

## SHL Asbestos Surveying and Retained Advice Tender

### ASBKC18

#### Supplier Clarification Questions and Responses

Clarification Question	Date Received	SHL Response	Date Response Issued
<p>Could you please confirm how many schools are included within the portfolio in light of 5.2.6 below ?</p> <p><b>5.2.6 To ensure access to all areas school re-inspections will likely need to be arranged for during school holidays and therefore the Contractor will need to be able to accommodate for spikes in demand at certain times of the year.</b></p>	04/07/2018	There are currently 38 schools which would require an annual reinspection. This is offered to schools via a SLA and therefore there may be some small fluctuations in the number over the terms of the contract depending on what services schools included in their SLA with us.	04/07/2018
<p>We note from the tender documentation that a pass/fail requirement is that our in house laboratory is situated within a 20 mile radius of Stockport.</p>	04/07/2018	We have included this as a pass/fail requirement due to the need for a quick turnaround time on sample analysis and therefore if your laboratory is further away than a 20 mile radius of Stockport then this question would be scored as a fail and your submission would not be considered further.	04/07/2018

<p>We are 40 miles from Stockport, can you please confirm if this precludes us from bidding ?</p>			
<p>Does your supplier need to have UKAS accreditation to apply for this tender</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>	<p>Yes UKAS accreditation is a mandatory requirement so we would not be able to award to a supplier unless this was in place.</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>
<p>Could you please advise if having a laboratory within 20 miles is a set (pass/ fail) requirement please? If so could an external laboratory be used and brought in as a local supplier?</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>	<p>Yes a laboratory within a 20 mile radius of Stockport is a pass/fail requirement. We have specified this as there will be occasions where a very quick turnaround on samples is required and therefore we feel that if the laboratory was further away than 20 miles then this would not be possible. In addition even when a quick turnaround is not required the further away the laboratory is the longer the turnaround time will be.</p> <p>In terms of an external laboratory, not this would be possible, question 7.2. a) is another pass/fail requirements and states "The organisation has it's own house laboratory for testing for the identification of asbestos". We have stated this to ensure that the bidders have full control of the quality and performance of the lab.</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>
<p>At present we do not have a lab within the 20 miles radius. However we do have 3 other labs across the country that meet your required standards for AIMS and RICE.</p> <p>Would we be able to tender on the basis of committing to setting up a</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>	<p>You would need to be able to evidence that you can have the lab set up with all necessary accreditations before the contract start date which is proposed to be 1<sup>st</sup> October. How you intend to do this and have it in place by 1<sup>st</sup> October would need to be detailed in your submission, we may then be willing to consider the submission. You would of course also have to meet all the other requirements as well.</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>

lab within the 20 miles should be successful?			
N/A	N/a	Please note we have amended the Pricing schedule – new version (v2) attached with this document.	18/07/2018