# Suitability Assessment Questionnaire

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| Engineering Consultancy Services |
| Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for Fingal County Council |

*to be assessed under a*

**Restricted Procedure**

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| **PART 1****Information for Applicants, Project Particulars and Qualification Criteria** |

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**PREPARING THIS DOCUMENT**

The Suitability Assessment Questionnaire document comprises two separate parts.

**Part 1**, this document, which is completed by the Contracting Authority and uploaded to eTenders to provide the information for Applicants about the project, the submission requirements and the Qualification Criteria that will be applied to determine the suitability of Applicants to perform the services.

**Part 2**, is completed by Applicants, having been prepared and uploaded to eTenders by the Contracting Authority along with Part 1. The Contracting Authority is required to complete the cover page, and section 2.4 where Applicant details are required in addition to those specified.

Part 1 contains three sections:

Section 1 Information for Applicants, which requires no input from the Contracting Authority.

Section 2 Project Particulars, which gives details of the project and the Contracting Authority’s requirements for the submission of the response to the Questionnaire. (The rules of tender and particulars thereof are in the Instructions to Tenderers which will accompany the Invitation to Tender letter issued to those who are shortlisted as set out in the Contract Notice).

Section 3 Suitability Assessment Criteria, which sets out the Qualification Criteria that apply in the Competition and used to evaluate SAQ Submissions. This section must be prepared by the Contracting Authority by selecting appropriate suitability assessment criteria to apply as Qualification Criteria, setting minimum standards under each such criterion that are proportionate to the project in question, the type of response that the Applicant is required to provide, and the basis upon which the response will be evaluated. Where it is deemed appropriate, the Contracting Authority may specify those criteria for which Applicants may declare that they meet the standards required under such criteria; these would typically be criteria that will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Where this is a permitted response, Applicants must be able to provide evidence in support of such declarations promptly should this be requested at any stage by the Contracting Authority.

Part 2 also contains three sections:

Section 1 General.

Section 2 Applicant Details, which is used to collect basic information about the Applicant and any sub-contractor proposed to provide a specialist skill, or other entities upon whom the Applicant relies in order to meet the requirements of any Qualification Criteria in Part 1 of the Questionnaire. If the Contracting Authority requires further details in addition to the standard details therein, the Contracting Authority must specify these requirements in section 2.4, prior to issuing Part 2. The Applicant must complete Section 2.

Section 3 Applicant Declaration, the Applicant must complete and sign Section 3, and provide any evidence or information required by Part 1 of this Questionnaire.

The Questionnaire is issued as a protected MS Word form (text other than form fields is protected).

**Purpose**

This Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (“this Questionnaire”) is issued in relation to a tender competition run under the restricted procedure. Its purpose is to obtain information from Applicants to determine if they are eligible to participate in this tender competition. Applicants, if successful, are invited to participate in a tender competition that may lead to a contract award for those services stated in Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars.

In this Questionnaire, the term Applicantis used for an Individual (Sole) Trader, a single entity, a Partnership, a Consortium or any other type of Joint Venture seeking to be awarded the Contract. If the role of PSDP or PSCS is required, the entity providing that skill must be an individual (sole) trader or company (i.e. body corporate) that constitutes an acceptable entity for the purpose of this project.

This Questionnaire and any related documents must not be used for any other purpose.

**Multiple Participation**

If any individual or group of individuals is included in more than one Applicant’s submission for the same contract, a statement should be provided to the effect that the Applicant is aware of this multiple participation and that it has been brought to the attention of all the consortia of which that individual or group is a member.

The Contracting Authority will then investigate the circumstances to see if this multiple participation could result in a distortion of competition. Where it is felt that competition may be distorted, the Contracting Authority may take such steps as it deems appropriate which may include limiting the number of bidding teams with which an entity may participate, disqualifying relevant Applicants or such other steps as it deems appropriate subject to the principles of applicable law.

**No liability**

The Contracting Authority makes no representation, warranty, or undertaking in or in connection with this Questionnaire or the contents of this Questionnaire unless explicitly stated. The Contracting Authority has not authorised anyone to make any representation in connection with this Questionnaire on its behalf, and Applicants should not rely on any representation purportedly made on the Contracting Authority’s behalf in connection with this Competition. Neither the Contracting Authority nor its officers, employees, or advisers will have any liability in connection with this Questionnaire or the contents of this Questionnaire. Applicants must make their own assessment of the adequacy, accuracy, and completeness of this Questionnaire.

**Right to terminate or amend this Competition**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to proceed with the Competition or any part of it and may terminate the Competition or any part of it at any time, with or without procuring the Works in another way. If this happens, neither the Contracting Authority nor its officers, employees, or advisers will be liable to any Applicant or other person. The Contracting Authority also reserves the right to change any part of this Questionnaire, including the procedures and time limits described in this Questionnaire. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept any outcome of the process described herein and is not obliged to enter into a contract for the Works with anyone.

**Costs and No Legal Relationship**

Neither the Contracting Authority nor its officers, employees, or advisers have any responsibility for Applicants' costs or losses in connection with this Competition. This Questionnaire does not create a contract or legal relationship (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any contract about the Competition itself) between any Applicant and the Contracting Authority unless and until the Contract has been entered into including by issue of a Letter of Acceptance or Tender Acceptance (as appropriate) and any conditions precedent to its effectiveness have been met. The exception to this is the obligation upon an Applicant with regard to confidentiality. This Questionnaire will not form part of any Contract unless expressly stated otherwise.

**Confidentiality**

Applicants must treat this Questionnaire and their participation in the Competition as confidential. Applicants must not disclose any information about the Competition to anyone other than as required for the purpose of responding to this Questionnaire, or as required by law.

**Disclosure**

The Contracting Authority is entitled to disclose information about this Competition, including the identity of those expressing interest, to any person. If an Applicant considers that any information in its suitability assessment submission is commercially sensitive or confidential, this must be clearly stated, and clear and substantive reasons provided. The Contracting Authority will have regard to such a statement in considering a request for access to the information under the Freedom of Information Acts 2014 (or any other legislation relating to disclosure of information) but is not bound by the Applicant’s view and will take such steps as it considers necessary to comply with its obligations under applicable law.

**Conflicts of Interest**

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority as soon as such conflict or potential conflict becomes apparent. This includes, but is not limited to, situations where an Applicant or any of the members of an Applicant which is a consortium, joint venture or partnership, or any entity being relied upon by an Applicant, or any of their advisers, contractors, consultants, servants or agents are currently or have been in the past an adviser, contractor, consultant, servant or agent to the Contracting Authority, or any local or other relevant authority in relation to the works which are the subject matter of this Competition.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, any ‘registrable interest’ involving the Applicant and the Contracting Authority (and where applicable any elected members of the Contracting Authority or members of the Board of the Contracting Authority), members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas or employees of the Contracting Authority or their relatives must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority immediately upon such information becoming known to the Applicant. The terms 'registrable interest' and 'relatives' shall be interpreted in line with the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1995 and the Standards in Public Office Act 2001 as may be amended from time to time.

The Contracting Authority will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action in relation to any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, which may include (but is not limited to) excluding the Applicant from the Competition, or permitting the Applicant to continue subject to safeguards determined by the Contracting Authority being put in place and observed.

**Tax Clearance**

It will be a condition of the award of the Contract that the successful Tenderer shall, for the term of the contract, comply with all applicable EU and domestic tax laws. Prior to the award of the Contract arising out of this Competition the successful Tenderer shall be required to supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority. By supplying these numbers the successful Tenderer acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Tenderer to verify its tax cleared position online. Applicants may obtain information regarding their obligations concerning taxation from the Revenue Commissioners ([www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie)).

**Irish Law**

Irish law is applicable to this Questionnaire and the Irish courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any disputes arising from or in connection with this Questionnaire.

**Collusion**

Applicants’ attention is drawn to the Competition Act 2002 - 2019 (as may be amended from time to time) which makes it a criminal offence to collude on prices or terms in a public procurement competition.

**Prior Knowledge**

Applicants must not make any assumptions that the Contracting Authority has prior knowledge of their organisation or service provision. Applicants will only be evaluated on the information contained in their response to this Questionnaire (“SAQ Submission”) (as may be clarified by the Contracting Authority in accordance with this Questionnaire).

Acronyms or capitalised terms used throughout this Questionnaire are defined in this glossary.

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| **Applicant** | The term is used for an Individual (Sole) Trader, a single entity, a Partnership, a Consortium or any other type of Joint Venture seeking to be awarded the Contract.  |
| **Specialist Skill Provider**  | In this Questionnaire, refers to an entity proposed by the Applicant to provide specialist skills services described in Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars. Note that a Specialist Skill Provider may be:(a) the Applicant itself (or a member of an Applicant which is a Consortium, Joint Venture or Partnership); or (b) a subcontractor.  |
| **BC(A)R** | Building Control Regulations 1997 – 2021 and any amendments thereto.  |
| **CA**  | Contracting Authority |
| **Candidate/Qualified Candidate** | A Candidate is an Applicant who has submitted an SAQ Submission. A Qualified Candidate is a Candidate who has passed the suitability assessment.  |
| **Competition**  | The tender competition to which this Questionnaire relates. |
| **Consortium** | An association or combination of businesses or individuals who combine with the purpose of delivering a single objective.  |
| **Construction Regulations** | Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 and any amendments thereto. |
| **Contract** | The Conditions of Engagement that may be awarded by the Contracting Authority for the Services at the conclusion of this Competition.  |
| **CPV Code** | [Common Procurement Vocabulary](http://simap.ted.europa.eu/cpv) is a single classification system for public procurement aimed at standardising the references used by contracting authorities and entities to describe the subject of procurement contracts. |
| **CRO** | Companies Registration Office. |
| **CWMF** | The Capital Works Management Framework is mandated by Circular for public sector construction procurement and consists of a suite of best practice guidance, standard contracts and generic template documents available for download at <http://constructionprocurement.gov.ie/>. |
| **Designer** | Has the meaning given in the Construction Regulations. |
| **eESPD** | Electronic European Single Procurement Document.  |
| **Joint Venture** | A joint venture is a contractual business undertaking involving two or more parties. |
| **OJEU** | Official Journal of the European Union. |
| **Partnership** | A business that has two or more owners who are individually liable for the entity’s actions.  |
| **Principal Services** | The services described in Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars. Where more than one Principal Service is required, a separate Questionnaire in respect of each Principal Service is issued by the CA.  |
| **PSCS** | Project Supervisor Construction Stage appointed by the Employer in accordance with the Construction Regulations. |

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| **PSDP** | Project Supervisor Design Process appointed by the Employer in accordance with the Construction Regulations. |
| **Qualification Criteria** | The suitability assessment criteria in Section 3 of this Questionnaire selected by the Contracting Authority to apply in this Competition and are those criteria where “Yes” is marked in the column “Applicable Criterion/Requirement”.  |
| **Questionnaire** | This Suitability Assessment Questionnaire, including annexes and related documents. |
| **Tenderer** | A person or entity (or group of persons) who submits a tender at the next stage of this Competition. |

* 1. **INTRODUCTION**

This Section 1 contains information in relation to the completing this Questionnaire.

Section 2 Project Particulars (“the Project Particulars”), sets out the submission requirements and the manner in which the shortlist (as appropriate) will be prepared. It contains the particulars of the project which summarises the key features of the service provision such as the duration of the service, Principal Services required, Specialist Skills required, any known particular risks, etc. Applicants should read this information carefully before submitting their response to this Questionnaire (“the SAQ Submission”). The Project Particulars also state whether the grounds for exclusion contained in Regulation 57 (Exclusion Grounds) of SI 248/2016 apply to this Competition.

Section 3, Suitability Assessment Criteria, sets out the minimum standards under the Qualification Criteria that the Applicant must meet in order to pass the suitability assessment. In a restricted procedure, Qualification Criteria may be assessed on a Pass/Fail only basis, a Pass/Fail plus Random Selection basis, or Pass/Fail plus Qualitative basis. The basis chosen by the Contracting Authority is set out in the Project Particulars. In any case, where a response to the Questionnaire fails to meet the minimum standards set out in Section 3, then the relevant Applicant will be eliminated from further participation in the Competition. The Applicant must follow the instructions set out in the Questionnaire and submit the information required in the format described otherwise the submission may be declared invalid.

The Applicant must complete and submit Part 2 of this Questionnaire (in addition to providing any evidence or supporting documentation required by this Questionnaire). In Part 2, Applicants must provide information on the Applicant’s organisation and, any entities upon whose capacity they rely for the purpose of meeting the requirements of any of the Qualification Criteria in Part 1. The Applicant must always complete and sign the Declaration in Section 3, otherwise the SAQ Submission may be declared invalid. In addition, in competitions above the EU thresholds, the Applicant shall also complete an eESPD. The Declaration in Section 3 must still be completed and signed even where the Applicant has submitted an eESPD.

The Applicant should provide only evidence that is current up to the date of submission of the SAQ Submission. Where the required means of submission is electronic submission, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to inspect the original hardcopy signed documents.

* 1. **SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must complete and submit the following documents (“the SAQ Submission”):

1. Part 2 of the Questionnaire; and
2. where required, an eESPD or Appendix A; and
3. any evidence or other supporting documentation required by this Questionnaire.
	1. **DEADLINE AND MEANS OF SUBMISSION FOR SAQ SUBMISSIONS**

SAQ Submissions must be received in accordance with the required means of submission, by no later than the date and time, each as stated in Section 2.1 of the Project Particulars. All times are local Irish time as standard time according to the Standard Time Act 1968 (as amended).

Where the Project Particulars state that the required means of submission is by electronic submission[[1]](#footnote-2) to eTenders web portal:

* Applicants are advised to ensure that they give sufficient time to allow for the successful upload of their SAQ Submission (and that they have a reliable, continual connection speed available for this purpose.
* Applicants should ensure that their operating system has sufficient capacity to execute the upload of all documents in their SAQ Submission before the time and date specified above.
* The timely and complete upload of the SAQ Submission is the responsibility of each Applicant. Applicants are advised to consult etenders.gov.ie for information on uploading electronic submissions.
* All files submitted electronically must be capable of being readily viewed in their entirety in the format stated in the Project Particulars. Where the required format is in read only PDF, all documents that require signature must be signed/sealed prior to scanning/converting to read only PDF.
* All uploaded documents should be clearly identified in their saved title. All documents should be clearly marked with the name of the Applicant, and the name of the Contract.
* It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that electronic documents submitted are not corrupt.

Completed delivery of the SAQ Submission in advance of the submission deadline, is the responsibility of each Applicant.

* 1. **MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications in relation to this Questionnaire and this Competition must be in writing and submitted in accordance with the means of communication stated in Section 2.1 of the Project Particulars.

* 1. **QUERY PROCEDURE**

The interpretation of this Questionnaire is a matter for Applicants. Applicants may submit queries in relation to this Questionnaire in writing to the Contracting Authority using the means of communication stated in Section 2.1 of the Particulars.

Applicants should ensure queries are received before the query deadline specified in the Section 2.1 of Project Particulars. The Contracting Authority may, but is not obliged to, respond to queries received after the query deadline.

The Contracting Authority has no obligation to respond to queries. Where the Contracting Authority responds to a query, it will issue the response on the e-tenders website, unless the query has been clearly designated as confidential. If the query has been designated as confidential, and the Contracting Authority decides that the response should be published on the e-tenders website, the Contracting Authority will notify the person raising the query, who will have the option within the time limit specified by the Authority of withdrawing the query or having any response sent to all Applicants.

The Contracting Authority may still issue any information it considers appropriate on the e-tenders website following withdrawal of the query.

As with this Questionnaire, responses to queries will not create any contractual relationship between the Contracting Authority and Applicants, or form part of the Contract unless explicitly stated otherwise.

It is the responsibility of Applicants to monitor the means of communication for this Competition for any correspondence or clarifications in relation to this Questionnaire.

It is the responsibility of Applicants to notify the Contracting Authority of any ambiguity, discrepancy, error, or omission in relation to this Questionnaire or related documents, immediately, even after the time for submitting queries has expired.

* 1. **SAQ SUBMISSIONS WHERE MULTIPLE PRINCIPAL SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE REQUIRED**

Where there are multiple Principal Service Providers required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars, a separate Questionnaire will be prepared by the Contracting Authority for each Principal Service Provider. The corresponding Part 2 of each such Questionnaire must always be completed by an Applicant for the Principal Service in question, and the responses to the separate Questionnaires collated by the Lead Applicant and returned as a single Suitability Assessment Submission.

Where a single entity applies for more than one Principal Service, they do not need to provide a response to criteria 3.2 and 3.3a – 3.3g (as may be applicable) for each Questionnaire, provided they submit the required information in one of their responses and reference it in all of their responses to the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire(s).

* 1. **SAQ SUBMISSIONS BY CONSORTIA, JOINT VENTURES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

For entities which apply and tender as a Consortium or Joint Venture (or Partnership), and the members have not set up together as a company (to be the legal entity which enters into the contract), one member of the consortium or joint venture must act as the lead member ("Lead Member") in compiling and submitting the single SAQ Submission. Notwithstanding the above, where an Applicant is a Consortium, Joint Venture or Partnership, each member of the Consortium, Joint Venture or Partnership must respond to the applicable sections of Section 3 of this Questionnaire (and Part 2) and the responses are submitted as a single SAQ Submission by the Lead Member.

Where an Applicant is a Consortium, Joint Venture, Partnership, or unincorporated grouping of two or more persons, the Applicant is not required to assume a specific legal form for the purposes of participating in this Competition, but may be required to do so by the Contracting Authority prior to the award of the Contract.

Where Applicants are required to submit a completed eESPD, each member of a Consortium, Joint Venture or Partnership, and any entity being relied upon for the purposes of this Questionnaire, must submit a completed eESPD.

* 1. **SPECIALIST SKILL PROVIDERS**

Where Specialist Skills (as identified in Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars) are required, these may be provided either by the Applicant itself or by specialist sub-contractors and in both cases, evidence required should accompany the SAQ Submission as instructed in the Questionnaire. Where evidence is provided in support of any criteria, the Applicant must reference the criterion to which it refers.

Where an Applicant proposes that a specialist area is undertaken by a subcontractor, such an entity will be treated as an entity being relied upon by the Applicant and the requirements of Section 1.9 (Reliance on Resources) apply to such an entity. Where an Applicant is required to submit an eESPD, the entity relied upon by the Applicant for a Specialist Skill must also submit an eESPD.

The Contracting Authority also reserves the right to require a collateral warranty in the form of MF 2.3 *Collateral Warranty for Sub-Consultants* for any sub-consultant providing the Specialist Skills listed in the Particulars at the next stage of the Competition.

* 1. **RELIANCE ON RESOURCES**

Where, in order to meet any applicable criteria in Section 3.3 (Financial and Economic Standing) (including for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to evidence of turnover), and/or in Section 3.4 (Technical Capability) of this Questionnaire, an Applicant (or any member of an Applicant which is a Joint Venture, Consortium or Partnership) relies on the capacities of other entities or undertakings with which it is directly or indirectly linked, whatever the legal nature of those links may be (including, for example, but not limited to, a parent company and/or a subcontractor/sub-consultant, including a Specialist Skill Provider who is not the Applicant itself), The entity being relied upon shall provide a response to the applicable Sections 2 and 3 of this Questionnaire, and where the eESPD applies to this Competition, shall complete an eESPD

The Applicant will be required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority that the capacities relied upon will actually be available to the Applicant if it is awarded the Contract.

If availability of capacities is not established to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, the Contracting Authority will assess the suitability of the Applicant without taking into account the capacities of such an entity or entities.

For the purposes of demonstrating that the resources relied upon will be available at this stage of the Competition, the Contracting Authority will accept[[2]](#footnote-3):

* a letter in the form of Appendix D – Letter from entity relied upon; or
* a completed ESPD signed by the entity being relied upon (where an eESPD applies in this Competition).

At contract award stage, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to require the following from any entity relied upon with regard to:

1. any of the Economic or Financial Standing criteria, the entity relied upon may be required by the Contracting Authority at contract stage, to enter into a guarantee in the form of the Reliance Guarantee in respect of the performance of the contract by the Applicant[[3]](#footnote-4);
2. any of the Technical Capability selection criteria, the entity may be required by the Contracting Authority at contract stage, to enter into a either a Reliance Warranty or Collateral Warranty for Sub-Consultants[[4]](#footnote-5) (as appropriate to the nature of the resource relied upon by the Applicant) with regard to the making available the resources relied upon by the Applicant[[5]](#footnote-6). Note that where an Applicant relies on another entity for educational or professional qualifications (criteria 3.4a and 3.4b in this Questionnaire), or with regard to relevant professional experience (criteria 3.4c in this Questionnaire), including those of a Specialist Skill Provider (who is not the Applicant itself), **the entity being relied upon must perform the works or services to which those qualifications or experiences relate**;
3. further evidence of the availability of the resources relied upon may be required by the Contracting Authority at a later stage in the Competition and/or upon award of the Contract.
	1. **GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION**

Note: Where a Competition is subject to the application of European procurement regulations, grounds for exclusion will automatically apply. Where a Competition is not subject to the application of the European procurement regulations, a Contracting Authority may apply grounds for exclusion. The position is set out in the Project Particulars.

The grounds under which the Contracting Authority may exclude an Applicant, any member of an Applicant, or any entity relied upon by the Applicant, from participation in this Competition are set out below.

Where grounds for exclusion apply in the Competition, the Applicant, each member of the Applicant (where the Applicant is a Joint Venture or Consortium or Partnership); and, any entity being relied upon by the Applicant (or any member of the Applicant) (including Applicant’s Specialists), must provide a declaration regarding the situations referred to below in the form stated in the Particulars.

The term 'Applicant' as used below refers to each of (a) the Applicant (b) a member of the Applicant (where an Applicant is a Joint Venture, Consortium or Partnership) (c) any entity being relied upon by the Applicant.

Subject always to the provisions of Regulation 57 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (SI 284 of 2016):

(a) if:

(i) the Applicant is in one of the situations listed in Regulations 57(1) or 57(3) of SI 284 of 2016; or

(ii) a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the Applicant/member of the Applicant, or a person having powers of representation, decision or control therein, is in one of the situations listed in Regulation 57(1) of SI 284 of 2016,

the Applicant shall be excluded from the Competition;

(b) if the Applicant (or any member of the Applicant, in the case of a Joint Venture, Group or Consortium), is in any of the situations listed in Regulation 57(4) or 57(8) of SI 284 of 2016 selected by the Contracting Authority for the purposes of this Competition, the Applicant may be excluded from the Competition.

Any Applicant which is in one of the situations referred to above must provide details of any factors or circumstances which it believes are relevant to the Contracting Authority’s assessment of whether the existence of these grounds should lead to the exclusion of the Applicant. For example, where an Applicant is in one of the situations referred to above but has taken measures which it believes are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability, that Applicant may provide evidence of such measures to the Contracting Authority for consideration. Applicants should note that, with regard to the situations listed in (a) above, the circumstances which the Contracting Authority may take into account before deciding whether or not to exclude an Applicant are prescribed by law, and Applicants are directed to Regulation 57 of the 2016 Regulations in this regard.

If an entity being relied upon is in one of the situations listed above, the Contracting Authority may require that the Applicant replaces such entity with another entity which is not in any of these situations. In the event that the entity cannot be replaced with another entity to whom the grounds do not apply (including where the Contracting Authority concludes that to permit such replacement would be contrary to law), the Contracting Authority reserves the right to eliminate the Applicant from the Competition.

Note: The Contracting Authority may, at any time during the Competition (for example at shortlisting stage), require the Applicant to provide the confirmation in MF 2.7 Declaration Under Oath/Solemn Oath, and where the Declaration Under Oath/Solemn Oath pre-dates the date of submission, Applicants must also provide the confirmation in MF 2.8 Confirmation Oath Still Valid.

* 1. **RESPONDING TO QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

The Qualification Criteria that will be used in evaluating SAQ Submissions are set out in Section 3 of the Questionnaire and are those criteria where “Yes” is marked in the column “Applicable Criterion/Requirement”.

Some criteria are simple Pass/Fail criteria – these are requirements that must be met in full, and, if the criterion is passed, have no further role in calculating the Applicant’s overall score. If a criterion is failed, the Applicant is eliminated from the competition. Where Specialist Skills and Health and Safety sub-criteria are included in any criterion then these too must be passed, otherwise the Applicant will be eliminated from the tender competition.

Where the Contracting Authority has chosen “Pass/Fail plus Qualitative”, some criteria may have minimum Pass/Fail requirements, beyond which they are qualitatively evaluated. Each such criterion is given an allocation of marks (weighting) to be used to calculate the Applicant’s overall score, as indicated in the relevant table in Section 3.

The Applicant must follow the instructions and respond as required by the following titles under the ‘Response’ heading for each criterion:

Where the response for a Qualification Criterion is marked as **Response: EVIDENCE REQUIRED,** in addition to providing the completed Applicants Details and Declaration document, the Applicant must provide the information specified in the qualification sub-criterion. Applicants should not purport to have responded to any such criterion solely by having provided the completed Applicant Details and Declaration (and/or an eESPD where an eESPD is required). The evidence submitted must prove that the Applicant meets the relevant criterion as of the date of submission of the Applicant's SAQ Submission. Failure to submit the required evidence with the SAQ Submission may result in exclusion from the Competition.

Where the response for a Qualification Criterion is marked **Response: DECLARATION REQUIRED**, it shall suffice for the purposes of responding to this Questionnaire for the Applicant to complete the Declaration in the Applicant Details & Declaration response document (and may also respond by way of the eESPD, where an ESPD is required). The Declaration in the Applicant Details & Declaration will be required even if the Applicant is also submitting an eESPD. The Contracting Authority may, at any time (for example, prior to shortlisting), request supporting documentation substantiating any declaration made in respect of any or all such Qualification Criteria. Supporting documents must prove that the Applicant meets the relevant Qualification Criteria as of the date of submission of the Applicant’s SAQ Submission. Where the Contracting Authority requests supporting documentation substantiating any declaration made in respect of any or all of such criteria, the supporting documents must be provided promptly and within the timeframe specified by the Contracting Authority. Failure to provide the requested supporting documentation within the timeframe specified may result in exclusion from the Competition.

For criteria marked as **Response: NOT REQUIRED,** Applicants should not provide the information.

* 1. **CHANGE IN APPLICANT CIRCUMSTANCES**

Where any information provided by an Applicant in response to this Questionnaire becomes untrue, incomplete or misleading (for example as a result of a change in circumstance or structure of the Applicant or of its proposed team), Applicants must inform the Contracting Authority of any such change in circumstances as soon as it becomes aware of this.

If it comes to the Contracting Authority’s attention by any means that:

1. there has been a change in circumstances concerning an Applicant that could affect the Contracting Authority’s assessment of that Applicant’s SAQ Submission; or
2. information submitted by an Applicant was untrue, incomplete or misleading when submitted or has become by reference to the facts as they then stand untrue, incomplete or misleading;

the Contracting Authority may clarify this with the Applicant and may seek further information and/or evidence from the Applicant. The Contracting Authority may take such steps as it considers necessary including revising its assessment of the Applicant on the basis of the information then available to the Contracting Authority and/or excluding the Applicant from further participation in the Competition.

* 1. **COMPLIANCE**

The Contracting Authority shall assess the SAQ Submission for compliance with these Instructions, including for the provision of all the information and evidence required. The Contracting Authority may treat non-compliant submissions as set out in section 1.15 below.

* 1. **CLARIFICATIONS**

Applicants may be asked to clarify aspects of their SAQ Submission after the closing date by written submission, by interview or by both.

* 1. **NON-COMPLIANT SUBMISSIONS**

If an Applicant fails to comply in any way with the requirements of this Questionnaire (including any clarification or supplementary information issued by the Contracting Authority in connection with this Competition), the Contracting Authority may (but is not obliged to) take such steps as it deems appropriate, including (but not limited to):

1. rejecting the submission as non-compliant; and/or
2. without prejudice to the Contracting Authority’s right to reject the submission:

(i) seeking clarification from the Applicant in respect of the relevant submission by way of a meeting or written submission;

(ii) requesting the Applicant to provide information or items which has/have not been provided or has/have been provided in an incorrect form;

(iii) waiving a requirement which, in the Contracting Authority’s opinion is minor or procedural; and/or

(iv) take any other step permitted by law;

in accordance with applicable law and principles.

* 1. **REVIEW**

In the Particulars, the Contracting Authority may state a review procedure, whereby an Applicant who disputes a decision of the Contracting Authority about whether an SAQ Submission complies with the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire, may raise the matter with the Contracting Authority. The review procedure should include appropriate timelines for the submission of the query and response times.

**Important Note to Applicants**: Any such review process set out in the Particulars is not mandatory. Applicants should obtain legal advice as to the review procedures that may be available to them under law, as well as the timeframes in which such review procedures may be availed of.

* 1. **DATA PROTECTION NOTICE**

As part of this Competition, the Applicant may, (at various stages) provide personal data relating to the Applicant or its organisation, employees or other third parties. In this Suitability Assessment Questionnaire (“this Questionnaire”), “Data Protection Laws” means all applicable data protection law including, with effect from 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) and the Data Protection Act 2018; and the terms ‘personal data’, ‘process’, ‘controller’, ‘processor’ and ‘data subject’ shall have the meanings given to them under Data Protection Law.

Where the Applicant provides personal data relating to third parties, the Applicant must ensure that such third parties are made aware of the contents of this Data Protection Notice in full.

The Applicant, as controller in respect of any personal data provided by it as part of this competition, is required to confirm in the declaration required under Part 2 of this Questionnaire that all data subjects whose personal data is provided by the Applicant have consented to the processing of such personal data by the Applicant, the Contracting Authority, the evaluation team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the applicant in this competition or that the Applicant otherwise has a legal basis for providing such personal data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of its participation in this competition.

Where such personal data is provided, the relevant controller is the Contracting Authority. If there are any questions about the Contracting Authority’s use of such personal data, please contact the Contracting Authority’s Data Protection Officer whose details are available upon request to the Contracting Authority.

The Contracting Authority may process the following personal data as part of this competition:

• name;

• contact details;

• CV details (including but not limited to qualifications, education, experience, previous roles and responsibilities);

• details of proposed role(s) and responsibilities on this contract;

• referee details; and

• any other data provided by the Applicant.

The Contracting Authority collects personal data from the Applicant directly, and from the following sources:

• Applicant’s organisation;

• other members of the Applicant’s consortium (if applicable); and

• Referees.

Any personal data provided will be processed for the purposes of the competition, the administration of any contract awarded on foot of this competition, reporting to any regulators or oversight bodies and/or any disputes relating to the competition or the contract.

In connection with the above, the Contracting Authority may disclose personal data to various recipients including:

• Applicant’s organisation;

• other members of the Applicant’s consortium (if applicable);

• the Contracting Authority’s third party service providers, such as financial, legal and technical advisors; and

• regulators or oversight bodies.

If the Applicant is unsuccessful as part of the tender process, such personal data will be retained until three years after the conclusion of the tender process or the award of the contract to the successful Tenderer, whichever is later. If the Applicant is successful, and a contract is awarded to the Applicant at the end of the tender process, such personal data will be retained in accordance with the Contracting Authority’s record management and retention policy, a copy of which can be obtained from the Employer upon request.

Any data subjects in respect of which the Employer holds or processes personal data have rights in relation to their personal data, including the right to request access to their data and, in certain circumstances to request rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of their personal data. All such data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with the Irish supervisory authority, the Data Protection Commission.

**2.1 Competition Details**

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| Latest time and date for submission of queries: | As per etenders notice   |
| Latest time and date for submission of the SAQ Submission is (local Irish time): | As per etenders notice    |
| Means of submission[[6]](#footnote-7) of the SAQ Submission:  | Submissions must be made via www.etenders.gov.ie only. Tenders must be submitted via the electronic postbox available on www.etenders.gov.ie. Only Tenders submitted to the electronic postbox will be accepted. Tenders submitted by any other means will NOT be accepted. Tenderers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required tender documentation before the Tender Deadline. |
| Where the means of submission is electronic, the required format of electronic files is:  | PDF or Word |
| Means of communication[[7]](#footnote-8) (in writing) in connection with the Competition is by: | Electronic using eTenders webportal only |
| **Exclusion Grounds (Regulation 57) of SI 284/2016** |
| Applicants (and members of the joint venture, consortium, partnership and entities relied upon) must complete and submit a self-declaration in relation to Article 57 (Exclusion Grounds) of SI 284/2016[[8]](#footnote-9) the form of:  |  |
| **Means of Evaluation of SAQ Submissions**  |
| Means of Evaluation of SAQ Submissions  |  |
| Where “(i) Pass/Fail + Qualitative” or (iii) Pass/Fail + Random Selection” is selected above: |
| a) | The minimum[[9]](#footnote-10) number of qualified Candidates to be invited to tender (provided always that there are sufficient numbers) is: | 8 |
| b) | The maximum[[10]](#footnote-11) number of qualified Candidates to be invited to tender (if applicable) is: |   |
| Where “(iii) Pass/Fail + random selection” is selected above, the random selection procedure to be used is: |
| N/A |
| **Review Procedure**[[11]](#footnote-12)(other than legal proceedings under Order 84A of the Rules of Superior Courts)? |
| High CourtInns QuayDublin 7highcourtcentraloffice@courts.ie +353 18886000 |

**2.2 Project Information**

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| **Project Title:** | Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Engineering Consultancy Services for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for Fingal County Council |
| Details of Client Requirements: | To establish a Multi-Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy services for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for Local Area Plans (LAP), Masterplans, Urban Frameworks and other study areas;Surface Water Management plans will consist of two key integral parts;1. Preparation of Strategic Flood risk assessments in accordance with the "Planning system and Flood risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities". This will include for all relevant stages of flood risk assessment as outlined by the Guidelines. 2. Preparation of Sustainable Drainage Strategies (SDS) for the sustainable development of lands under consideration for development. The strategies will be an example of best practice in the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)/Nature Based Solutions. As set out in the Fingal County Development Plan, it is an objective of Fingal County Council to encourage, promote and implement sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) on all new developments throughout the county and to encourage where feasible the retrofit of sustainable drainage systems within existing developments. The Sustainable Drainage Strategy will examine the feasibility of using all SuDS solutions including, swales, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, tree pits, green and blue roofs, detention basins, ponds and wetlands amongst other SuDS devices. The SDS must comply with the Fingal County Council Green Blue Infrastructure Guidance and the Dept of Housing Nature Based Solution Guidance 2022.INITIAL CONTRACTThe framework agreement will be established on foot of an initial project for a SWMP for a Local Area Plan, Masterplan or other area being considered for development. Details will be provided at stage 2.It is envisaged that the top 8 scoring Applicants (subject to the quality & number of Suitability Assessment Questionnaires (SAQs) received) who also meet the minimum criteria and rules for selection will be invited to tender. Applicants who are selected for inclusion on the tender list will be issued a formal Invitation to Tender Document and will be asked to respond with a tender submission. Submissions received will be assessed on the basis of the rules, criteria and weightings set out in the Invitation to Tender Document in order to make an award decision.  It is envisaged that the top 7 scoring tenderers found to be fully in conformance with the tender documentation and submitting the most economically advantageous tenders under the award criteria contained in the Invitation to Tender will be identified as the successful tenderers designate and will be admitted to the framework agreement subject to the approval of FCC.The top scoring Tenderer will be awarded the initial contract. All further contracts under the framework will be awarded as follows:a) Service contract valued < €40,000 will be awarded by cascade b) Service contracts valued > €40,000 will be awarded by mini competition.It is envisaged that the value of each Services Contract would range from €10,000 to approximately €50,000. The maximum spends under this framework over its lifetime (4 years) will be €1,000,000.Even if this Framework Agreement is established, the Contracting Authority, may procure the work in other ways and does not guarantee that any work will be procured under this Framework Agreement.  |
| Main CPV Code: | 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services71320000 - Engineering design services71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services |
| Form of Contract: | Standard Conditions of Engagement for Consultancy Services |
| Anticipated Date for Commencement of Service: | Q4 2022 |
| Anticipated Service Contract Period (months/years):  | The framework will be established initially for 12 months, with the option of extending it for 12 months. There will also be an option to extend it for a further 24 months, up to a maximum of 4 years.It is envisaged that the initial services contract will be for 2 months. |

**2.3 Contracting Authority Information**

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| Contracting Authority Name: | Fingal County Council |
| Contracting Authority Address: | County Hall,Main Street,Swords, Co. DublinK67 X8Y2 |
| Contact Name: | Procurement Officer |
| Contact Address (if different from Contracting Authority): | N/A |
| Contact Telephone No: | N/A |
| Contact Email Address: | All queries must be sent via etenders www.etenders.gov.ie |

**2.4 Principal Services Required**

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| Principal Service: Civil Engineering Consultancy services  | Code: CENG |
| Scope of Service: | Preparation of Surface water management plans (SWMP) for various Local Area Plans, Masterplans and other study areas throughout Fingal County Council region, as required.The SWMP will include for the following- Prepare a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the Plan lands to inform the design, layout and flood resilience of new developments on the subject lands. The impact of climate change must also be quantified and included in the assessment. The Flood risk assessment will encompass all relevant Stages of assessment, as set out in "The Planning system and Flood risk management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" November 2009. - Prepare a Sustainable Drainage Strategy for the management of surface water on the plan lands.The Applicant is to review the existing drainage arrangements on the Plan lands and make recommendations,having regard to the topography of the site, as to the future drainage arrangements to enable the sustainable development of the Plan lands. Sustainable drainage systems/Nature Based Solutions will be assessed as to their suitability for use on the plan lands through the consideration of soil percolation rates, housing densities, health and safety of users, amongst other criteria. The assessment will result in a report and maps indicating approximate sizings and locations for sustainable drainage systems proposed on the lands, particularly with regard to the location of regional surface water control measures.As part of the Local Area Planning process, public consultation will be required. Presentation of reports at council meetings and at stakeholder and public information events, will be required. The successful consultant must also carry out the duties of the Project Supervisor Design Process under the SHWW Act 2005 and associated regulations. |
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**2.5** **Other Services**

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**2.6 Project Category**

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| Project categorization for purpose of assessment of the role of Principal Service Provider or Specialist Skill Provider where such skills are required under section 2.4 of the Project Particulars:  | **[[12]](#footnote-13)** |

**2.7 Health and Safety**

The successful Applicant will be required to comply with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (including the Safety Statement requirement) and any subsequent Safety, Health and Welfare legislation.

The successful Applicant will also be required to comply with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended), particularly where those Regulations apply to the service provision.

Health and Safety competencies for those to whom the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) apply will be assessed as part of Section 3.0 – the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire.

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| **Areas of the works involving Particular Risks known to the Contracting Authority at the time of issue**[[13]](#footnote-14)**:** |
| The full nature of the particular risks have not yet been established and will be assessed during the design stage.However the following non exhaustive list of risks may apply;1. Work which puts persons at work at risk of falling from a height,2. Work near high voltage power lines.3. Work exposing persons at work to the risk of drowning.4. Traffic5. Slips, trips and falls on uneven ground6. Lone Working  |

**Contracting Authority’s Assessment Scheme**

Applicants: The table below summarises the assessment criteria that will apply to your service provision, what you are required to submit in response to each criterion and how the criteria will be assessed. The Particulars set out whether the criteria will be assessed on a pass/fail or pass/fail plus qualitative basis. Where a criterion requires documentary evidence to be submitted, the relevant criterion will set out the extent of documentation and how it should be submitted.

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| **No.[[14]](#footnote-15)** | **Requirement/Criterion** | **Applicable Requirement/Criterion** | **Response** | **Evaluation** |
| **3.1** | **Not Used[[15]](#footnote-16)** |  |  |  |
| **3.2** | **PROFESSIONAL OR TRADE REGISTER** |  |   |  |
| **3.3** | **FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC STANDING** |
| 3.3a | Annual Turnover (Service) |  |  |  |
| 3.3b | Balance sheet or Extracts from a Balance Sheet |  |  |  |
| 3.3c | Banker’s Letter |  |  |  |
| 3.3d | Other Financial/Economic Information/References |  |  |  |
| 3.3e | Prof. Indemnity Insurance | **Yes** |  | **Pass/Fail** |
| 3.3f | Public Liability Insurance | **Yes** |  | **Pass/Fail** |
| 3.3g | Employer’s Liability Insurance | **Yes** |  | **Pass/Fail** |
| **3.4** | **TECHNICAL CAPABILITY (Service Provider’s Competency)** |
| 3.4a | Qualifications (Managerial) |  |  |  |
| 3.4b | Qualifications (Personnel) |  |  |  |
| 3.4c | Services over the Past 3/5/7[[16]](#footnote-17) Years |  |  |  |
| 3.4d | Measures for Ensuring Quality |  |  |  |
| 3.4e | Average Annual Manpower over the Past 3 Years |  |  |  |
| 3.4f | Technical Equipment Available  |  |  |  |
| 3.4g | Technicians or Technical Bodies |  |  |  |

**Qualitative Assessment – Weighting**

The Contracting Authority’s Qualitative Assessment scheme is outlined in the table below.

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| **No.[[17]](#footnote-18)** | **Requirement/Criterion** | **% Weighting****Principal Service** | **% Weighting****Specialist Skill** |
| **3.4** | **TECHNICAL CAPABILITY (Service Provider’s Competency)** |
| 3.4a | Qualifications (Managerial) | 20% (2000 marks) |   |
| 3.4b | Qualifications (Personnel) | N/A |   |
| 3.4c | Services over the Past 3/5/7 Years | 80% (8000 marks) |   |
| 3.4d | Measures for Ensuring Quality | N/A |   |
| 3.4e | Average Annual Manpower over the Past 3 Years | N/A |   |
| 3.4f | Technical Equipment Available  | N/A |   |
| 3.4g | Technicians or Technical Bodies | N/A |   |

**3.1 NOT USED[[18]](#footnote-19)**

**3.2 ENROLMENT ON PROFESSIONAL OR TRADE REGISTER**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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Applicants must be enrolled on a professional or trade registers[[19]](#footnote-20) in accordance with Annex XI of Directive 2014/24/EU and meet the supplemental requirements (if any) as identified by the Contracting Authority below.

The evidence required to pass this criterion is proof of enrolment on a relevant professional or trade register in accordance with in accordance with Article 80 of Directive 2014/25/EU (and Regulation 85 of the European Union (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2016 and Article 58 of Directive 2014/24/EU (and Regulation 58 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016) and the supplemental requirements (if any) as identified by the Contracting Authority below.[[20]](#footnote-21)

**3.3 EVIDENCE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY**

*Note: Information under Criterion 3.3 (and associated sub-criteria 3.3a – 3.3g) must be provided by the Applicant and/or, by the entity relied upon by the Applicant for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the relevant sub-criteria (as applicable).*

**3.3a EVIDENCE OF TURNOVER**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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A Declaration is sufficient at this stage of the process. When requested to do so, applicants MUST submit CERTIFIED evidence by way of a letter from their auditor or accountant or equivalent of turnover for the previous three (3) financial years (Applicants can select from the following years: 2021, 2020, 2019 & 2018). The minimum requirement for this project is a minimum average yearly turnover of €150,000 excluding VAT. Failure to return the required evidence within the advised timescale , may result in the applicant being eliminated from the competition.

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| **Minimum Turnover** |
| **Area of Service / Business:** | **Overall Turnover to include other areas of business** |  **Turnover:** |  **Turnover:** |
| Overall turnover |  | €150,000 | N/A |

**3.3b BALANCE SHEET OR EXTRACTS FROM A BALANCE SHEET**

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**3.3c BANKER’S LETTER**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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**3.3d**  **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR EXTRACTS FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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**3.3e PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE**

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| **Criterion Applicable:****YES** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:****PASS/FAIL** |

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Before appointment, the successful Tenderer will be required to produce evidence from their Broker or Insurance Company confirming that the Applicant has current professional indemnity insurance cover in the required amount complying with the conditions listed below and that it will be maintained for [[21]](#footnote-22) years after completion of the construction works in respect of the services provided – Model Form MF 2.1 duly completed by the Applicant’s broker or insurance company is deemed acceptable evidence for this criterion (*or* if for any valid reason this evidence cannot be provided then alternative evidence which is considered appropriate by the Contracting Authority may be provided).

Cover may be provided on an "EACH AND EVERY" or on an “ANNUAL AGGREGATE” basis. However, Applicants should note that where professional indemnity insurance is provided on an ANNUAL AGGREGATE basis the Contracting Authority will review the situation regarding the availability of professional indemnity insurance on an “EACH AND EVERY” basis with the successful Tenderer, on an annual basis. Any Specialist Skill Providers shall also have the benefit of a similar provision. Further details will be provided in the Tender and Schedule issued at the next stage of the Competition.

(i) Level of cover and excess as stated below for the Principal Service Provider:

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| Minimum level of Professional Indemnity Insurance complying with the conditions below: | **Cover on Each And Every claim basis** | **Cover on an Annual Aggregate basis** |
| € 1,250,000[[22]](#footnote-23) | € 1,500,000[[23]](#footnote-24) |
| Maximum level of excess in any one claim below which the Service Provider will bear the cost: | 2% of turnover or €5,000, whichever is greatest |

1. Level of cover and excess as stated below for Specialist Skill Providers:

Professional Indemnity Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €1.5 million in respect of any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance.

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| Minimum level of Professional Indemnity Insurance complying with the conditions below: |
| Specialist Skill Providers | **Cover on Each and Every claim basis** | **Cover on an Annual Aggregate basis** |
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| Maximum level of excess in any one claim below which the Specialist Service Provider will bear the cost: | 2% of turnover or €5,000, whichever is greatest |

1. The conditions provide for claims for breach of professional duty or civil liability as well as negligence;
2. The jurisdiction in which claims can be lodged and settled includes IRELAND.

Entitles issuing PII insurance cover must have been granted an authorisation as an insurance undertaking by the Central Bank of Ireland to provide Non-Life Insurance Class 13 General Liability cover. Entities providing insurance intermediary services must be either authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland, or registered in a Member State other than Ireland for the purposes of Directive 2009/138/EC.

The evidence required to pass this criterion may be either;

1. evidence that professional indemnity insurance (PII) meeting the requirements set out above is in place. Such evidence may be provided by the relevant insurance undertaking itself or by an insurance intermediary using Model Form 2.1 ; or,
2. the completed Appendix C *Letter of Undertaking re Insurance* which may be provided where the Applicant does not have professional indemnity insurance or does not have professional indemnity insurance meeting the professional indemnity insurance requirements set out above.

**3.3f PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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| **Criterion Applicable:****YES** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:****PASS/FAIL** |

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Before appointment, the successful Applicant will be required to produce evidence from their Insurance Company in the form of a copy of the policy confirming that the Applicant has current public liability insurance cover complying with the requirement(s) set out below.

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| Minimum level of Public Liability Insurance required in respect of any one accident:  | € 2600000[[24]](#footnote-25) |
| Maximum level of excess for property only\* for any one incident below which the Service Providerwill bear the cost: | € 10,000 |

**\* No excess is permitted in respect of death, injury or illness.**

Public Liability Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €6.5 million in respect of any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance.

Entitles issuing public liability insurance cover must have been granted an authorisation as an insurance undertaking by the Central Bank of Ireland to provide Non-Life Insurance Class 13 General Liability cover. Entities providing insurance intermediary services must be either authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland; or registered in a Member State other than Ireland for the purposes of Directive 2009/138/EC.

The evidence required to pass this criterion may be either:

1. evidence that public liability insurance cover meeting the requirements above is in place. Such evidence may be provided by the relevant insurance undertaking itself of by an insurance intermediary; or
2. the completed Appendix C *Letter of Undertaking re Insurance* which may be provided where the Applicant does not have public liability insurance or does not have public liability insurance meeting the requirements set out above.

**3.3g EMPLOYER’S LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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| **Criterion Applicable****YES** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:****PASS/FAIL** |

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Before appointment, the successful Applicant will be required to produce evidence from their Insurance Company in the form of a copy of the policy confirming that the Applicant has current Employer’s Liability insurance cover complying with the requirement(s) set out below.

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| Minimum level of Employer’s Liability Insurance required in respect of any one accident: | € 13,000,000[[25]](#footnote-26) |

Employers Liability Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €13 million in respect of any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance.

Entitles issuing employers liability insurance cover must have been granted an authorisation as an insurance undertaking by the Central Bank of Ireland to provide Non-Life Insurance Class 13 General Liability cover. Entities providing insurance intermediary services must be either authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland; or registered in a Member State other than Ireland for the purposes of Directive 2009/138/EC.

The evidence required to pass this criterion may be either:

1. evidence that employer’s liability insurance cover meeting the requirements above is in place. Such evidence may be provided by the relevant insurance undertaking itself or by an insurance intermediary; or
2. the completed Appendix C *Letter of Undertaking re Insurance* which may be provided where the Applicant does not have employer’s liability insurance or does not have employer’s liability insurance meeting the requirements set out above.

**3.4 EVIDENCE OF TECHNICAL CAPABILITY CRITERIA**

The Applicant should consider carefully responses to subsection 3.4 in relation to the type of principal service and specialist skills identified at **Section 2.4** of the Project Particulars, in particular:

* Where Specialist Skills are identified in **Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars**, these may be provided either by the Applicant itself or by specialist sub-contractors. Irrespective of whether a sub-contractor or the Applicant itself is proposed for a specialist skill, separate evidence in response to the sub-criterion must be provided by the entity proposed to undertake the specialist skill area.
* Where the principal service applied for is a Design Service or any service with design input (for example Quantity Surveying where the Applicant must demonstrate a level of competence relative to their design input[[26]](#footnote-27)) the Health and Safety sub-criteria under each of the criteria 3.4a – 3.4g inclusive must be addressed by the Applicant, and where applicable, the Specialist Skill Provider.
* Prior to their appointment, the Successful Tenderer is required to sign the Safety and Health Declaration appropriate to their service provision. MF2.4 is required for general service providers, MF2.5 for PSDP and MF2.6 for PSCS.

**3.4a EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (Management)**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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Where the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) apply to either the Principal Service or Specialist Skills Provider (as defined in Regulation 2 of SHWW Regulations – see footnote 26) they must also satisfy the requirements set out at 3.4.1a. These requirements (where applicable) are evaluated on a pass/fail basis and Applicants must pass 3.4.1a in order to be evaluated under 3.4a.

An Applicant who can demonstrate adequate training and qualifications for its managerial staff but cannot demonstrate appropriate experience will not be deemed adequate.

**Principal Service Provider**

The Applicant must provide evidence of the educational and professional qualifications (with dates obtained) and experience of their management staff, including the curricula vitae of the management staff and the organization structure in accordance with the requirements (if any) identified below.

The maximum marks available for this criterion is 2,000 marks (20%). Applicants must obtain a minimum of 1,200 (60%) marks to qualify. Applicants who do not achieve the minimum marks will be deemed to have failed this section and will fail the prequalification process.

The purpose of this criterion is to assess the experience and educational and professional qualifications of the applicant’s overall managerial staff and structure.

Minimum Standard:

The minimum standard for a Pass is demonstration of adequate organisational structure and management personnel with adequate relevant Educational & Professional qualifications, Experience and Managerial skills appropriate to the scale, complexity and value of the services anticipated within the scope of the Framework i.e. ranging from €10,000 to approximately €50,000.

Applicants are requested to provide the following;

(1) Detailed organisational chart showing the management team structure indicating roles &

 responsibilities.

(2) Evidence of qualifications and experience of one Project Director

 - Must be a Chartered Engineer or have a similar recognised qualification (e.g. Msc), with

 a recognised base degree to level 8 or equivalent in accordance with the Irish National

 Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

 - A minimum of 10 years satisfactory relevant postgraduate engineeering experience in

 the management, planning, design and construction of engineering projects of a similar

 nature, scale and complexity to the scope of services set out in Section 2.2.

 - Provide details of experience of three (3 Nr) projects completed in the past eight (8)

 years. Project experience should be similar in scale, complexity and value to the

 services required.

 - Management must also have experience of undertaking the Project Supervisor Design

 Process role on similar scale projects.

(3) Evidence of qualifications and experience of one Project Manager

 - Must be a Chartered Engineer or have a similar recognised qualification (e.g. Msc), with

 a recognised base degree to level 8 or equivalent in accordance with the Irish National

 Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

 - A minimum of 8 years satisfactory relevant postgraduate engineeering experience in

 the management, planning, design and construction of engineering projects of a similar

 nature, scale and complexity to the scope of services set out in Section 2.2.

 - Provide details of experience of three (3 Nr) projects completed in the past six years.

 Project experience should be similar in scale, complexity and value to the services

 required.

 - Management must also have experience of undertaking the Project Supervisor Design

 Process role on similar scale projects.

Evidence shall be provided in the form of Appendix CV - 'Evidence of Professional Qualifications and Experience'. Only evidence supplied in the format at Appendix CV will be accepted and failure to use Appendix CV will result in zero marks for this section.

Copies of Degrees / Certificates are NOT required.

This criterion will be scored using the following baseline scoring system:

SCORE MEANING INTERPRETATION

90-100% Outstanding A very comprehensive response demonstrating extensive

 understanding offering full assurance to client – fully

 supported with no reservations.

80-89% Excellent An excellent response demonstrating excellent understanding

 offering assurance to client – strongly supported.

70-79% Very good A very good response demonstrating very good understanding

 offering assurance to client – fully supported.

65-69% Good A good response demonstrating good understanding offering

 assurance to client – well supported.

60-64% Acceptable An acceptable response demonstrating a minimum

 understanding offering assurance to client - satisfactorily

 supported.

Less than 60% is unacceptable

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4a – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1a SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4a if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4a Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**Management staff of Applicant (including Specialist Skill providers) to whom the SHWW Regulations apply must comply and provide evidence of compliance when requested with the following:1. Have undertaken a course introducing the principles of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) with particular regard to the service provider’s duties under those Regulations. The course should be approved by their relevant registration body or [in the absence of a registration body] a professional body appropriate to the service provider in question.2. Applicants shall submit a statement confirming that their managerial staff have adequate educational & professional qualifications and experience to undertake their associated role.3. Have a minimum of 3 years experience carrying out the duties of the PSDP on projects of a similar scale and complexity. |

**3.4b EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (Personnel)**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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Where the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) apply to either the Principal Service or Specialist Skills Provider (as defined in Regulation 2 of SHWW Regulations – see footnote 26) they must also satisfy the requirements set out at 3.4.1b. These requirements (where applicable) are evaluated on a pass/fail basis and Applicants must pass 3.4.1b in order to be evaluated under 3.4b.

An Applicant who can demonstrate adequate training and qualifications for its personnel but cannot demonstrate appropriate experience will not be deemed adequate.

**Principal Service Provider**

The Applicant must provide evidence of the educational and professional qualifications (with dates obtained) and experience of the Applicant’s personnel proposed for the principal service, including the curricula vitae of the personnel in accordance with the requirements (if any) identified below.

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4b – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1b SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4b if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4b Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**Key Personnel of Applicant proposed for the principal service (and any Specialist Skills Providers) to whom the SHWW Regulations apply must comply with and provide evidence of compliance when requested with the following:1. Have undertaken a course introducing the principles of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) with particular regard to the service provider’s duties under those Regulations. The course should be approved by their relevant registration body or [in the absence of a registration body] a professional body appropriate to the service provider in question.   |

**3.4c LIST OF TECHNICAL SERVICES PROVIDED OVER THE PAST YEARS**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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Where the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) apply either to the Principal Service or the Specialist Skills Provider (as defined in Regulation 2 of SHWW Regulations – see footnote 26) they must also satisfy the requirements set out at 3.4.1c. These requirements (where applicable) are evaluated on a pass/fail basis and Applicants must pass 3.4.1c in order to be evaluated under 3.4c.

A Contracting Authority may only require an Applicant to submit a list of services provided over a maximum period of 3 years. However a Contracting Authority may take into account services delivered over a longer period if appropriate. The period specified in the sub-criterion title above is the period within which the applicant may submit evidence of its technical services provided, it is not mandatory that technical services be evidenced for the whole period. If a firm cannot provide evidence for the entire period (e.g. a firm has not been trading for the whole period) this will not be used as a reason to reject its application.

Appendices B1 and B3 and any other supporting evidence should only be submitted if the response above is ‘Evidence Required’. Where a declaration is permitted, evidence is only required when requested by the Contracting Authority.

**Principal Service Provider**

The minimum standard is satisfactory experience in providing technical services on projects of a similar scale, nature and complexity to the one for which SAQ Submissions are being assessed. (This does not mean to stipulate projects that are identical to the project that is the subject of this Questionnaire.)

Evidence of delivery of technical services should be provided in the form of a list of commissions carried out over the period set out above in the format set out in Appendix B1. These commissions should indicate how the service provider delivered the service. The Applicant should provide a Certificate of Satisfactory Execution (Appendix B3) for any project listed on Appendix B1 if so requested by the Contracting Authority.

Any supplementary requirements stated below should be submitted as set out by the Contracting Authority.

The maximum marks available for this criterion is 8,000 marks (80%). Applicants must obtain a minimum of 4,800 (60%) marks to qualify. Applicants who do not achieve the minimum marks will be deemed to have failed this section and will fail the prequalification process.

Applicants shall provide details of:

(1) Evidence of having prepared three (3 No.) Flood risks assessments incorporating Stages

 1, 2 and 3 in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management

 Guidelines, within the past five (5) years, i.e. projects on which substantial

 completion was certified in the past five (5) years from the date of publication of this

 notice.

(2) Evidence of having carried out this work at a Local Area Plan scale or equivalent is

 desirable, e.g. Flood Relief Schemes, Flood Risk Assessment for Local Area Plan,

 Strategic Development Zone, City Development Plan, or County Development Plan.

(3) Evidence of having prepared three (3 No.) Sustainable Drainage Strategies for projects

 of a similar scale and complexity to those identified in Section 2.2. Evidence of having

 prepared these strategies for Local Area Plans, Masterplans or Strategic Development

 Zones is desirable.

Notes:

Applicants are required to include at Appendix B3 certificates references in the form of contact information for the contracting authority/client. FCC reserves the right if it deems it appropriate to do so to subsequently seek verification and clarification in respect of information on the projects provided in the certificates through enquiries to be made with the relevant third parties.

Applicants should ensure that they provide sufficient information to allow the Client to judge the relevance of the example project submitted. All fields in Appendix B3 should be completed in full. In the event that the information requested on the value of projects or identity of clients is considered confidential, applicants must ensure that they provide sufficient information to allow the contracting authority to judge the similarity of these contracts to the works required under the framework agreement.

This criterion will be scored using the following baseline scoring system:

SCORE MEANING INTERPRETATION

90-100% Outstanding A very comprehensive response demonstrating extensive

 understanding offering full assurance to client – fully

 supported with no reservations.

80-89% Excellent An excellent response demonstrating excellent understanding

 offering assurance to client – strongly supported.

70-79% Very good A very good response demonstrating very good understanding

 offering assurance to client – fully supported.

65-69% Good A good response demonstrating good understanding offering

 assurance to client – well supported.

60-64% Acceptable An acceptable response demonstrating a minimum

 understanding offering assurance to client - satisfactorily

 supported.

Less than 60% is unacceptable

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4c – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1c SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4c if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4c Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**Applicants (including any Specialist Skills Providers) must notify the Contracting Authority of any enforcement actions, legal proceedings, accidents, fatalities or incidents associated with any lapse in the discharge of their duties under the SHWW regulations within the last 3 years. If any of the above apply, Applicants must identify the steps taken to prevent such lapses from reoccurring.   |

**3.4d MEASURES FOR ENSURING QUALITY**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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**Principal Service Provider**

The Applicant must provide, when requested by the Contracting Authority, a description of the technical facilities and measures used by the applicant to ensure quality of service including any study and research facilities, measures used by the Applicant for ensuring quality both in the administration of the service and in the delivery of a high-quality end-product.

Minimum Standard

A written statement setting out how the service provider manages, reviews and evaluates their performance. It should include references to record keeping, Continuing Professional Development and how up-to-date information relevant to their particular service is accessed. A brief description of their Information Technology systems and policies should also be provided.

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4d – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1d SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4d if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4d Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**   |

**3.4e AVERAGE ANNUAL MANPOWER OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS**

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| **Criterion Applicable:** | **Response:** | **Type of Evaluation:** |

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The Applicant must provide evidence, when requested by the Contracting Authority, in the form of a statement scheduling the average number of persons providing the services annually and the number of persons employed by the service provider in managerial positions during the immediately preceding 3 years in accordance with the requirements (if any) identified by the Contracting Authority below. If a firm cannot provide evidence for the entire period (e.g. a firm has not been trading for the whole period) this will not be used as a reason to reject its SAQ Submission.

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4e – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1e SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4e if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4e Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**   |

**3.4f TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE CONTRACT**

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The Applicant must provide evidence, when requested by the Contracting Authority, in the form of a statement of technical equipment that would be available to assist in the delivery of the required technical services in accordance with therequirements (if any) identified by the Contracting Authority below.

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4f – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1f SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4f if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4f Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**  |

**3.4g TECHNICIANS OR TECHNICAL BODIES AVAILABLE**

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The Applicant must provide evidence, when requested by the Contracting Authority, in the form of a list of the relevant technicians or technical bodies (other than in-house specialists or specialist subcontractors identified for specialist skills listed at Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars) whom the service provider can call on in order to provide the service or whom the service provider is going to use in relation to quality control. These should comply with therequirements (if any) identified by the Contracting Authority below.

**Specialist Skills Providers**

If a Specialist Skill is required under Section 2.4 of the Project Particulars and is to be provided from within the Applicant’s organisation this must be indicated in the response, if a sub-contractor is proposed to fulfil the Specialist Skill this must be indicated in its response to Part 2 of the Questionnaire.

Evidence in support of any criteria set out below must be submitted with the title ‘*Evidence in support of criterion 3.4g – Specialist Skills Providers*’ where the response above is ‘Evidence Required’.

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| **3.4.1g SAFETY AND HEALTH SUPPLEMENT – ASSESSED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS****NOTE: This section is applicable only to those service providers defined as Designers under Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended) (SHWW) – Criteria related to Project Supervisors (where applicable) are set out under 3.4g if it is for a Principal Service or under 3.4g Specialist Skills if it is to be a Specialist Skill.**  |

1. CA note: where the Competition is subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016), then “electronic submission” must be selected. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Alternate evidence may be acceptable to the Contracting Authority [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. The Contracting Authority may accept alternate arrangements, in place of a guarantee, at its discretion. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The requirements for Collateral Warranties by Specialist Skill Providers will be stated in the Instructions to Tenderers issued at the next stage of the Competition. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The Contracting Authority may accept alternate arrangements at its discretion. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. CA note: where the competition is subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016), then “electronic submission“ **must** be entered. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. CA note: where the competition is subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016), “electronic submission” **must** be selected. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. CA note: where the Competition is subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016), then the Exclusion grounds in Article 57 automatically apply and the CA must state “an eESPD”. Where the Competition is not subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016), the CA **may** request Applicants to complete an eESPD or Appendix A, where the CA applies the grounds for exclusion in the Competition. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. CA Note: Where the Competition is subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016), in a restricted procedure, the minimum number to be invited to tender is 5 no. (Regulation 65(3)). Where “pass/fail only” is selected, all Candidates must be invited to tender. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. CA Note: Where the competition is subject to the procurement regulations (SI 284 of 2016 or SI 286 of 2016) the CA may state the maximum number [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
11. Note to Applicants: Any review process set out above is not mandatory. Applicants should obtain legal advice as to the review procedures that may be available to them under law, as well as the timeframes in which such review procedures may be availed of. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. Type 1 applies to projects that have a value of <€500,000; Type 2 applies to projects that have a value of > €500,000 and < €5,000,000; and Type 3 applies to projects that have a value > €5,000,000. However, considerations in relation to the H&S risk must also be taken into account in deciding on the project type. If there is a high H&S risk, the category may need to be higher than that indicated by the project value above. The category of project chosen then governs decisions to be made about criteria and requirements in Section 3 of the Questionnaire. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. Particular Risks are defined at Schedule 1 to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended). **Please note that the list provided under that Schedule is not exhaustive.** [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
14. The numbers in this column reference the subsection numbers of the criteria in this Questionnaire. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
15. This criterion no longer used – for the requirements in relation to Regulation 57 of SI 284/2016 (Exclusion Grounds) in relation to the competition, refer to Section 1 - Information for Applicants. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
16. As selected in the criterion [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
17. The numbers in this column reference the subsection numbers of the criteria in this Questionnaire. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
18. This criterion no longer used – for the requirements in relation to Regulation 57 of SI 284/2016 (Exclusion Grounds) in relation to the competition, refer to Section 1 - Information for Applicants. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
19. Enrolment on a professional or trade register should not be confused with being a member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland or any other similar body. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
20. In Ireland, the economic operator may be requested to provide a certificate from the Registrar of Companies or the Registrar of Friendly Societies, or, where the economic operator is not so certified, a certificate stating that the person concerned has declared on oath that the economic operator is engaged in the profession in question in the country in which the economic operator is established, in a specific place under a given business name. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
21. Where the contract is to be executed under hand, then a period of 6 years should be sought for the Professional Indemnity Insurance, where the contract is to be executed under seal, then a period of 12 years should be sought. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
22. If no value is entered it shall be read as €1,250,000 (One million and two eight hundred and fifty thousand Euro) [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
23. If no value is entered it shall be read as €1,500,000 (One million and five hundred thousand Euro) [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
24. If no value is entered it shall read as €2,600,000 (Two million and six hundred thousand Euro) [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
25. If no value is entered it shall read as €13,000,000 (Thirteen million Euro) – No excess is permitted on Employer’s Liability Insurance [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
26. “designer” means a person engaged in work related to the design of a project; “design” means the preparation of drawings, particulars, specifications, calculations and bills of quantities in so far as they contain specifications or other expressions of purpose, according to which a project, or any part or component of a project, is to be executed; *Regulation 2 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (as amended)* [↑](#footnote-ref-27)