



Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Redesign of Barra Close Play Area

Instructions to the Contractor

- a) Contractors must complete all the areas shaded in yellow to ensure their bid is presented in a compliant format.
- b) Contractors must answer “True” Sections where a True or False Question is available to be considered further.
- c) Please adhere to any maximum word count requirements in your response, failure to do so will mean all text submitted over the maximum will be disregarded in the evaluation process.
- d) Please ensure a hard copy or an email of the fully completed and signed document is returned with the Form of Quotation, Certificate of Bonafide Quotation, Freedom of Information Act exemption and any other documents referred to in this invitation to Tender form to the address specified in section 1.
- e) The Contractor should seek to clarify any points of doubt or difficulty before submitting a quotation, for this purpose contact can be made, in writing, to the name authorised officer only as detailed in section 1.6 below.
- f) Clarifications should be sought in accordance with the timescales detailed in 1.9 below, all clarification response statements will be made available to all Contractors via the Council website.
- g) Highworth Town Council shall incur no obligation or liability whatsoever to anyone by issuing the request or action by any party relative hereto.
- h) Any costs incurred by the quotation in responding to this request or in support of activities associated with the response to this request are to be borne by the Contractor and are not reimbursed by Highworth Town Council.

SECTION 1 – ITT INFORMATION

Contact Details

1.1	Invitation to Tender Title	Refurbishment of Barra Close Play Area
1.2	Organisation	Highworth Town Council
1.3	Originator telephone number	01793 762377
1.4	ITT clarifications email address	clerk@highworthtowncouncil.gov.uk
1.5	ITT response address	FAO Deanne Rose Highworth Town Council 3 Gilberts Lane Highworth Swindon SN6 7FB
1.6	Highworth Town Council Authorised Officer	Deanne Rose
1.7	Estimated total value (£)	£190,000

Timescales and Payment Terms

1.8	Date ITT advertised	06.08.2024
1.9	Date/time ITT clarifications/questions should be received by email to the Highworth Town Council Authorised Officer as identified in 1.6 above	Time: 5.00pm Date: 12.09.2024
1.10	Date/time completed ITT response to be received by post or email to the Highworth Town Council Authorised Officer as identified in 1.6 above	Time: 5.00pm Date: 31.10.2024
1.11	Tender evaluation	14.11.2024
1.12	Clarification meetings if required	
1.13	Place Order	
1.14	Project Start date (subject to weather conditions)	Date: March /April 2025

SECTION 2 – SCOPE OF WORKS

Description of the Works

2.1 The Council is currently seeking to appoint an experienced and qualified contractor to refurbish and enhance the Barra Close Play Area.

2.2 The play area is to provide for children aged between 0 – 16 years of age.

2.3 Two separate designs are required,

- 1 to include play facilities for 0-16 years only
- 2 to include play facilities for 0-16 years and a MUGA

2.4 The current area can be expanded significantly and the younger area is to be fenced in.

2.5 The Council wishes to install modern, high quality and accessible friendly equipment to ensure that the play area is inclusive for all children and an asset to the local community. Following consultation with residents and local primary school children, the top items required are:

- Zip wire
- Monkey bars of various heights
- Climbing facility
- Nest swing
- Inclusive roundabout

This list is not exhaustive, and Highworth Town Council would welcome ideas and recommendations for the site.

2.6 Picnic areas are to be incorporated in the design with benches.

2.7 The clearance of existing equipment and woodchip surface will be undertaken by Highworth Town Council grounds team prior to the commencement of work by the contractor.

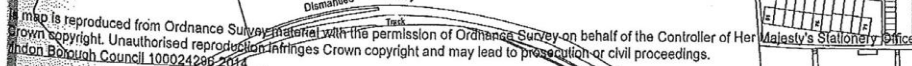
2.8 To ensure all the surfacing materials used are designed, manufactured and installed to a current British Standards 1176 and 1177. Approved members of CHAS and Construction Line. The surface is to be wet pour.

2.9 To include relevant signage.

3.0 The design is a chance for the contractor to be innovative. The final designs will be agreed on award of contract.

3.1 Please note the following page where the current play area is shown in yellow, the available area for the new play area is shown in purple.

3.0



Operational Guidelines

The following requirements to be complied with:

- a) A site visit is essential to obtain measurements and note the proximity of nearby residents.
- b) Avoid sharp turns and scuffing with vehicles on grass areas.
- c) All operatives to wear relevant Personal Protective Clothing to ensure a reduction of any potential injuries.
- d) All areas to have Risk Assessment carried out prior to the initial constructions. All operations to be covered by relevant insurance including £5,000,000 public liability insurance.
- e) If inclement weather or site conditions prevent construction the Contractor must resume the project as soon as possible/practicable.

Working Hours

The Contractor shall not undertake any work at any area outside of the following times:

- 07:30am and 18:00pm Mondays to Fridays
- 08:00am and 18:00pm Saturdays
- 09.00am and 14:00pm Sundays

These hours may be varied in the event of an emergency either by seeking permission from the Council or by request from the Clerk. In either case the variation will be confirmed within 24 hours.

Access

- Access to the area to be resurfaced is restrictive of the size of the vehicle/machine that can be used. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to acquaint themselves with the access to each area, and any other problems affecting access relating to all areas.
- Any damage caused due to encroachment onto grass and other areas by the Contractors plant or vehicles shall be made good at the Contractors expense and within time limits specified by the Council.

Health, Safety and Welfare Measures

The Contractor shall ensure that all safety and welfare measures required by virtue of Clause 18 of the Conditions and the provisions of any enactment or Regulations are strictly complied with, including without limitation.

The Construction (Lifting Operations) Regulations 1961.

The Construction (General Provisions) Regulations 1961.

The Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act 1963.

The Construction (Health and Welfare) Regulations 1966.

The Construction (Working Places) Regulations 1969.

The Highways Act 1971.

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The Highways (Amendment) Act 1986.

The Control of Substances Hazardous for Health Regulations 1989.

Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

Noise at Work Regulations 1989.

The Water Act 1991.

And any other relevant legislation which may be introduced during the life of the contract together with all and any amendments to the above regulations and enactments and the working rules or Codes of Practices of any industry whether instituted by the industry or government of any other competent body.

All works in connection with this Contract shall be carried out using all necessary PPE and suitable clothing etc. At all times the contractors' staff will wear clothing and/or high visibility garments clearly marked as working on behalf of the Council.

The Contractor shall provide the following minimum safety equipment for use by the operator(s):

- Safety helmet to British Standards
- Gloves
- Goggles/eye shield
- Safety boots (with internal or external steel toecap)
- Ear-defenders; if necessary
- First Aid kit

The Contractor shall always comply with precautions against fire details in the Health and Safety statement submitted by him to the Council. These precautions may be amended with the consent of the Clerk.

The Contractor shall inform the Clerk immediately of any unsafe feature or any matter or cause for public concern on any area at which he is providing the services required. The Contractor shall confirm these details in writing within 48 hours.

The Contractor shall provide and maintain all necessary facilities for his own employees and for those employed by the Sub-Contractors, including welfare facilities.

Accident report

In event of an accident or dangerous occurrence the Contractor will prepare a report. A copy of all accident reports or reports of dangerous occurrences occurring unrelated to this Contract shall be sent to the Clerk who is responsible for the area at which the incident occurred within 48 hours of the occurrence.

Legal requirements

The Contractor shall satisfy themselves as to, and comply with, all Legal Requirements affecting the provision of the work required and in particular (but without limitation) with regard to the control of traffic and the conduct of persons and shall pay any costs or expenses incurred in complying therewith.

Noise Control

The Contractor shall ensure that all measures to control the noise levels produced by their operations on site required under or by virtue of any enactment or regulation or by the working rules of any industry, are strictly complied with.

The Contractors attention is drawn to the Noise Abatement Act 1960 and the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and all amendments thereto, and the paragraph defining the permitted working hours. Attention is also drawn to the Noise at Work Regulations 1989.

Cleaning roads and footpaths

The Contractor shall take all necessary measures to prevent the deposition of mud, onto both private or public roads and footpaths, and shall keep the approaches to any locations clear of mud and debris.

Tools and plant

The Contractor shall provide all tools, plants, vehicles, implements and machinery necessary for the proper execution of the work and clear away on completion. All Contractor's vehicles and safety clothing are to be clearly marked with the name of the Contractor.

Plant and tools shall be used in the correct manner and for the correct purpose. All plant and tools shall be provided with correct guarding, interlocking devices etc. The safety devices shall always be used when operating any tools and/or plant. Any plant and tool shall be satisfactorily maintained, and records of maintenance shall be available for inspection. The responsibility for maintaining the required records and the servicing of equipment lies with the Contractor.

Materials

All vehicles, materials, equipment, and chemicals to be used in meeting the demands of the contracts shall be supplied by the Contractor and included within the rates.

Existing grass swards – reinstatement of damage

The Contractor shall make good any damage caused to existing grass swards at any location as a result of the Contractor's operations. The reinstatement of the grass shall be to the satisfaction of the Clerk and entirely at the Contractor's expense. This includes any damage caused by cutting with inappropriate machinery or at inappropriate times and any damage caused by herbicides.

Removal of litter and rubbish prior to and on completion

The Council shall remove from the work area all rubbish and litter arising from the work provided under this Contract both as it accumulates from time to time and at the completion of every working day. The Contractor has the responsibility to bring any issues arising to the Council prior to work taking place. This includes all trimmings and pruning arising from work operations, edging and leaf clearance operations and all other debris of litter.

Inclement Weather

The Contractor shall perform the Standard Services and Additional Services to the Contract Standard and in accordance with the programme of works regardless of the weather or climatic conditions. In exceptionally adverse weather conditions, the Contractor may seek the Clerk to the Council's approval to suspend all or any part of the required work for the period during which the adverse weather conditions continue. The Clerk to the Council acting reasonably and without undue delay may give such approval.

Liability

Ownership, liability and responsibility for insurance of the play area and installation works will lie with the contractor until a satisfactory Post Installation Report has been accepted by Highworth Town Council. This will be confirmed in writing on the day of the handover of the site and signed by the Council Officer and the contractor.

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (TRUE OR FALSE QUESTION)

Please answer "True" to state you **comply** with the information provided in Section 2 Scope of Works above to be considered further. Tenderer to indicate PASS FULLY, PASS PARTIALLY or FAIL.

SECTION 3 – ORGANISATION DETAILS

3.1	Full Name of Organisation	
3.2	Registered Address	
3.3	Postcode	
3.4	Company Registration Number	
3.5	Registered VAT Number	
Parent Company Details (if applicable)		
3.6	Name of Holding/Parent Company	
3.7	Address of Parent Company	
3.8	Postcode	
3.9	Parent Company Registration	
3.10	Date of Incorporation, Formation of Partnership or Commencement of Holding Company	
3.11	Legal Status (e.g., Partnership, Private Limited Company)	
Contact Details		
3.12	Name	
3.13	Position	
3.14	Address (if different from the main address)	
3.15	Postcode	
3.16	Telephone Number	
3.17	Email address	

SECTION 4 – SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS (True or False)

4.1	The Contractor confirms their latest annual turnover is over £150,000 (if your company is less than 12 months old) please confirm your extracted accounts from your Parent Company meet the minimum Turnover threshold) If you are the preferred bidder following evaluation you will have to provide a copy of your company accounts to support this	
4.2	The Contractor confirms their Net Worth is over £150,000	
4.3	The Contractor confirms that none of their directors or relatives has been or is presently a Member of the Authority or an employee of the Authority	
4.4	The Contractor confirms that no legal proceedings are in progress that might affect the performance of the contract obligations and that your organisation has not been prosecuted under EU law in the last three years	
4.5	The Contractor confirms that they are willing to have the following levels of insurance cover if awarded the Contract: Employer Insurance £5,000,000, Public Liability £5,000,000, Professional Indemnity £2,000,000. If you are the preferred bidder following evaluation they will have to provide a copy of your insurance certificates.	
4.6	The Contractor confirms their organisation complies with UK Health and Safety legislation. If you are the preferred bidder following evaluation you will have to provide a copy of your Health and Safety Policy	
4.7	If the Contractor confirms that if they have been prosecuted for Health and Safety offences in the last 3 years, they must confirm you have implemented procedures to rectify the issues identified. If you are the preferred bidder following evaluation you will have to provide a copy of the evidence.	
4.8	The Contractor confirms their Organisation and any of their subcontractors comply with the Equality Act 2010 and work within any requirements of Highworth Town Council's Equality duties	
4.9	The Contractor confirms that none of their directors or organisation has been prosecuted under the Bribery Act 2010	
4.10	The Contractor confirms that if they are the preferred bidder following evaluation, they may have to provide a copy of relevant references if requested by the Authority	
4.11	The Contractor confirms that if they are using subcontractors, they will abide by the Payment Terms of the Contract	

If selected as the preferred Bidder, the Contractor must be able to provide all evidence relating to these criteria within 5 working days of being notified to this effect.

SECTION 5 – PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

5.1	The Contractor confirms that their Organisation has not been convicted of the following offence:	
(a)	Conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977 or articles 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA on the fight against organised crime	
(b)	Corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889 or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906	
(c)	The common law offence of Bribery	
(d)	Bribery within the meaning of sections 1, or 6 of the Bribery Act 113 of the Representation of People Act 1983	
(e)	Where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities	
(i)	the common law offence of cheating the Revenue;	
(ii)	the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud;	
(iii)	fraud or theft within the meaning of Theft Act 1968, the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, the Theft Act 1978 or the Theft (Northern Ireland) Order 1978;	
(iv)	fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 456 of the Companies Act 1985, article 451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006;	
(v)	fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;	
(vi)	an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993;	
(vii)	destroying, defacing and concealing of documents or procuring the execution of the valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968 or section 19 or the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;	
(viii)	fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006; or	
(ix)	the possession or articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 6 of the Fraud Act 2006, or the making, adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of that Act;	
(f)	any offence listed -	
(i)	in section 41 of the Counter Terrorism Act 2008; or	
(ii)	in Schedule 2 of that Act where the court has determined that there is a terrorism connection;	
(g)	any offence under sections 44 to 46 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 which relates to an offence covered in subparagraph (f);	
(h)	money laundering within the meaning of sections 340 and 415 of the Proceeds of the Crime Act 2002;	
(i)	an offence in connection with the proceeds of the criminal conduct within the meaning of section 93A, 93B or 93C of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 or article 45, 46 or 47 of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;	
(j)	an offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc) Act 2004;	
(k)	an offence under section 59A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;	
(l)	an offer under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009;	
(m)	an offence in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking within the meaning of section 49. 50 or 51 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994; or	

(n) any other offence within the meaning of Article 57 of the Public Contracts Directive		
(i) as defined by the law of any jurisdiction outside England, Wales and Northern Ireland; or		
(ii) created after the day on which these Regulations were made, in the law of England, Wales and Northern Ireland		
5.2	The Contractor confirms that their Organisation has not been convicted of child labour or any other human trafficking offences	
5.3	The Contractor confirms that they have not made a breach of obligations relating to payment of taxes or social security	
5.4	The Contractor confirms that they are not bankrupt or are subject of insolvency or winding up proceedings, where assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where there is an arrangement with creditors, where business activities are suspended or there is an analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any State;	
5.5	The Contractor confirms that they have not violated any environmental, social or labour law	
5.6	The Contractor confirms that they have not been guilty of grave professional misconduct, which renders its integrity questionable	
5.7	The Contractor confirms that there is no conflict of interest arising in the conduct of this procurement procedure	
5.8	The Contractor confirms that it has not sought to unduly influence the Authority's decision or obtain information with a view to gaining a competitive advantage	

SECTION 6 - QUALITY

This section includes any questions relating to the quality of the solution offered

6.1	Please submit a statement explaining how you will approach the scope of works detailed in section two, paying special attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - System for monitoring and improving quality. - External awards or quality accreditation schemes - Action your organisation employs to adhere to sustainable initiatives
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CONTRACTOR RESPONSE

6.2	Please provide an outline of your method statement and proposed teams and relevant experience and qualification.
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CONTRACTOR RESPONSE

SECTION 7 - PRICE

The Contractor shall confirm the price (exclusive of VAT) to complete the works in the Pricing Schedule

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (TRUE OR FALSE QUESTION)

Please confirm you have provided a pricing schedule	TRUE / FALSE
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SECTION 8 – LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The following documents will form any subsequent binding agreement

8.1	Agreement Invitation to Tender Pricing Schedule Preambles Section A – General Requirements Additional Z Clauses for Works Contracts Certificate of Bona Fide Tender Freedom of Information Exemption Form Clarification to the ITT and response
	Authority Address Deanne Rose Highworth Town Council 3 Gilberts Lane Highworth Swindon SN6 7FB
	Review meetings: Weekly during the construction period
	Possible Extension of Term: Not applicable
	Professional Indemnity £2,000,000

CONTRACT PARTICULARS

Clause	Subject
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DECLARATIONS

8.2	Form of quotation document	Appendix 1
8.3	Certificate of bona fide quotation	Appendix 2
8.4	Freedom of Information Act Exemption Form	Appendix 3

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE (Pass/Fail Question)

Please indicate acceptance of binding documents and amendments within Section 8 Legal Compliance documents set out above	Yes / No
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SECTION 8 - EVALUATION MODEL

9.1 TRUE OR FALSE SELECTION CRITERIA

All True and False Questions must be answered “True” to be able to be considered for this quotation process

The evaluation model below shall be used for this ITT, which will be determined to two decimal places.

General	ITT response in the correct format	TRUE / FALSE
Section 1	ITT response received on time	
Section 1	The price shall be within the budget stated in Section One	
Section 2	Compliance to Scope	
Section 4	No Legal proceedings as set out in 4.4	
Section 4	Acceptable financial profile	
Section 4	Insurance levels compliance	
Section 4	Health & Safety compliance	
Section 4	Equalities compliance	

Section 4	No, your organisation has not been prosecuted for bribery (section 1 and 6) within the Bribery Act 2010	
Section 4	Relevant references can be provided	
Section 8	Adherence to all areas in Section 8 “Legal Compliance”	
9.2 SCORING AWARD CRITERIA (Out of 100%)		
Section 2	Scope of works – Design	25%
Section 2	Scope of works – Accessible & Inclusive	25%
Section 6	Quality	25%
Section 7	Price	25%
Total		100%

Evaluation Criteria

Non-Price elements will be judged on a score from 0 to 10, which shall be subjected to a multiplier so criteria worth 20% will have a 0-10 score and a multiplier of 2. The 0-10 score shall be based on

0-1	The Question is not answered, or the response is completely unacceptable. It does not meet the minimum requirement, or they have completely missed the point of the question
2-3	Very poor response and not acceptable – fails to meet the minimum requirement/standard. Requires major revision to the proposal to make it acceptable. Only partially answers the requirement, major deficiencies and little relevant detail proposed.
4-5	Poor response only partially satisfying requirement/standard with deficiencies apparent. Some useful evidence provided but response falls well short of minimum requirements.
6-7	Response is acceptable and meets minimum requirement but remains basic and could have been expanded upon. Response is sufficient but does not inspire. Good probability of success, weaknesses can be readily corrected
8-9	Response meets our expected requirement/standard and exceeds minimum expectation including a level of details, which adds value to the bid. Great probability of success, no significant weakness noted
10	Excellent response – comprehensive and useful, which exceeds the specified performance or capability in a beneficial way. High probability of success, no weaknesses noted. The response is innovative and includes a full description of techniques and measurements to be employed

Price elements will be judged on the following criteria

The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 10. All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price.

For example – Bid 1 £100,000 scores 10, Bid 2 £120,000 differentials £20,000 or 20% remove 20% from price scores 8, Bid 3 £150,000 differential £50,000 remove 50% from price scores 5, Bid 4 £175,000 differential £75,000 remove 75% from price scores 2.5.

The lowest score possible is 0. All scores are then subjected to a multiplier e.g. If price has a scoring criterion of 70%, the multiplier will be 7

APPENDIX 1

Form of Quotation

To:

Highworth Town Council
3 Gilberts Lane
Highworth
Swindon
SN6 7FB

Title: Refurbishment of Barra Close Play Area

Having examined the contents of the Invitation to Tender document, terms and conditions of Agreement, product/service specification(s), we offer to carry out the work in conformity with the said conditions for the maximum fixed prices details in the attached pricing schedule(s).

We undertake to carry out the works specified within the period stated in the invitation to tender.

Our quotation offer shall be binding between us for a period specified from the closing date for receipt of quotations.

Unless and until a formal agreement is prepared and executed this Quotation and a written acceptance therefore shall constitute a binding contract between us.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Quotations you may receive.

We further undertake, if our Quotation is accepted, to comply with all the General Conditions of Contract and Specifications for the service comprising the contract.

Date this day of year

Signature

Name: in the capacity of

Duly authorised to sign quotations for and on behalf of:

Witness:

Address:
Occupation/Profession

APPENDIX 2

Certificate of Bona Fide Quotation

The essence of selective quotationing is that the client shall receive bona fide competitive quotations, from all those quoting. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a bona fide quotation, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of quotation by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other person.

We also certify that we have not done, and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this quotation any of the following:

- (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these quotations the amount or approximate amount of the proposed quotations, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the quotation was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the quotation.
- (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from quoting or as to the amount of any quotation to be submitted.
- (c) Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other quotation or proposed quotation for the said supply/service any act or thing of the sort described above.

In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and any body or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.

We acknowledge that the Authorised Officer will be entitled to cancel the contract and recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with or without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in quoting for this contract or any other contract with the Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or execution of this contract or any other contract with the Authority:

Signed

Name:

Occupation/Profession

For and on behalf of:

APPENDIX 3

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) Exemption Form

GUIDANCE

The Authority encourages its Contractors to take their own legal advice about the Freedom of Information Act. The Authority shall not be held liable for any actions, claims or costs howsoever arising.

The Authority considered that the following information is likely to be captured by the “confidential” (s.41 absolutely exemption) and/or “commercial interest” (s43 qualified exemption) and therefore maybe subject to the Public Interest test:

- Trade secrets; or
- Financial, commercial, scientific, technical, or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates; or
- Where disclosure could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his/her profession or business or otherwise in his/her occupation; or
- Where disclosure could prejudice the conduct or outcome of contractual or other negotiations of the person to whom the information relates.

NB: Contractors should note that claiming blanket confidentiality of quotation documentation, breaches current Government guidelines provided to the Authority and will not be accepted, therefore rendering the entire quotation documentation disclosure under the FOI Act.

PROCEDURE

1. Please specify below the relevant clauses or documentation containing the information you claim is exempt.

We consider that pricing schedules and technical specifications are most likely to be covered by one or other of the above exemptions and would therefore not, normally, be disclosed.

Each document claimed under the exemptions should be clearly marked as “confidential” or “commercially sensitive.”

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION:

2. The Authority is obliged to consider whether something, which its Contractor claims is confidential, is truly confidential. In those instances where the Authority does or does not agree with the exemption claimed, it will always consult with the Contractor before disclosing the information.

Where the Authority decides to release such information, it will only do so in the following circumstances:

- Where the Contractor consents; or
- Where the information or information of a similar type is generally available to the public (e.g., where a Minister would give such information in answer to a Parliamentary Question); or
- Where the Authority believes that the public interest would be better served by disclosing rather than by refusing to disclose the information. In this instance, the views of the Contractor will be sought in advance of a decision being made. Where the Contractor refuses to agree to disclosure of the information, the Contractor can refer the matter to the Information Commissioner at the Contractor's expense.

Signed

Position

Print Name

Date