

A number of questions have been raised by prospective Contractors. These are listed below with our response to these questions provided in blue text.

7. We have been advised by suppliers that fabrication for the identified design may be in the region of 8-10 weeks following a Purchase Order. Please confirm the Contract will be signed and executed at earliest possible time to enable compliance with the programme requirements.

The contract will be issued at the earliest opportunity following the necessary funding process by the Employer. We anticipate regular clear and open dialogue with the successful Contractor following this tender process, and every effort will be made towards maximum opportunity to comply with the proposed programme.

8. The designer and fabricator intended for supply of delivery critical elements require part upfront payment that represents a significant part of the projected contract sum, that is perceived as not in keeping with the NEC3 contract conditions. Please advise whether a like for like mechanism to recover costs before completion of the milestone activity is to be included in the contract.

The pre-amble to the Price List on page 8 of the draft NEC3 PSSC states in paragraph 11 that sub-items on the Price List may include making down payments for materials. It must be possible to identify tangible completion for items where completion is not physically obvious - for example, invoices and receipts received.

Itemised price list items are eligible for payment upon completion of the costed item stated. In this case WRT advise that the Price List includes priced item/s for the required upfront payment/s which would enable part invoicing against this cost.

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