plans whenever necessary throughout all stages of the contract. Preliminary Traffic Management Plans will be required for, inter alia: Geotechnical investigations (if required), topographical surveys, construction contracts and other surveys, investigations and works in the vicinity of road traffic.

The Consultant, in their capacity as PSDP shall prepare the Contract Safety File on completion of each of the individual contracts for the 3 year peroid. (I.E. 3 No. Safety Files) The Safety Files shall be electronically forwarded to the Client's Representative on completion of the Contract.