

**Clarification Questions and Answers for: Framework Agreement for General Landscaping Works and / or the Fabrication and Installation of Metal Railings / Gates plus the Installation of Fencing.**

Ref: NIB18MC

Question Submitted	Stockport Home's Response
Annual Price Increases: We all will incur price increases for our materials and by being asked to hold prices for 4 years I am just concerned that contractors will either inflate their prices to cover the increase or not taking this into account and therefore they will not be able to for fill their proposed rate?	Suppliers are to make allowance for potential price increase in materials in their rates.
Quantity and Volume: There are quite a few items within LOT 1 and 2 that will dramatically change in price due to Quantities and Volumes. For example if item reference GL3, GL4, GL5, GL6 etc. Excavating and carting from site 10m2 or 1000m2 the rates would be massively different. If contractor (A) bases there rate on 10m2 and contractor (B) bases it on 100m2 we are not pricing on the same basis. Would it be possible to ask the contractors to base their rates on excavating 100m per day at 150mm deep?	It is up to the suppliers how they wish to apportion the cost against an item.
Heavy Plant and Site Access: In most cases we would use a 1.5 ton excavator and 1 ton dumper due to access around properties but in some instances even they may not fit (if access is an issue would this fall in the realms of a Variation to the rates agreed in writing prior to agreeing an order?0. There is quite a difference in price due to size of the machines required to carry out the work so would we base our rates on a typical contract i.e the 1.5 ton and the 1 ton, and would the other contractor's do the same?	It is the contractor's decision on what size plant is suitable for the works, each project may have restrictions on site that allow for a certain size of plant if any.

Page 7 of the terms reference price adjustment on extension of the initial contract – see Clause C4 in the standard Terms and Conditions. This seems to be missing?	This is a typo, the reference should have been deleted as there is no extension.
Insurance 2.10 of the tender document states we require 2 Million for professional Indemnity insurance and it was my understanding this type of insurance was to cover the design of products which does not apply to us. It also in the terms and Conditions section G2 it states that contractors require 10million for PII? Our 5 Mil products liability cover should cover this type of work.	<p>You do not need to provide Professional Indemnity Insurance.</p> <p>The values in the Terms and Conditions are standard for some contract levels, for this contract we will accept 5 million products liability – this is a typo in the document.</p>
Do we have any location layout drawings?	This is a typical scenario and no drawings are available.
Can you advise if there will be a supplier / tender question/ answer workshop?	There is no supplier workshop scheduled for this tender.
Please can we request an extension of time?	Given the constraints in terms of the evaluation panel being in place and time needed for marking etc. we are only able to extend the deadline until the 7 <sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.
The attached drawing within the tender documentation issues states DS05 however it is actually DS04 that's within so DS05 is missing.	Please find the correct Document attached.
Will there be a running programme of works provided per annum?	<p>This is how it operates at the moment - in conjunction with the Housing Team, a programme of works is developed which is normally available March time. The projects are then need worked up into viable schemes and customers consulted as required. Straight forward schemes tend to be developed first with the more complex ones following on.</p> <p>It is recognised this process might need to be adjusted to ensure a reasonable continuity of work and to try to ensure bigger projects are completed when there are more favourable weather conditions.</p>