**Clarification to Bidders Questions - Bat Literature Review Project**

Question:

We were made aware of this opportunity at the end of last week. There are now three Natural England RFQs relating to bats (and in one case also other taxa) that were issued in August with short timescales and deadlines in early September. Speaking for ourselves, many of our key personnel are taking leave in August for school (or other) holidays, which make these deadlines extremely difficult to meet. This has also been raised as an issue by other associates outside BCT who might be interested in tendering. It is very frustrating as all of these projects are strategically important to us, but the short and similar timescales mean that we will likely have to prioritise amongst the tenders.

Is there any scope to review the deadline for this tender? I suspect that you will get a better response more generally (quite apart from us!) if it were possible to extend the deadline by at least a couple of weeks to allow people to return from leave.

Answer:

The opportunity closing date has now been extended to 25th September.