

RADFORD HOUSE, RAMSGATE

TENDER QUERIES - MEP Consultant

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Ref	Clarification/Query	Response
1	We note the strong emphasis on design fees being fixed, whilst the budget and scope is not fixed. We cannot accept this level of risk. However we would be prepared to fix fee as long as value does not vary by, say +/- 15%? Is this acceptable to your client.	Consultants are to provide a fixed fee based on the currently proposed budget and then any necessary clarifications regarding variation of works value if they wish.
2	Do you have an indicative MEP budget (i.e. what proportion of the total construction budget). This will allow us to understand the level of resource required.	This is not known at present. To be determined following stage 2 costing
3	The project may now need to comply with 2022 Building Regulations – has any cost allowance been made for this, regarding energy, overheating, fire, etc?	All current legislation must be complied with within the budget
4	Please outline the current immediate repairs work required and whether this has been allowed for within the current budget.	Immediate repairs are now to be outside of this appointment
5	Some of the scope refers to structural – please could you confirm that the documents available here are the latest, correct versions?: Radford House Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Consultant - Contracts Finder	The only reference to structural is referring to the existing structure, reviewing this and the existing MEP will be part of the MEP consultants scope. We can confirm the documents referenced are all correct and up to date.
6	Is the intention for the procurement method to be Design & Build or traditional, i.e.) is the MEP consultant expected to prepare a performance design scheme or a technical (detailed) design?	As stated within 'What service is required?' section of the ITT, it is expected for the MEP consultant to produce fully designed works at each RIBA stage, therefore this will be a traditional design approach.
7	Could I ask about the above, will the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work go out separately or are you looking for one company to provide the work for all 3?	Apologies but we require for one organisation / consultancy to take charge of all 3 services.
8	I can't seem to find anywhere on the documents on how to submit our bid. Please can you advise if this is to be sent to you via email?	All required documents are to be sent to dan@apcost.co.uk and cc andrew@apcost.co.uk
9	Should the submitted tender price exclude further investigations including (but not limited to) those recommended on p63 of the RFS condition survey report?	A new survey will be available at the time of the appointment. Please exclude further investigations
10	Have any of the listed further investigations in this report been carried out?	Some have but please exclude
11	Are drawings available in DWG format...what is their level of accuracy?	No and not known
12	Will the architect be expected to lead the design team?	Design co-ordination to be lead by Architect and PD, general oversee of team by PM. I.e. progress meetings and minutes by PM. Architect to lead DTM's.
13	Should the appointment include for carrying out the urgent repair? Is it envisaged that LBC will be needed for these works?	See item 3
14	Is the scope of the urgent works defined and specified? does this need to be reviewed and updated?	See item 3
15	Is there a cost plan for the project which is available for inspection?	No
16	What form of contract will be used for the appointment?	RTC have requested suggestions from relevant consultants.
17	Which members of the previous design team will be retained?	None, all of which are required to re-tender if they wish to be considered for the project.
18	What is the envisaged project programme?	Commencement of design works are TBC by availability of each tendering consultant as per the ITT, it is predicted commencement of works on site November 2023. All subject to receipt of availability and lead-in times. The Client is keen to save time where possible and would appreciate the input of consultants in order to achieve this.
19	Where should the final tender submission be sent to / uploaded to?	All required documents are to be sent to dan@apcost.co.uk and cc andrew@apcost.co.uk
20	Who are the incumbent design team?	Currently only consultant to be appointed is PM team, AP Cost Consultants
21	Do you have a statement of significance or a condition report for the building already?	Please see additional attachment, Radford House condition survey as referenced in 'Counterculture' document. Please note, this document is to remain confidential.
22	Will all clarification questions and answers be circulated or will these be answered on an individual basis?	These are to be circulated to all tenderers
23	What stage of development is the Business Plan and when will this be made available? We note the instruction document outlines that this will 'inform the requirements of the design' so some clarification on this would be useful to outline our approach.	At the time of appointment there will be a first draft

24	We noted the proposals prepared by del Renzio and del Renzio appear very competent, will dR&dR be considered for this role? if not, can you provide any clarification as to why the client will not be continuing with dR&dR? We also noted the heritage statement prepared by Fiona Raley Architecture – will they continue on the design team (alongside Standard Heritage as historic building surveyor?) - a general summary of the current project team and roles would be very useful, similar to the table provided in the superseded counterculture feasibility study.	dR&dR are not currently appointed by the Client, however are able to tender for the Architect role should they wish. Currently the only members on the project team are AP Cost Consultants and Standard Heritage as Project Managers. All other roles are currently being tendered
25	Would RTC consider utilising the rear land for further development/external use?	Not part of this appointment
26	What site surveys and reports are currently in place? (e.g. structural, drainage/underground services CCTV, measured survey, geotechnical, ecology, asbestos) and what is the programme for the remedial work required?	Not currently available
27	When will the consultancy agreement in Appendix C be provided?	RTC have requested suggestions from relevant consultants.
28	What days/times are site visits being arranged? We would be keen to visit next week if possible.	Please contact dan@apcost.co.uk regarding site visits, these can be arranged anytime depending on availability
29	Please can you advise if you need copies of the insurance certificates to be included in the bid?	Copies are not a requirement, confirmation only.
30	Also, if a copy of our Professional Indemnity insurance certificate is required, pls can you advise the value?	Copy not required, please confirm the value you hold.
31	Do you also require copies of our last 3 years full accounts or just an extract to advise on our turnover?	Just confirmation will suffice, all answers are taken on a trust basis.
32	The document says: "the Client's Project Manager, over the next month will be sourcing other design team members in association with this exciting scheme." – Could you please clarify which design team members will make up the rest of the design team	Architect, Structural and Civil Engineer, MEP consultant, Quantity Surveyor/Contract Administrator, Principal Designer and Building Control Inspector shall make up the project / design team.
33	We would be interested in visiting the site at some point next week. Could you please let us know the next steps to organise a site visit? Are there specific dates organised or is it on a case by case visit?	Please inform dan@apcost.co.uk as to when you wish to visit site, he shall try accommodate based upon availability
34	If you do think it is worthwhile, could you please list the existing design team members (disciplines) expected to work with?	Only existing members are APCC as PM, RTC are tendering for Architect, SE/CE, MEP consultant, QS/CA, PD and BC Inspector