

Q1- Can we have an extension?

The tender has now been extended for 4 weeks now until Midday 23rd September 2022.
Clarifications must be submitted by 9th September 2022.

Q2- Are you willing to discuss amendments to the T&C?

Please refer to the FAQ regarding questions and responses to the T&Cs of the Framework which was sent on 16th August 2022. Or available to download via Contracts Finder here;

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/7676127a-9389-4bf0-9fb6-94f387a29f91>

Q3- Will the final dimensions and specification of the Oak planks be approached in the pragmatic way it was discussed in the consultation period?

Final specification will be made in dialogue with those suppliers who are awarded contract within the framework agreement.

Q4- If we were successful in being awarded the contract to supply some of the oak and you award the contract to multiple suppliers, will we be able to adjust our prices to reflect volume and the difficulty of the specific elements awarded?

This will be done based initially on your final evaluation ranking, for example if you bid for Lot 1 and the evaluation placed you 2nd in the scoring the first supplier will be given an order at the first instance, then it will move to the second supplier if further orders were required or the 1st placed supplier were unable to fulfil it (as they may be 1st placed in another lot for example). It is fair way of placing orders, and this ranking will change with management of performance based on the KPIS in the framework agreement. This is also explained in the FAQ document as well.

Q5- In the planking schedule for pricing you have use two different French grading rules, One for Boules or waney edged timber – QBA, and One for Square Edged plank - QF1A / QF1B. Is there a reason for this given what you are requesting the prices for is all Square Edged?

Waney edged boards, would be required for areas especially for the top and butt, and curved (snyed) boards at bow and stern. A square edge would be acceptable for the straight, narrower boards e.g. around 200mm or less wide. (Taken from response by Jimmy, might need tidying)

IMPORTANT- Critical for All Suppliers

Question: Laminated thickness states 69mm thick is this a finished thickness i.e. par? or a sawn finish? A standard sawn section would be 80mm sawn to produce 69mm finish. Or are you wanting to laminate the 69mm finish?

Response: In light of this clarification question, we have updated the pricing schedule spreadsheet to reflect what we understand to be 'off the shelf' thicknesses – please find the revised sheet attached. The thickness requested for supply is the planed thickness (for example 80mm planned to produce 74mm finish – 74mm being what is supplied to the NMRN) either waney edge (preferred) or maximum width of heart wood.