WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Invitation to Tender for Sewage Treatment Plant, Septic Tanks, Cess Pits and Stand Alone Pumping Stations Maintenance Services

CLARIFICATION NOTE 7

The following requests for clarification have been received, alongside each of these is the clarification:

| Clarification request | Details of clarification |
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| For Greystones and Caters Hill Park, the Authority have requested a Palin test is completed as required at the frequencies as set out in the site datasheets. I cannot find any frequencies listed in the appendix 1 site datasheets. | As correctly stated, there is no frequency for Palin Tests given in the Bill of Quantities for these two sites, however there is a potential requirement to undertake a Palin Test for clarity as directed by the Contract Administrator, as an additional cost item. |
| And would also question the benefit of a Palin test at Greystones if a Suspended solids test is required as part of the routine sampling 4 x per year when there is no stated limit on the permit? | Tenderers should therefore insert their price for a Palin Test in the 'Rate' column but leave the cost columns (headed '£' and 'P') blank and not include any cost for these Palin Tests in the total cost of the site and therefore no cost for these will be included in the Tendered Cost. The cost for Palin testing will therefore be agreed at tender stage so that this is agreed should the CA request a test at any time. |
| With regard to the requirement 4 (ii) (h) Bench testing of pumps and Clarification Note 3. Would the Authority except drop tests on each pump instead of bench testing? This would give site specific information, taking into account the pump wear, sump pipework and rising main, when compared to the manufacturers curve data. Without the cost of recovery of pumps, dispatch to a manufacturer for testing, and supply of loan pump which may work out cost prohibitive to the smaller contractors tendering for the work. | The Authority would accept drop tests as an alternative to bench testing by the manufacturer. If the installation should fail to meet the required performance it will be necessary to test individual elements of the plant, and this may require bench testing of the pump but drop testing will be acceptable in the first instance. |
| I would like to clarify the site 3. 5 The Cresent, Crazies Hill is a P6 Titan/ ENTEC Biotec package sewage treatment plant with an Et60 air pump and is not a septic tank and is currently serviced and emptied twice per annum. | Revised documents are attached to replace those in the original tender documentation, these are: CN7 Site 3 5 The Crescent datasheet UPDATED.pdf, and CN7 BoQ Site 3 5 The Crescent UPDATED.doc |
| Please can you clarify site No 8. 2 Forest Road. The BoQ requests pricing for 1 empty of up to, 1,000 Gallons, inspection and sampling. While | The BoQ requests emptying at the frequencies shown in the datasheet and pricing for a total of 36,000 litres per annum. |

| the Plant data sheet states it's a Septic tank requiring emptying 4 x per annum up to 2,000 gallons. | The datasheet states that emptying is required 4Nr times per year and the volume is stated as 2000 gallons (9092 litres) giving an annual volume of 8000 gallons (36369 litres). Pricing should be in accordance with the BoQ, ie priced for 36,000 litres. |
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| | NB the pricing is for the volumes stated and is not a price 'up to', therefore if smaller volumes are removed the price shall be reduced to reflect the actual volumes involved. |
| | An updated BoQ is attached which indicates sampling and cleaning 2Nr times per year (CN7 BoQ Site 8 2 Forest Road UPDATED.doc) |
| Presumably we do not have to submit an Emergency Plan until <u>after</u> the award when we will do so (if we're chosen) in conjunction with yourselves? | This is correct. The Emergency Plan will be developed with the appointed contractor, after the award. |

29/3/2018 Clarification Note Ends. Issued to all parties having expressed an interest and also placed on the Contract Finder web page for the tender.