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The Assessment and Clarification on the Evaluation Criteria:

1. **Risk Assessment and Management**:
   * What specific risks have been identified in the purchasing, planting, and maintaining of trees, and how are these risks being managed?
   * Are there documented risk assessments for the stages and how often are these assessments reviewed and updated?
2. **Training and Competence**:
   * What training programs are in place to ensure that all personnel involved in the project are competent and aware of health and safety protocols?
   * How is the competence of contractors and subcontractors verified before they are allowed to work on the project?
3. **Safety Equipment and Procedures**:
   * What personal protective equipment (PPE) is required for workers, and how is its use enforced?
   * Are there specific safety procedures for handling and planting trees?
4. **Emergency Preparedness**:
   * What emergency procedures are in place in case of accidents or incidents during the tree planting and maintenance activities?
   * How are workers trained to respond to emergencies, and are there regular drills to ensure preparedness?
5. **Health and Welfare Facilities**:
   * What welfare facilities are provided for workers, such as rest areas, sanitation, and first aid, our tender indicated we would provide access to our pavillions where possible.
   * How is the provision of these facilities monitored and maintained throughout the project?
6. **Environmental Considerations**:
   * How are environmental risks, such as soil contamination or impact on local wildlife, assessed and mitigated?
   * Are there specific guidelines for working in environmentally sensitive areas?
7. **Compliance and Monitoring**:
   * How is compliance with health and safety regulations monitored and enforced on-site?
   * What mechanisms are in place for reporting and addressing health and safety concerns raised by workers or the public?

Evidence of Experience, Capabilities and Training of Personnel.

1. **Experience**: It's important to include detailed information about the contractor's experience. This should cover their history of working on similar projects, particularly those involving high-risk health and safety elements. For example, the **Specification of Tree Purchasing Planting and Maintenance 2024-2027** document requires tenderers to provide information about their experience, including details of past projects and collaborations with other authorities, if appropriate.

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1. **Capability**: Demonstrating capability involves showcasing the contractor's ability to manage and execute the project effectively. This includes providing method statements on how they plan to minimise safety risks and uphold security measures. The **Specification Provision of Tree Purchasing, Planting and Maintenance 2024-2027** document also emphasises the need for detailed method statements.
2. **Training**: Evidence of training to ensure that all personnel involved are competent and aware of health and safety protocols. This includes providing details of any training programs and certifications that personnel have undergone.

Climate and Environmental Implications:

1. **Environmental Impact Assessment**:
   * What specific environmental impacts have been identified for the tree planting and maintenance activities, and how are these impacts being managed?
   * Are there documented environmental impact assessments for each stage of the project, and how often are these assessments reviewed and updated?
2. **Climate Change Mitigation**:
   * How does the project contribute to climate change mitigation efforts?
3. **Sustainability and Long-term Maintenance**:
   * What sustainability measures are in place for the company to ensure the long-term health for humanity.
   * How is the project going to be monitored and reported over time?
4. **Community Engagement and Education**:
   * How are local communities to be engaged with to ensure their support and participation in tree planting and maintenance activities?
   * What educational programs are in place to raise awareness about the environmental and climate benefits of the project?
5. **Compliance with Environmental Regulations**:
   * How is compliance with environmental regulations and standards monitored and managed on-site?