

INVITATION TO TENDER

for

The Contract for the delivery of the skills and knowledge required within the 2023 ECITB Craft Scholarship Programme – as detailed in document 9 and document 2.

The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) is pleased to invite tender offers for the regional contracts mentioned above. Full details are attached in the tender pack, which comprises the following items:

1. This notice, which sets out instructions to tenderers and other information relating to the process.
2. A specification describing the services required.
3. An Invitation to Tender Document (ITT).
4. Evaluation Methodology and Criteria to be adopted.
5. Tender Clarification Request Form.
6. A contract summary.
7. Tender PQQ.
8. The form of the proposed contract (Deed).
9. Scholarship cohort requirements by discipline and region.

If you cannot access any of the above documents, or believe them to be incomplete, please contact the nominated person (below) as a matter of urgency.

Background information on the ECITB.

Further information about the ECITB and the Scholarship may be found on its website (www.ecitb.org.uk and <https://www.ecitb.org.uk/ecitb-scholarships/>)

Tender process instructions.

1. The ITT must be completed and **returned electronically** by the deadlines specified in the Tender timescale set out in the table below. The ECITB will not consider incomplete ITT's, or any documents received after the deadline.

2.

Event	Date
Tenderers Question Period	By 5.00pm on Monday 13 th February 2023.
Tender Submission Deadline	By 5.00pm on Monday 20 th February 2023.
Evaluation/Post Clarification	By Monday 27 th February 2023.
Contract Award	March 2023
Anticipated Contract Start Date	September 2023

3. The ITT must be returned **as one electronic copy (by email to the ECITB nominated contact whose details appear below)**
4. Tenderers may submit questions concerning the proposed contract and the tender process during the Tenderers Questions Period described above. Such questions **must be submitted using the Tender Clarification Request Form**. It should be noted that copies of such questions and the ECITB's response may be circulated amongst all parties which have shown an interest in tendering. Questions on Tender Clarification Request Forms should be submitted to the nominated contact (below).

5. Completed ITT's must be submitted to the nominated contact at the e-mail address stated below by the tender deadline.
6. ITT's will be appraised in accordance with the provisions of the enclosed statement of Evaluation Methodology and Criteria to be adopted in evaluating tenderers submissions.
7. The ECITB will notify all bidders of its decision concerning the award of the proposed contract, and feedback will be available from the nominated contact upon request.

Nominated Contact

Details of the nominated contact for this tender are as follows:

Name:	Mr Adrian Wookey
Position:	Head of New Entrants
Telephone:	07971 860102
E-Mail:	Adrian.wookey@ecitb.org.uk

General:

a. Anticipated Contract Duration

The contract duration is anticipated to be no longer, than 1 year running from the contract start date in 2023 to a contract end date in 2024.

b. Learner Bursary

The ECITB will not be paying learner bursary for any new single year Scholars that start on their programme in 2023. Scholars currently on single year programmes who are in receipt of bursary will not be affected. New Scholars that commence on two-year programmes in 2023 will continue to receive learner bursary at the current rate of £100 per week subject to terms and conditions during term time.

c. The Form of the proposed Contract

Upon acceptance by the ECITB of a tender it is a condition of the acceptance that the ECITB and the successful tenderer execute a contract in the same format as the attached Form of Contract.

If you should have any questions relating to the process outlined in this letter, please contact the Nominated Contact.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the ECITB



Adrian Wookey

Head of New Entrants