



22 August 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 884

Your request for information received on 05 August 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

I would like to formally request:

- 1. A redacted copy of the winning bid submission, including the contractor's technical approach, method statements, quality assurance plans, social value commitments, and delivery methodology.*
- 2. A copy of the evaluation summary or moderation report, detailing how the successful bidder scored against the published evaluation criteria (e.g., quality, price, and other factors).*
- 3. Any post-tender clarification correspondence with the successful bidder that influenced the award outcome or clarified key parts of their submission.*
- 4. Copies of award or notification letters issued to successful and unsuccessful bidders (appropriately redacted if necessary).*

I understand that some commercially sensitive information may be exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Act (commercial interests). However, I kindly request that any such redactions be limited to what is strictly necessary, and that all other disclosable content be released in the public interest to ensure transparency in public procurement.

If any part of the request is unclear or needs refinement, please let me know. I would appreciate a response within the statutory 20 working days and confirmation of receipt of this request.

Our response

Points 1 & 3

Information falling within the scope of this request has been withheld as it is considered exempt from disclosure on the basis of the following FOI exemption:

FOIA Section 43(2) states that:

“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).”

NIHE considers that disclosure of the information would prejudice the commercial interests of NIHE and the contractors that bid for the works. The market for these works is relatively small in Northern Ireland and disclosure of information would prejudice the commercial interests of NIHE and those companies, particularly when NIHE come to reprocure this workstream again. Furthermore, these contracts are only entering into their second year of an initial 3-year contract with options to extend by up to 4 years, therefore the information is deemed too current and could be used against them by competitors in other tender competitions for other Contracting Authorities.

We have considered the public interest factors in favour of disclosure which include openness, transparency and accountability. However, there is a strong public interest in avoiding unwarranted prejudice to the commercial interests of the Housing Executive and its contractors which would be caused by disclosing the information at this time. In all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Point 2

Please see tables below providing the evaluation summary of the successful bidder scores against the publish evaluation criteria of 40% Quality and 60% Price.

Lot 1 Belfast: North / West Belfast				
Tenderer	Price Score	Quality	Total	Rank
H&A Mechanical Services Limited	60.00	38.00	98.00	1st

Lot 2 South: Mid Ulster / South Area / South West Area				
Tenderer	Price Score	Quality	Total	Rank
Bayview Contracts Limited	60.00	40.00	100.00	1st

	Lot 3 North: Causeway Area/ West Area			
Tenderer	Price Score	Quality	Total	Rank
H&A Mechanical Services Limited	60.00	38.00	98.00	1st

	Lot 4 Belfast: South & East Belfast / Lisburn & Castlereagh			
Tenderer	Price Score	Quality	Total	Rank
GREENVIEW GAS LTD	59.11	40.00	99.11	1st

	Lot 5 North: South Antrim / East Area			
Tenderer	Price Score	Quality	Total	Rank
EQUANS REGENERATION LIMITED	60.00	38.00	98.00	1st

	Lot 6 South: North Down Ards / South Down			
Tenderer	Price Score	Quality	Total	Rank
C T S PROJECTS LTD	60.00	38.00	98.00	1st

Point 4

Please enclosed the award letters redacted to remove names and tender sum value.

This concludes our response.