

SHL Asbestos Surveying and Retained Advice Tender

ASBKC18

Supplier Clarification Questions and Responses

Clarification Question	Date Received	SHL Response	Date Response Issued
<p>Could you please confirm how many schools are included within the portfolio in light of 5.2.6 below ?</p> <p>5.2.6 To ensure access to all areas school re-inspections will likely need to be arranged for during school holidays and therefore the Contractor will need to be able to accommodate for spikes in demand at certain times of the year.</p>	04/07/2018	There are currently 38 schools which would require an annual reinspection. This is offered to schools via a SLA and therefore there may be some small fluctuations in the number over the terms of the contract depending on what services schools included in their SLA with us.	04/07/2018
<p>We note from the tender documentation that a pass/fail requirement is that our in house laboratory is situated within a 20 mile radius of Stockport.</p>	04/07/2018	We have included this as a pass/fail requirement due to the need for a quick turnaround time on sample analysis and therefore if your laboratory is further away than a 20 mile radius of Stockport then this question would be scored as a fail and your submission would not be considered further.	04/07/2018

<p>We are 40 miles from Stockport, can you please confirm if this precludes us from bidding ?</p>			
<p>Does your supplier need to have UKAS accreditation to apply for this tender</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>	<p>Yes UKAS accreditation is a mandatory requirement so we would not be able to award to a supplier unless this was in place.</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>
<p>Could you please advise if having a laboratory within 20 miles is a set (pass/ fail) requirement please? If so could an external laboratory be used and brought in as a local supplier?</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>	<p>Yes a laboratory within a 20 mile radius of Stockport is a pass/fail requirement. We have specified this as there will be occasions where a very quick turnaround on samples is required and therefore we feel that if the laboratory was further away than 20 miles then this would not be possible. In addition even when a quick turnaround is not required the further away the laboratory is the longer the turnaround time will be.</p> <p>In terms of an external laboratory, not this would be possible, question 7.2. a) is another pass/fail requirements and states "The organisation has it's own house laboratory for testing for the identification of asbestos". We have stated this to ensure that the bidders have full control of the quality and performance of the lab.</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>
<p>At present we do not have a lab within the 20 miles radius. However we do have 3 other labs across the country that meet your required standards for AIMS and RICE.</p> <p>Would we be able to tender on the basis of committing to setting up a</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>	<p>You would need to be able to evidence that you can have the lab set up with all necessary accreditations before the contract start date which is proposed to be 1st October. How you intend to do this and have it in place by 1st October would need to be detailed in your submission, we may then be willing to consider the submission. You would of course also have to meet all the other requirements as well.</p>	<p>17/07/2018</p>

lab within the 20 miles should be successful?			
N/A	N/a	Please note we have amended the Pricing schedule – new version (v2) attached with this document.	18/07/2018
Please could you advise which system your data is currently held?	23/07/2018	Our data is currently held in a couple of systems in different formats. If we decide that we want historical data to be transferred to the winning bidders system the register data can be provided in Excel format. Copies of surveys, sample certificates and removal paperwork will be provided in PDF format.	23/07/2018
Can it please be confirmed whether resident telephone numbers will be provided to the appointed consultant and that the consultant will be expected to call residents, in addition to letters, to book appointments. As the appointed consultant is required to update the register on completion of removal operations, can the number of removal works undertaken historically, or which should be allowed for on this contract, please be confirmed.	23/07/2018	Yes we will be expecting the appointed consultant to contact customers by phone to make appointment and we will provide contact details. The volume of removal work is very variable, to assist you a report from the last 12 months shows: over a 12 month period 1 st July 2017 to 30 th June 2018 there were 315 asbestos removal jobs completed	23/07/2018
N/A	24/07/2018	We have received a number of queries relating to the Pass / Fail Requirement of having an in house laboratory within 20 miles of Stockport. Whilst this question will remain a Pass / Fail, if you do not meet the requirement we will accept you Tender Response	24/07/2018

		<p>however you will need to provide the location of your in-house laboratory and provide an explanation, with supporting evidence, of how you will be able to deliver a quick sample turnaround, specifically how you will be able to provide a 2 and 4 hour turnaround. Effectively it is not a pass / fail on the 20 mile radius, but a focus on your response time for an emergency.</p> <p>To assist with this we have extended the deadline to 12 noon on the 7th August.</p>	