

Periodic Electrical Inspections Summary of Market Engagement Feedback

Question	Response from Participants	Proposal in New Contract
Is a contract term of 5 years suitable, Yes or No, please give reasons	All confirmed yes	Term will be 5 years plus a further 2 years optional extension
How many Lots should one company be able to win, 1 to 3 or more?	Majority confirmed 3 Lots One Lot: 2 Votes Two Lots: 10 Votes Thress Lots: 12 Votes More than Three: 5 Votes	Suppliers will be permitted to bid for all lots with a restriction of being appointed to a maximum number of lots a supplier may win is 3.
Is the separation of the 404 Commercial Properties from the Domestic and Residential areas into an independent region wide Lot, an agreeable approach?	Majority Confirmed Yes Yes: 21 Votes No: 8 Votes	The non domestic properties (e.g. commercial units, community lets, traveller sites, communal areas of low, medium and high rise, NIHE Direct Depots, Hostels and Offices) will now be advertised as a separate stand-alone tender.
What would be considered as the biggest challenge in delivering the required programme?	Response was varied however a number stated gaining access to properties and availability of labour resources	The contract will contain an no access procedure to follow
What barriers could be removed to increase delivery?	Response was varied however a number stated KPIs being unrealistic	The Contract will contain 4 KPIs, based on Time, Quality, Defect Resolution and Social Value

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Are the NIHE purposed electrical competency requirements deemed necessary for the scope of work?	The overall feedback from participants was Yes	NVQ Level 3 Apprenticeship in Electrical Installation, or equivalent, incorporating end point assessment of competence. Hold a recognized Level 3 Certificate/Award in Inspection, Testing and Certification of Electrical Installations. Hold a current Level 3 certificate in the requirements for electrical installations BS7671. The inspecting electrician's qualifications should be assessed against the Electrotechnical Assessment Specification Qualifications Guide, developed under the direction of the Electrotechnical Assessment Specification (EAS) Management Committee.
Regarding the NIHE stated Electrical competency requirements for the scope of work, please give reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with these?	The market strongly agreed with the requirement	As above
What percentage weighting should be attributed to Quality vs Price within the tender process?	Majority voted for a higher weighting in Quality	The ratio is likely to be 70% Price 30% Quality. This ratio is deemed to provide NIHE will the best value for money offering for the works.

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If we advertise the tender in August would it be an issue for bidders, or would September be preferable?	The votes were as follows: August: 3 September: 13 No preference: 12	It is envisaged that the tender will be released in mid August and will be open for 30 days
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Please note final strategy will be subject to change prior to advertising.