



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

TAF 2 Pre-Tender Market Engagement Q&A

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Requirements		
1	Will the scope be restricted to clients only or will there be potential to widen to supporting skills building in the supply chain?	<p>The scope has been widened and includes a service package on supporting supply chain development by engaging directly with the supply chain on capacity and skills and to facilitate cooperation between suppliers where appropriate.</p> <p>Full detail of the finalised requirements will be published in the invitation to tender pack.</p>
2	You mentioned SHDF & HUG - will the TAF be expected to support any other funding streams as well?	The primary contract focus is on HUG and SHDF, although the Department may add other schemes in the future. More details will be included in the invitation to tender pack.
3	If other schemes may be supported, would that be restricted to domestic sector only or could this go into other sectors (e.g. PSDS etc)?	Currently the primary focus is HUG and SHDF but other schemes may be added at a later date. More details will be included in the invitation to tender pack.
4	<p>You mentioned an 'existing website' - does this mean:</p> <p>1) feeding DESNZ with content for your hosting of the site, 2) adopting it for the supplier to host, 3) the supplier develops a website, or 4) host and manage a website that is similar but based on the existing?</p>	<p>The current short-term vision is that the Supplier would create content and help design improvements to the existing service website. Currently, the website is managed by an external third-party provider, but at some point in the future the Department may want to bring website administration into the contract.</p> <p>Further detail on this element and the expectations from the Supplier will be included in the invitation to tender pack.</p>

5	For the CRM - would this be using DESNZ's current tool, or asking the supplier to use/develop their own for this contract?	The supplier would be required to use/develop their own CRM tool, but full details will be available in the ITT pack.
6	Where do you envisage the majority of TAF activity in the delivery journey: helping with SHDF/HUG applications, development of technical plans, project management, M&E? i.e., is it mainly early stage or late stage in the journey?	<p>TAF 2 would be providing pre-delivery support so mostly 'early stage' but that could include support with plans as well if they are needed for the pre-delivery stages such as the Delivery Assurance Check. The primary focus is more pre-delivery.</p> <p>The full service package scope, and some assumptions, will be outlined in the published invitation to tender pack.</p>
Tender Evaluation		
7	Do you have an idea about what evaluation criteria you will be using to score the bid?	<p>Details of the evaluation criteria and scoring methodology will be outlined within the Invitation to tender documents published at competition launch.</p> <p>In line with PPN 06/20 there will be 10% social value criteria.</p>
Terms and Conditions		
8	Given there is an incumbent supplier will TUPE regulations apply?	The Department is engaging with internal lawyers to determine whether TUPE will apply in this instance. Should it be deemed applicable, any TUPE requirements will be clearly outlined in the ITT documentation.
Conflict of Interest		

9	Will conflict-of-interest concerns be outlined within the ITT documents? Will the Department outline where conflict of interest concerns may apply to work packages / duties?	Details of any conflict-of-interest concerns and necessary actions will be included as part of the ITT pack should these apply.
10	Can you clarify whether existing delivery partners for any DESNZ schemes are eligible to bid for this work?	Yes - existing delivery partners for other schemes will be able to bid for this opportunity, noting compliance with any conflict-of-interest requirements outlined in the ITT pack.
Supplier Registration / Route to Market		
11	Can suppliers register on the DPS?	<p>Yes, suppliers are able to register on the DPS, and it is not a closed framework.</p> <p>To access the DPS and register as a supplier, please follow the guidance on the RM6313 Demand Management and Renewables DPS webpage. Suppliers are able to register for the DPS at any time, but must be registered prior to the competition launch in order to be eligible to bid for this contract. Given the timeline for registering on the DPS, we would recommend that suppliers register by 1st August.</p> <p>https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6313</p> <p>If you have any questions about how to register, please use the CCS contacts listed through the webpage above.</p>

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