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Tenderer Clarifications

Project

INS228-01 Evaluation of the coherence of the Climate Action Plan and Environmental Improvement Plan in Northern Ireland

The following questions have been received in relation to the Invitation to Tender for the above named project. Responses are provided in clarification.

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1. How much resource would you ideally like to be allocated for this project?

A: An appropriate amount of resource is individual to each tender as it relates to factors including: the approach proposed; the mix of experience, expertise and seniority in the proposed team; and appropriate allocation of the proposed individuals to the elements of the work. We therefore cannot state a minimum or ideal amount of resourcing – it is for tenderers to demonstrate in their tenders that they have proposed appropriate resourcing.

2. The ITT indicates that environmental management systems should be equivalent to ISO 14001, are you looking for an organisation with ISO 9001, or 14001 certification?

A: We accept alternative certification to ISO14001 if it's equivalent – please see 25.6 of our Terms and Conditions (www.theoep.org.uk/suppliers). If proposing an equivalent we suggest that tenderers include a succinct explanation of this for clarity.

Please also note 25.7 that for small and micro businesses we only require an environmental management system if it's reasonably practicable. Tenderers to which this applies should still provide a response in their tender to demonstrate how they will meet the requirement to minimise and manage negative environmental impacts associated with the project (see 5.22 of the ITT).

3. Could you please clarify whether you would like independent quantitative analysis or modelling undertaken as part of the project, to test the impacts of the Climate Action Plan on the Environmental Improvement Plan?
Question text

A: Quantitative analysis or modelling is not required as part of the impacts of the CAP on the EIP. The project should focus on a qualitative analysis of the coherence between the various aspects of the CAP and EIP outlined in the ITT.