

CFSW update September 2008

The PPQ (Pre Qualification Questionnaire) was issued electronically on schedule, Monday 1st September 2008. The deadline for the return of completed PQQs is noon, 30th September.

Evaluation of the submitted PQQs will commence 1st October and is scheduled to be completed in late October. The shortlisting process will ideally be finalised by 5th November.

A strong level of interest from contractors in CFSW is evident from the number of Intention to Tender forms returned.

As the procurement process is now well under way, all queries from contractors relating to the PQQ or Framework are being dealt with via the Devon Tenders website question process in order to ensure a transparent and fair procurement process.

The CFSW Framework Team activities are on schedule and both the Framework Agreement (contract documents) and the ITT (Invitation to Tender) are at an advanced stage of drafting. The case studies that will form a significant component of the ITT are agreed and are currently being completed.

The indicative date for the ITT to be issued to shortlisted contractors will be 26th November 2008.

Work on the Framework Guidance and Working Practices manual is underway and will be published with the ITT and on the website. This document will be website based to allow for any updating to be done efficiently.

The Project Board has produced a robust anti collusion strategy that will protect framework users to a greater degree than is currently the case with open tendering or appointment via many other frameworks. This strategy places the onus on contractors to demonstrate that they have effective processes in place to counteract collusion in a number of areas.

The Framework Management Team and Project Board are giving consideration to the future development of a second tier framework for lower value building works which may operate on a sub regional level. Support for the proposal is currently being gathered and the matter will be more formally discussed in due course.