Invitation to Tender for the Provision of Loan Fund Management Services for the South West Loans Fund II

**Clarification Request**

*Whilst we understand that within clause 3.3.3 of the Invitation to Tender it is within your absolute discretion to extend the Return Date we are writing to respectively request a one week extension to the deadline for submission.  If this were granted then we would assume the tender would need to be submitted by 4pm on 22 April 2020.  Given the current business climate and the pressures all are facing it would be appreciated if this could be considered.*

*We also appreciate that the deadline for clarifications was 27 March 2020.  Please accept our apologies if the request above is considered in breach of this, but again respectively request it be considered.*

**Clarification Response**

In the light of the current Covid 19 pandemic the indicative tender timetable per the ITT has been updated to allow some additional time to respond please see below:

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| **Timetable** |
| **Event** | **Date**  |
| Submit Contract Notice for publication in the OJEU | 13 March 2020 |
| Contract documents / ITT available on Contracts Finder | 15 March 2020 |
| Deadline for receipt of requests for clarification  | 27 March 2020 |
| Target date for responses to clarifications | 6 April 2020 |
| Deadline for return of Tenders (**Return Date**) | **4.00pm on 22 April 2020** |
| Evaluation of Tenders | 23 April to 3 May 2020 |
| Notification of contract award decision | 4 May 2020 |
| Standstill Period | 5 May to 18 May 2020 |
| Confirm contract award | 19 May 2020 |
| Issue Contract Award Notice | 20 May 2020 |
| Target Contract Commencement Date  | 21 May 2020 |