

The Southern Construction Framework - SCF4

Compilation of Supplier Open Day Question and Answer Session on 13th March 2018 Questions responded to by SCF Team of K. Heard, J. Williams, C Carey and C Cook



Q1 Could you tell us more about the build up of the added value numbers shown in the presentation?

These are the benefits that contractors bring, resulting from early involvement, through initiatives like aggregation of works packages, simplification of design, programme phasing etc but NOT from value engineering. Key to this process is the ability to help clients re-invest this money – public clients are often never knowingly underspent!

Q2 Are Social value benefits included in the above?

No. This is recorded separately

Q3 Is the increase in levy shown in the variable throughout the lots?

It is possible that the levy could fluctuate over time but it is not anticipated that the levy will vary between lots.

Q4 Will the provision of apprentices still be mandated through shared schemes?

There will still be a requirement for apprentices, however this may not be through shared apprentice schemes.

Q5 You said you have seen and anticipate further reductions in education projects, do you think you will see an increase in housing projects?

It is impossible to predict the future! We did not foresee the current demand for sports and leisure facilities, and we are planning to support all types of construction projects, so this could include housing (we anticipate mainly through mixed use schemes). We are also seeing an increase in FE/HE projects.

Q6 Are consortia bids still allowed?

We would absolutely accept consortia bids. We don't have a consortia contractor in the SCF now, but have had successful consortia operating in the SW previously.

Q7 Where within the SW is SCF work concentrated?

SCF have delivered some work in Cornwall but a lot is in Exeter and along the M5 corridor, such as Taunton, Bridgwater, and Bristol. There is also demand in Dorset / Bournemouth, overall totalling about 60 projects over 3 years in the current generation

Q8 Some EFSA schemes have been procured through SCF, will this continue?

We have an ongoing relationship with the EFSA and it is possible we will continue to support their projects, alongside their own framework, however we do not expect this workload to increase and may decrease in frequency over time

Q9 Where do the boundaries of the SE lot lie and will this change?

The western extent is Hampshire County, extending to the East coast in Kent, as far north as Bucks & M.Keynes, plus we have delivered work in Beds and Herts and these will be included, also Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea will be included due to recent requests for works from these authorities. This will be illustrated in the tender documentation.

Q10 How many contractors will be expected to pass the PQQ to the ITT?

In the SW we will shortlist to 20 contractors for ITT - to award to 10 successful; in the SE and London, we will shortlist 16 contractors for ITT - to award to 8 successful; this is the same as in the current generation.

Q11 Is the social value aligned with any particular tool?

Not especially; more details will be released in the ITT

Q12 Will the new CCS framework affect the SCF?

We have spoken to CCS; their main predicted workload (central government) will not necessarily overlap SCF's core work (local authority), although SCF have delivered isolated projects for central government in the past. The CCS framework is likely to be a wider tool including other procurement methods and as such shouldn't detract work from SCF activities.

Q13 What happens if bidders cannot obtain Quidos ACDC Gold?

ACDC Gold is consistent with what we ask for in the SQ. The requirement is no greater; we use this accreditation to ensure that minimum standards are maintained throughout the life of the framework. Exceptions to this rule would need significant justification to be acceptable.

Q14 Will PAS 91 questions be required in the SQ?

There is a set of standard PAS 91 questions in the SQ for Health and Safety and BIM. If you have the relevant SSIP, but if you do not have accreditation in place before tendering you will need to complete the PAS 91 questions. The same applies for BIM accreditation.

PS CLARIFICATION

Since the Supplier Day on 13th March, the date noted for return of ITT was 21st September. This is incorrect. The ITT return date is 5th October. The presentation has been amended.

The ITT return date is now 5th October 2018