**Clarifications to Bidders Questions – Wetland Design**

1. Have 3 sites already been identified and agreed in principle with the landowners, or is the identification of sites and securing agreement part of this commission?  Yes, the three sites have agreement in principal with the landowners
2. Is there a target 'scale' of the wetlands at the 3 sites, or information on the amounts of nutrients and sediment that are planned to be removed following their completion and establishment? No, there is not target in nutrient reduction the main limiting factor will be the land available. The site scale will range between 0.1 to 0.5ha
3. Could you please give some further detail on the level of detail that you are after in the 'hydrological survey' and 'flood risk assessment'?  Do you envisage that these will include detailed modelling or simply an assessment based on professional experience and expertise? We have no explicit requirement for modelling but if you envisage it would be a valuable undertaking for the proposed work then by all means include it in your proposal/costings. If it is not something you would usually undertake for a project of this scale and scope then that is acceptable to us.
4. Does the commission include securing the permissions and consents or simply identifying which ones may be required?  Have any discussions taken place with the relevant planning authority? Yes, we would expect the designer to identify and secure all required permissions. No discussions have taken place with the relevant planning authority.
5. Are there any further details available on which 'key specialists' should be approached and what discussions are required with the Environment Agency? We do not have a list of specialists that may need to be approached but, would expect the designer to had suitable qualifications/ experience to make decisions on who to consult to assure the design properly considered all the environmental sensitivities relating to each site.

The Environment Agency are a key partner of the Life WADER project and will help us to deliver the process as appropriate and direct us to any Environmental Agency permits that may be requored as necessary.

1. Could you please expand upon 'consider and inform of any consenting and planning issues/requirements'?  If the commission does not include securing these consents then will they be obtained by others in a timely way so that designs can be modified accordingly? We expect the designer to identify and secure all required permissions and to amend any designs to comply with all required consents as necessary.
2. Can you please expand upon the requirement to describe how maintenance costs could be addressed by schemes such as Countryside Stewardship?  As you know, there is still significant uncertainty regarding how schemes such as ELM will work in practice and so some further detail on what is required would be helpful. This would be a section in the report highlighting current schemes available to landowners with no presumption of eligibility or that the designer/ Life WADER would be able to influence decisions on applications
3. Can you please clarify whether the indicative budget is for design or design and build? This is the budget for design only