



Westcountry Rivers Trust

Improving multi-species fish passage in the River Exe catchment as part of the

STRATEGIC EXE WEIRS PROGRAMME

Invitation To Tender for the Provision of:

Construction Phase: Fish Passage Improvements

Bridgetown Weir, River Exe

To be supplied to Westcountry Rivers Trust



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**Strategic
Exe Weirs**



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To whom it may concern

28th January 2022

Dear Prospective Contractor,

Invitation To Tender: Construction Phase, Fish Passage Improvements, Bridgetown Weir

You are invited to submit a tender to perform construction works for fish passage improvements at Bridgetown Weir on the River Exe, in accordance with the project details set out in this document and supporting information.

The project details are as described in the enclosed documents. The documents supplied provide the detail required for you to supply a tender for the proposed works. Please read these documents carefully and be aware of the requirements for the level of insurance cover necessary.

The awarded contractor will be asked to sign an NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract for this work. We have completed the '*Client*' information sections of the accompanying draft NEC3 contract, as recommended by NEC. Please complete the '*Contractor*' information and return it to us with your supporting information to submit your tender for the proposed works. The NEC3 contract will be reviewed and agreed by all parties before final sign off by Westcountry Rivers Trust.

Your tender must be received by WRT no later than **17:00hrs on Friday 11th March 2022**. WRT reserve the right not to grant extensions. Any extensions requested and granted due to a clear case whereby circumstances were outside of your control and accepted as reasonable by WRT would be applied to all invited parties.

Tenders received will be assessed based on price (40%) and quality (60%) with quality being assessed on ability to meet the requirements, delivery/timescales and staffing arrangement.

Please contact us should you require clarification or further information. Please be aware there is a deadline for clarification requests. All enquiries for further information will be explained and answered to all parties.

We look forward to receiving your submission in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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1. Project Officer

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All enquiries for further information will be explained and answered to all parties.

2. Introduction & Overview

Client:	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Principal Designer:	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Principal Contractor:	The awarded contractor following this competitive tender process.

2.1 Company Background

Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT) is an environmental charity (Charity No. 1135007, Company No. 06545646) established in 1995 to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments in the West Country, and to advance the education of the public in the management of water and associated habitats.

2.2 Project Background

Migratory fish populations have declined globally by 76%, or 93% if considering Europe alone. Such declines are reflected observations of Southwest migratory fish populations. Fish are key indicators of ecological function, and therefore ensuring connectivity between spawning, juvenile and adult habitat is important to meeting ecological quality targets under The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017. Efforts to restore Atlantic salmon populations are guided by The Environment Agency's Salmon Five Point Approach, which highlights the need to mitigate migration barriers.

The Strategic Exe Weirs programme is a partnership between WRT and the River Exe and Tributaries Association, supported by the Environment Agency and South West Water, and aims to deliver bespoke fish passage solutions to maximise migration flow windows and restore the natural movement of migratory fish native to the River Exe. The projects delivered under Strategic Exe Weirs are part of efforts to secure a sustainable future for migratory fish populations for the ecological integrity of the River Exe and sustainability of associated fisheries.

Bridgetown Weir is a historic structure in Exmoor National Park north of Bridgetown, Somerset, supplying the associated leat and mill building with water for historic power production. A pool-traverse fish pass exists on the right-hand bank, installed in 1954. Under assessment this pass was evidenced as not meeting current best practice guidelines. Bridgetown Weir contributes to cumulative migration delays in the River Exe by reducing the time window for successful upstream passage, and by impounding the River Exe thereby reducing flow as the environmental cue for downstream migration. The height of the weir, lack of downstream pool depth and over charged and undersized first pool in the fish pass are believed to be major factors in upstream migration delays. The weir, mill leat and operating mill infrastructure are features of interest for the campsite downstream. The leat is supplied by a licenced abstraction (14/45/02/2354).

3. Scope of Services Required

This tender is for fish passage improvements for both upstream and downstream migrating fish. Following a detailed options and constraints assessment, including all relevant stakeholders, local authorities, and the Environment Agency, the following has been agreed (in no particular order) and taken to construction ready designs with all relevant permits gained:

3.1 Creating safe site access

- i. It will be necessary to use a public bridleway/forestry track for access to the weir from the true right hand bank (west). This will require breaking through a section of post and wire fencing and may require installation of a culverted ramp for safe machine and vehicle access.

3.2 Larinier fishway, pool excavation, bank reprofiling and weir toe extension

- i. An existing pool-traverse fish pass is located at the true right hand of the weir, the most upstream point and the logical position for fish passage improvements targeting upstream migrating fish. A new fish pass is to be installed in the same location to improve fish passage efficacy.
- ii. It will be necessary to remove a small number of young trees from the true right hand bank for site access. A small collapsed section of fence is to be removed from the work area.
- iii. A super-active baffle fish pass of the Larinier fishway design (hereby referred to as 'Larinier fishway') was selected as the most appropriate solution for the site. A single flight of single unit wide Larinier fishway is to be installed within the existing fish pass channel, secured with concrete and fixings as detailed in the supplied drawings '3. Bridgetown_Detailed Design Drawings'.
- iv. Fitting the Larinier fishway into the current fish pass channel will necessitate a slight angle towards the existing right hand bank. Therefore the right hand bank is to be excavated and reinforced with locally sourced imported stone (to blend with landscape) to accommodate the fish pass angle.
- v. Additionally, the outlet pool is to be excavated to accommodate the Larinier fishway and effectively dissipate flow energies. Locally sourced imported stone (to blend with landscape) will be used to effectively extend the weir toe to meet the Larinier fishway outlet.
- vi. Combined, the modified pool, right hand bank reprofiling works, and extension of weir toe will allow for installation of the Larinier fishway into the existing fish pass channel and maximising the attractiveness of the outlet for upstream migrating fish.

3.3 Fish chute, leat screen infrastructure and maintenance walkway

- i. Currently the leat entrance is unscreened and permits passage of protected fish species into the leat and towards potentially damaging infrastructure at the associated mill site.
- ii. A fish chute is to be installed at the location of an existing spillway adjacent to the leat entrance, secured in place with concrete and fixings as detailed in the supplied document '3. Bridgetown_Detailed Design Drawings'.
- iii. A new outlet pool is to be excavated and reinforced with local sourced imported stone (to blend with landscape) for safe exit of migrating fish and dissipation of flow energies.
- iv. Infrastructure for seasonal screening is to be installed across the leat entrance, including provision of the screens. A maintenance walkway will be installed and fixed to the riverbed, with safety railing.

3.4 Levelling of the weir crest

- i. The weir crest is to be levelled to meet average height of the majority weir crest, to reduce competing attraction flows and maximise relative attraction efficacy of the Larinier fishway.
- ii. Weir crest will be levelled using concrete doweled to the existing structure. It is necessary to retain the distinction between the 'drop weir' section and 'sloping weir' section following the heritage statement. Heritage statement has been provided in the supporting documents.

3.5 Completion of construction works

- i. Upon completion of the above works, a post and barbed wire fence is to be installed on the right hand bank one metre back from the newly reprofiled and reinforced bank edge for the extent of the work area. Trees whips are to be planted inside the new fence line to replace the trees removed for safe site access, at a ratio of at least 3 new trees per tree removed.
- ii. Every effort will be made to make good all disturbed ground and surroundings as far as practicable. This includes returning riverbed gravels to pre-disturbed form, repairing and re-seeding of riparian land disturbed by machinery/vehicles, removing any access ramp and culvert infrastructure, repairing/replacing removed fencing for access to field, repairing of the public bridleway/forestry track used for access if required, and the material storage area including removal of excess materials.

4. Services Required

- i. The services required are described above and detailed in the attached documents and drawings '3. Bridgetown_Detailed Design Drawings'.
- ii. A part filled NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract is supplied with this ITT package in Microsoft Word Document format. A final version will be agreed and provided as PDF at appointment, with opportunity to review before acceptance.

4.1 Site Location

- i. Please refer to document '3. Bridgetown_Detailed Design Drawings'.
- ii. It is advised that contractors visit the site prior to providing a written proposal. WRT will arrange access and will accompany all contractors to the site.

4.2 Special Site Considerations

- i. The site and surroundings are located within Exmoor National Park. All actions relating to the services must seek to minimise all environmental impacts as far as practicable.
- ii. The mill leat at the true left hand side of the weir is supplied by an abstraction licence. There must be continual flow of river water into the leat. If dewatering activities to provide safe dry working areas risks blocking the river flow to the leat, mitigation must be considered e.g. over-pumping with an appropriately sized water pump.
- iii. The left hand riparian land (south of the work area) is operated by the owners as a caravan park and campsite. August and September have been highlighted as 'high season' for the associated business. Therefore the following conditions must be adhered to:

- a. The main site access is from the true right hand bank (west), with traversal through the river for machinery where required. Access from the left hand bank (south) is by mediation through Westcountry Rivers Trust and limited to foot access or small 4x4 vehicle if required (e.g. a pickup truck).
- b. Site machinery and power tools are not to be used outside of the hours 9:00am - 18:00hrs. Noise to be kept to a minimum before 9:00hrs.
- c. Recreational radios are not permitted whereby they can be heard outside of any machinery cabs. Please respect the desires of the riparian owners and keep disturbance to a minimum where practicable for patrons of the caravan park and campsite.
- iv. All works must be undertaken in strict accordance with all relevant best practice including PPG5 - Pollution Prevention Guidelines: Works and maintenance in or near water. Although this document has been withdrawn it still provides the benchmark guidance for works such as those proposed.
- v. All in-river works are to be undertaken in contained dry working areas. No fuelling is to take place in or near to the working area. All building materials and chemicals are to be stored in designated areas and banded where appropriate according to COSHH Risk Assessments. Spill kits are to be available at all times in case of emergency.
- vi. Should a pollution incident occur at this site, it is to be reported immediately to the Environment Agency on the incident hotline 0800 807060 and the Westcountry Rivers Trust contractor manager 07902 851450.
- vii. The bank reprofiling works and crest levelling works will be subject to a heritage Watching Brief. It is not expected for works to be delayed. However, an archaeologist will be present to record materials and historic building techniques during initial performance of these works. It is not expected for the archaeologist to be performing Watching Brief duties for more than 1-2 days.

4.3. Timescale

The tender process will follow the timeline as set out in the table below.

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5. Application Details for Respondents

This section of the ITT sets out the Customer Organisation's contracting requirements, general policy requirements, and the general tender conditions relating to this procurement process ("Procurement Process").

5.1 Tender Conditions and Contractual Requirements

5.1.1 Contracting requirements

- 5.1.1.1 The contracting authority is the Customer Organisation, which includes any subsidiary companies and other organisations that control or are controlled by the Customer Organisation from time to time.
- 5.1.1.2 The appointed supplier will be expected to provide services as detailed in this ITT package that relate to the proposed fish passage improvements at Bridgetown Weir. Bridgetown Weir is located on the upper River Exe north of Bridgetown and west of Exton, Somerset, Exmoor National Park.
- 5.1.1.3 The Customer Organisation's contracting and commercial approach in respect of the required services is set out in Annex 1 (Terms and Conditions of contract) ("Contract"). By submitting a tender response, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of this ITT and the Contract without further negotiation or amendment.
- 5.1.1.4 The Contract awarded will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the attached NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract.
- 5.1.1.5 In the event that you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Contract, you should submit a clarification request in accordance with the provisions of this ITT by the Clarification Deadline (as defined in section 4.3 and repeated in 5.7 of this ITT). Following such clarification requests, the Customer Organisation may issue a clarification change to the Contract that will apply to all potential suppliers submitting a tender response and will be advertised on the Procurement webpage.
- 5.1.1.6 The Customer Organisation is under no obligation to consider any clarifications / amendments to the Contract proposed following the Clarification Deadline, but before the Tender Response Deadline (as defined below in the Timescales section of this ITT). Any proposed amendments that are received from a potential supplier as part of its tender response shall entitle the Customer Organisation to reject that tender response and to disqualify that potential supplier from this Procurement Process.

5.1.2 General Policy Requirements

- 5.1.2.1 By submitting a tender response in connection with this Procurement Process, potential suppliers confirm that they will, and that they shall ensure that any consortium members and/or subcontractors will, comply with all applicable laws, codes of practice, statutory guidance and applicable Customer Organisation policies relevant to the goods and/or services being supplied.

5.1.3 General tender conditions ("Tender Conditions")

- 5.1.3.1 Application of these Tender Conditions - In participating in this Procurement Process and/or by submitting a tender response it will be implied that you accept and will be bound by all the provisions of this ITT and its Annexes. Accordingly, tender responses should be on the basis of and strictly in accordance with the requirements of this ITT.
- 5.1.3.2 Third party verifications - your tender response is submitted on the basis that you consent to the Customer Organisation carrying out all necessary actions to verify the information that you have provided, and the analysis of your tender response being undertaken by one or more third parties commissioned by the Customer Organisation for such purposes.
- 5.1.3.3 Information provided to potential suppliers - Information that is supplied to potential suppliers as part of this Procurement Process is supplied in good faith. The information contained in the ITT and the supporting documents and in any related written or oral communication is believed to be correct at the time of issue, but the Customer Organisation will not accept any liability for its accuracy, adequacy or completeness and no warranty is given as such. This exclusion does not extend to any fraudulent misrepresentation made by or on behalf of the Customer Organisation.
- 5.1.3.4 Potential suppliers to make their own enquiries - You are responsible for analysing and reviewing all information provided to you as part of this Procurement Process and for forming your own opinions and seeking advice as you consider appropriate. You should notify the Customer Organisation promptly of any perceived ambiguity, inconsistency or omission in this ITT and/or any in the associated documents and/or in any information provided to you as part of this Procurement Process.
- 5.1.3.5 Compliance of tender response submission - Any services offered should be on the basis of and strictly in accordance with the ITT (including, without limitation, any specification of the Customer Organisation's requirement, these Tender Conditions and the Contract) and all other documents and any clarifications or updates issued by the Customer Organisation as part of this Procurement Process.
- 5.1.3.6 Format of tender response submission - Tender responses must comprise the relevant documents specified by the Customer Organisation completed in all areas and the format as detailed by the Customer Organisation in Annex 2 (Supplier Response). Any documents requested by the Customer Organisation must be completed in full. It is therefore important that you read the ITT carefully before completing and submitting your tender response.
- 5.1.3.7 Modifications to tender response documents once submitted - Once you have submitted your tender response you cannot in any way modify your tender response.
- 5.1.3.8 Rejection of tender responses or other documents - A tender response or any other document requested by the Customer Organisation may be rejected which:
- contains gaps, omissions, misrepresentations, errors, uncompleted sections, or changes to the format, or specification, of the tender documentation provided;
 - contains handwritten amendments which have not been initialled by the authorised signatory;

- does not reflect and confirm full and unconditional compliance with all of the documents issued by the Customer Organisation forming part of the ITT;
- contains any caveats or any other statements or assumptions qualifying the tender response that are not capable of evaluation in accordance with the evaluation model or requiring changes to any documents issued by the Customer Organisation in any way;
- is not submitted in a manner consistent with the provisions set out in this ITT;
- is received after the Tender Response Deadline.

5.1.3.9 Disqualification - if you breach these Tender Conditions, if there are any errors, omissions or material adverse changes relating to any information supplied by you at any stage in this Procurement Process, if any other circumstances set out in this ITT and/or in any supporting documents, entitling the Customer Organisation to reject a tender response apply and/or if you or your appointed advisers attempt:

- to inappropriately influence this Procurement Process;
- to fix or set the price for goods or services;
- to enter into an arrangement with any other party that such party shall refrain from submitting a tender response;
- to enter into any arrangement with any other party (other than another party that forms part of your consortium bid or is your proposed sub-contractor) as to the prices submitted;
- to collude in any other way;
- to engage in direct or indirect bribery or canvassing by you or your appointed advisers in relation to this Procurement Process; or
- to obtain information from any of the employees, agents or advisors of the Customer Organisation concerning this Procurement Process (other than as set out in these Tender Conditions) or from another potential supplier or another tender response, the Customer Organisation shall be entitled to reject your tender response in full and to disqualify you from this Procurement Process. Subject to the "Liability" Tender Condition below, by participating in this Procurement Process you accept that the Customer Organisation shall have no liability to a disqualified potential supplier in these circumstances.

5.1.3.10 Tender costs - You are responsible for obtaining all information necessary for preparation of your tender response and for all costs and expenses incurred in preparation of the tender response. Subject to the "Liability" Tender Condition below, you accept by your participation in this procurement, including without limitation the submission of a tender response, that you will not be entitled to claim from the Customer Organisation any costs, expenses or liabilities that you may incur in tendering for this procurement irrespective of whether or not your tender response is successful.

5.1.3.11 Rights to cancel or vary this Procurement Process - By issuing this ITT, entering into clarification communications with potential suppliers or by having any other form of communication with potential suppliers, the Customer Organisation is not bound in any way to enter into any contractual or other arrangement with you or any other potential supplier. It is intended that the remainder of this Procurement Process will take place in accordance with the provisions of this

ITT, but the Customer Organisation reserves the right to terminate, suspend, amend or vary (to include, without limitation, in relation to any timescales or deadlines) this Procurement Process by notice to all potential supplier in writing. Subject to the "Liability" Tender Condition below, the Customer Organisation will have no liability for any losses, costs or expenses caused to you as a result of such termination, suspension, amendment or variation.

5.1.3.12 Consortium Members and sub-contractors – It is your responsibility to ensure that any staff, consortium members, sub-contractors and advisers abide by these Tender Conditions and the requirements of this ITT.

5.1.3.13 Liability – Nothing in these Tender Conditions is intended to exclude or limit the liability of the Customer Organisation in relation to fraud or in other circumstances where the Customer Organisation's liability may not be limited under any applicable law.

5.2 Confidentiality and Information Governance

5.2.1 All information supplied to you by the Customer Organisation, including this ITT and all other documents relating to this Procurement Process, either in writing or orally, must be treated in confidence and not disclosed to any third party (save to your professional advisers, consortium members and/or sub-contractors strictly for the purposes only of helping you to participate in this Procurement Process and/or prepare your tender response) unless the information is already in the public domain or is required to be disclosed under any applicable laws.

5.2.2 You shall not disclose, copy or reproduce any of the information supplied to you as part of this Procurement Process other than for the purposes of preparing and submitting a tender response. There must be no publicity by you regarding the Procurement Process or the future award of any contract unless the Customer Organisation has given express written consent to the relevant communication.

5.2.3 This ITT and its accompanying documents shall remain the property of the Customer Organisation and must be returned on demand.

5.2.4 The Customer Organisation reserves the right to disclose all documents relating to this Procurement Process, including without limitation your tender response, to any employee, third party agent, adviser or other third party involved in the procurement in support of, and/or in collaboration with, the Customer Organisation. The Customer Organisation further reserves the right to publish the Contract once awarded and/or disclose information in connection with supplier performance under the Contract in accordance with any public sector transparency policies (as referred to below). By participating in this Procurement Process, you agree to such disclosure and/or publication by the Customer Organisation in accordance with such rights reserved by it under this paragraph.

5.2.5 The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"), the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("EIR"), and public sector transparency policies, including the placing of contract award notices on the Contracts Finder database, apply to the Customer Organisation (together the "Disclosure Obligations").

- 5.2.6 You should be aware of the Customer Organisation's obligations and responsibilities under the Disclosure Obligations to disclose information held by the Customer Organisation. Information provided by you in connection with this Procurement Process, or with any contract that may be awarded as a result of this exercise, may therefore have to be disclosed by the Customer Organisation under the Disclosure Obligations, unless the Customer Organisation decides that one of the statutory exemptions under the FOIA or the EIR applies.
- 5.2.7 If you wish to designate information supplied as part of your tender response or otherwise in connection with this tender exercise as confidential, using any template and/or further guidance provided in Annex 2 (Supplier Response), you must provide clear and specific detail as to:
- the precise elements which are considered confidential and/or commercially sensitive;
 - why you consider an exemption under the FOIA or EIR would apply;
 - and the estimated length of time during which the exemption will apply.
- 5.2.8 The use of blanket protective markings of whole documents such as "commercial in confidence" will not be sufficient. By participating in this Procurement Process, you agree that the Customer Organisation should not and will not be bound by any such markings.
- 5.2.9 In addition, marking any material as "confidential" or "commercially sensitive" or equivalent should not be taken to mean that the Customer Organisation accepts any duty of confidentiality by virtue of such marking. You accept that the decision as to which information will be disclosed is reserved to the Customer Organisation, notwithstanding any consultation with you or any designation of information as confidential or commercially sensitive or equivalent you may have made. You agree, by participating further in this Procurement Process and/or submitting your tender response, that all information is provided to the Customer Organisation on the basis that it may be disclosed under the Disclosure Obligations if the Customer Organisation considers that it is required to do so and/or may be used by the Customer Organisation in accordance with the provisions of this ITT.
- 5.2.10 Tender responses are also submitted on the condition that the appointed supplier will only process personal data (as may be defined under any relevant data protection laws) that it gains access to in performance of this Contract in accordance with the Customer Organisation's instructions and will not use such personal data for any other purpose. The contracted supplier will undertake to process any personal data on the Customer Organisation's behalf in accordance with the relevant provisions of all relevant data protection laws and to ensure all consents required under such laws are obtained.

5.3 Tender Validity

- 5.3.1 Your tender response must remain open for acceptance by the Customer Organisation for a period of 60 days from the Tender Response Deadline. A tender response not valid for this period may be rejected by the Customer Organisation.

5.4 Payment and Invoicing

5.4.1 The Customer Organisation will pay correctly addressed and undisputed invoices within 30 days in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. Suppliers to the Customer Organisation must ensure comparable payment provisions apply to the payment of their sub-contractors and the sub-contractors of their sub-contractors. General requirements for an invoice for the Customer Organisation include:

- A description of the services supplied.
- The Customer Organisation's reference number/Purchase Order/Price list reference.
- It must be addressed to Accounts at Westcountry Rivers Trust, Rain-Charms House, Kyl Cober Parc, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PH. accounts@wrt.org.uk

5.5 Specification

5.5.1 The ITT, detailed drawings and NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract set out the requirements for the Strategic Exe Weirs Bridgetown Weir Fish Passage Improvements. This document and all documents associated with the ITT are available from <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search> and wrt.org.uk/about-us/contractoropportunities/.

5.6 Mandatory Requirements /Constraints

5.6.1 As part of your tender response, you must confirm that you meet the mandatory requirements/constraints, if any, as set out in the Customer Organisation's ITT package. A failure to comply with one or more mandatory requirements or constraints shall entitle the Customer Organisation to reject a tender response in full.

5.7 Key background documents and further information

Title
Invitation To Tender (current document)
Bridgetown Weir photo record
Detailed Design drawings (including location plans) (100-108)
Designer Risk Assessment
Designer Philosophy and Buildability Statement
NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract
WRT Biosecurity Policy
Topographic Survey plans
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal summary
Heritage Statement

5.8 Timescales

5.8.1 Subject to any changes notified to potential suppliers by the Customer Organisation in accordance with the Tender Conditions, the following timescales shall apply to this Procurement Process:

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5.9 Instructions for Responding

5.9.1 The documents that must be submitted to form your tender response are listed in Annex 2 (Supplier Response) to this ITT. All documents required as part of your tender response should be submitted by email to **phil@wrt.org.uk**, with a subject line of **Fish Passage Improvement – Bridgetown Weir**, by the Tender Response Deadline, as set out in the Timescales section of this ITT.

5.9.2 The following requirements should be complied with when submitting your response to this ITT:

- Please complete the Consultant's Offer section of the NEC3 Contract a fully as possible.
- Please ensure that you send your submission in good time to prevent issues with technology - late tender responses will be rejected by the Customer Organisation.
- Please ensure that information provided as part of its response is of sufficient quality and detail that an informed assessment of it can be made by the Customer Organisation.
- Do not submit any additional supporting documentation with your ITT response except where specifically requested to do so as part of this ITT. PDF, JPG, PPT Word and Excel formats can be used for any additional supporting documentation (other formats should not be used without the prior written approval of the Customer Organisation).
- All attachments/supporting documentation should be provided with your main tender response and clearly labelled to make it clear as to which part of your tender response it relates.

- If you submit a generic policy / document you must indicate the page and paragraph reference that is relevant to a particular part of your tender response.
- Unless otherwise stated as part of this ITT or its Annexes, all tender responses should be in the format of the relevant Customer Organisation requirement with your response to that requirement inserted underneath.
- Where supporting evidence is requested as 'or equivalent' - you must demonstrate such equivalence as part of your tender response.
- Any deliberate alteration of a Customer Organisation requirement as part of your tender response will invalidate your tender response to that requirement and for evaluation purposes you shall be deemed not to have responded to that particular requirement.
- Responses should be concise, unambiguous, and should directly address the requirement stated.
- Your tender responses to the tender requirements and pricing will be incorporated into the Contract, as appropriate.

5.10 Clarification Requests

- 5.10.1 All clarification requests should be submitted via phil@wrt.org.uk prior to the Clarification Deadline, as set out in the Timescales section of this ITT. The Customer Organisation is under no obligation to respond to clarification requests received after the Clarification Deadline.
- 5.10.2 Any clarification requests should clearly reference the appropriate paragraph in the ITT documentation and, to the extent possible, should be aggregated rather than sent individually.
- 5.10.3 The Customer Organisation reserves the right to issue any clarification request made by you, and the response, to all potential suppliers unless you expressly require it to be kept confidential at the time the request is made. If the Customer Organisation considers the contents of the request to be confidential, it will inform you and you will have the opportunity to withdraw the clarification query prior to the Customer Organisation responding to all potential suppliers.
- 5.10.4 The Customer Organisation shall provide an aggregated Tender Clarification Response on the tender webpages shortly after the Tender Clarification Customer Response Deadline.
- 5.10.5 The Customer Organisation may, following initial assessment of tenders, request further information from potential suppliers to verify or clarify any aspects of their tender response or other information they may have provided; the deadline for responding to requests is provided above. Should you not provide supplementary information or clarifications to the Customer Organisation by any deadline notified to you, your tender response may be rejected in full and you may be disqualified from this Procurement Process

5.11 Evaluation Criteria

5.11.1 You will have your tender response evaluated as set out below.

Stage 1:

Tender responses will be checked to ensure that they have been completed correctly and all necessary information has been provided. Tenders responses correctly completed with all relevant information being provided will proceed to the Evaluation Criteria as set out below. Any tender responses not correctly completed in accordance with the requirements of this ITT and/or containing omissions may be rejected at this point. Where a tender response is rejected at this point it will automatically be disqualified and will not be further evaluated.

Stage 2:

When a bidder succeeds in passing Stage 1, their proposal will be assessed by the Evaluation Panel in accordance with the evaluation methodology set out below, and is based on the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) evaluation model. The total score is out of a maximum 100 points based on 40% for Price and 60% for Quality. Scores are calculated as follows:

Price (40%)

Lowest tender price received / Tender price received x 40 (weighting) = score

Quality (60%)

This element is subdivided into:

Ability to meet requirements (25%)

Delivery/Timescales (25%)

Staffing arrangements/Training (10%)

The scores are assessed against the criteria as set out in the table below and scored as follows:

Ability to meet requirements = $100 / 50$ (max score) x points scored x 25 (weighting) = score

Delivery/Timescales = $100 / 50$ (max score) x points scored x 25 (weighting) = score

Staffing arrangements/Training = $100 / 50$ (max score) x points scored x 10 (weighting) = score

The Final Score is the sum of the Price score and Quality score.

Scoring Matrix for Technical and Quality Criteria		
Score	Judgement	Interpretation
50	Excellent	Exceptional demonstration of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and/or quality measures required to provide the services/supplies/works. Full evidence provided where required to support the response.
40	Good	Above average demonstration of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and/or quality measures required to provide the services/supplies/works. Majority evidence supplied to support the response.
30	Acceptable	Demonstration of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and/or quality measures required to provide the services/supplies/works, with some evidence to support the response.
20	Minor Reservations	Some minor reservations of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and/or quality measures to provide the services/supplies/works, with little or no evidence to support the response.
10	Serious Reservations	Considerable reservations of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and/or quality measures required to provide the services/supplies/works.
0	Unacceptable	Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate that there is the ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and/or quality measures required to provide the services/supplies/works.

- 5.11.2 Commercial Evaluation – Prices must not be subject to any pricing assumptions, qualifications or indexation not provided for explicitly by the Customer Organisation as part of the pricing approach. In the event that any prices are expressed as being subject to any pricing assumptions, qualifications or indexation not provided for by the Customer Organisation as part of the pricing approach, the Customer Organisation may reject the full tender response at this point. The Customer Organisation may also reject any tender response where the Overall Price for the services is considered by the Customer Organisation to be abnormally low following the relevant processes set out under the EU procurement rules, or above the Customers contract budget.
- 5.11.3 Moderation and application of award criteria weightings - the evaluation panel appointed for this procurement will meet to agree and moderate scores for each award criteria. Final scores will be obtained by applying the relevant weighting factors set out as part of the award.
- 5.11.4 The winning tender response - The winning tender response shall be the tender response that represents the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) based on the above valuation.

Annexes

Annex 1 - Terms and Conditions of Contract

The form of contract used will be the NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract.

A draft contract has been included with this ITT, which will be finalised with the awarded contractor.

Annex 2 - Supplier Response

The tender response should be submitted by email to **phil@wrt.org.uk** with a subject line of Fish Passage Improvement - Bridgetown Weir by the Tender Response Deadline as set out in the Timescales section of this ITT.

The response should be made up of the following documentation:

- Capability statement outlining the skills and experience you intend to utilise to undertake the proposed works.
- Construction Method Statement detailing how you intended to perform the works including methodology for creating dry working areas.
- A brief proposal with outline programme detailing your preferred methodology for delivery in the allotted timeframe.
- Priced NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract.

All documents and correspondence relating to this Procurement Process must be written in English including without limitation any documents submitted as part of a tender response.

All prices provided in the Tender Return must be in Pounds Sterling and clearly indicate where inclusive or exclusive of VAT.