

## Clarification for bidders queries

| RFP Ref                                                                                | Subject                      | Clarification Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| RfP Cover,<br>1 Letter of Invitation 7,<br>2 ITC Data Sheet 4.4,<br>4.5                | Bid closing date             | <p>The bid closing date is stated as 15 October 2026. As you are aware, there are 7 Roads Authority bids (and 3 MWT bids) closing on the same day, which creates a logistical challenge with regards to printing, copying and binding.</p> <p><b>We humbly request that this bid be postponed by a few days, or a week, to relieve the above logistical challenges.</b></p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> The request is approved. The proposal submission deadline is hereby extended from 15 October 2026 at 11h00 to 22 October 2026 at 11h00. Accordingly, all references in the bidding document to the proposal submission deadline shall be read as 22 October 2026 at 11h00.</p>                                                                                                                                               |
| 2 ITC Data Sheet 7.1                                                                   | Bid closing date             | <p>Closing date stated as 30 July 2026, which is <b>assumed to be an error</b> since it doesn't correspond with the above references.</p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> Confirmed. The reference to 30 July 2026 in ITC Data Sheet 7.1 is an error. The correct proposal submission deadline, as amended, is 22 October 2026 at 11h00.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1 Letter of Invitation 7,<br>2 ITC Data Sheet 1.2,<br>4.3, 4.4, 4.5 & 7.1              | Two lots                     | <p>According to the Letter of Invitation and Instructions to Consultants, Data Sheet 1.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 &amp; 7.1, it is clear that the bid involves two lots.</p> <p><b>However, please confirm whether bids for the two lots should be submitted separately, i.e. Lot 1 and Lot 2?</b></p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> A bidder may submit proposals for both Lot 1 and Lot 2; however, only one lot may be awarded to any single bidder. Where a bidder submits proposals for both lots, a separate Financial Proposal shall be prepared for each lot and clearly identified as Lot 1 or Lot 2. Both Financial Proposals shall be enclosed in one sealed Financial Proposal envelope. The Technical Proposal shall be submitted separately in the sealed Technical Proposal envelope in accordance with the bidding document.</p> |
| 2 ITC Data Sheet 1.3                                                                   | Pre-Proposal Conference      | <p>1<sup>st</sup> paragraph seems to suggest that a pre-proposal conference will be held, while the subsequent check list is marked "No": <b>Will a pre-proposal conference be held or not?</b></p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> A pre-proposal/pre-bid meeting will be held online on Monday, 12 October 2026. The meeting link has already been circulated to bidders. Accordingly, the indication of "No" in ITC Data Sheet 1.3 is superseded by this clarification.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2 ITC Data Sheet 1.6<br>4 Financial Proposal,<br>Schedule 2<br>5 TOR 1.5, 1.7.2 & 1.10 | Client-Appointed Specialists | <p>ITC Data Sheet 1.6, TOR 1.7.2 &amp; TOR 1.10 repeatedly refers to Client-Appointed Specialists, including an Environmental Practitioner, Materials Laboratory, and a specialist for economic evaluation and/or other specialists.</p> <p>TOR 1.5 states that the contractor shall be responsible for testing by an approved independent laboratory and the submission of samples with reference to <u>reseal material</u>, while not required to provide a laboratory on site.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|         |         | <p>TOR 1.10 states that the contractor will provide all reasonably required equipment to perform specified inspections and measurements, including measuring tape &amp; wheel, laptop computer and software.</p> <p>TOR 1.10 also states that <i>“no site laboratory with equipment will be required”</i>, whereafter the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph states that <i>“For any light rehabilitation works to be executed the client will request for the consultant to provide for a laboratory for quality control during the execution of works”</i>.</p> <p>Although ITC Data Sheet 1.6, TOR 1.7.2 &amp; TOR 1.10 suggests no provision for the above specialist services in the Consultant’s Financial Proposal, Schedule 2 of the Standard Forms for the Financial Proposal shows that a rate only shall be priced for a Materials Laboratory (amongst others). Schedule 2 however does not include an Environmental Practitioner or economic evaluation/other specialist(s).</p> <p><b>Please clarify/confirm the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The contractor shall only be responsible for the routine testing of reseal material, i.e., aggregate &amp; bituminous binder, <u>and not for testing of light rehabilitation works</u>?</b></li> </ul> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> No. The Contractor’s responsibility for routine quality-control testing is not limited to reseal materials. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the routine testing of materials associated with the light rehabilitation works under the Works Contract. A laboratory is not required to be established on site, and the required testing may therefore be undertaken at an approved off-site laboratory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The rate only to be priced in Schedule 2 of the Financial Proposal for the material laboratory is assumed to only apply to the quality control testing for light rehabilitation works? It is assumed that this shall also apply to light rehabilitation material testing and designs that may be required ahead of actual construction?</b></li> </ul> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> The rate-only item for “Quality Control Testing” in Schedule 2 relates to quality-control testing services associated with the light rehabilitation works, where required during the execution of the works contract. The light rehabilitation designs will also be undertaken during the Works Contract and, accordingly, any material testing required for design purposes will be undertaken at that stage.</p> <p>Provision will also be made under the Works Contract of the contractor for testing to be instructed by the Consultant for design (ahead of actual construction), acceptance and verification of the works. Other specialist services required by the Client will be instructed, as necessary, against the applicable provisional sum/contingency provision.</p> |

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|                             |                   | <p>- Reasonable equipment to be provided by the contractor is stated to include a measuring tape &amp; wheel, laptop computer &amp; software. Will other specialised equipment for measuring texture depth and ball penetration (inputs to seal design), binder viscosity (re. bitumen rubber), etc., also be provided by the contractor, and who will be responsible for conducting the tests – Consultant or contractor?</p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> Yes. The equipment identified in TOR 1.10 is not exhaustive. Under the Works Contract, the Contractor shall provide the equipment reasonably required by the Consultant’s supervision team to undertake the specified inspections and measurements, including any specialised equipment required for the relevant field measurements. However, a provision for the equipment required by the consultant will be made under the works contract. The Contractor shall remain responsible for routine quality-control testing through an approved laboratory.</p> <p>The Consultant shall be responsible for design, acceptance and verification testing, with the required testing to be undertaken through the laboratory/testing provision included under the Works Contract. A portion under stage 2 for the inputs to the seal design may also be compensated under the provisional sum.</p> |
| 5 TOR 1.5, 1.7.1, 1.8, 1.10 | Resident Engineer | <p>TOR 1.5, 1.8 &amp; 1.10 all suggest that the Resident Engineer (RE) will be <u>on site</u>, while TOR 1.7.1 states that the RE will only be required when requested by the Client.</p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> Indeed, the resident engineer will only be required upon the clients request.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|  |  | <p>Please clarify what the role of the RE will be, considering he may only be required occasionally as required by the Client? When required, will be RE be full-time on site, or only part-time? During previous reseal projects the RE was not full-time on site, but rather managed the works and site supervisors remotely, while only visiting the site(s) once of twice a month, but at least during each site/progress meeting.</p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> The Resident Engineer will be deployed upon the Client’s instruction where the volume and/or complexity of the works increase significantly, including where substantial light rehabilitation works are implemented. As the extent of the work and the available budget have not yet been confirmed, the requirement and duration of the Resident Engineer’s deployment cannot presently be fixed. When deployed, the Resident Engineer shall be based on site on a full-time basis for the period instructed by the Client. The Resident Engineer shall therefore be priced on a monthly rate-only basis.</p> <p>The project engineer will be the one who will be the one visiting the site(s) once or twice a month, but at least during each site/progress meeting.</p> |
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| 5 TOR 1.5        | Environmental Compliance        | <p>TOR 1.5 states that the Resident Engineer will oversee that the latest environmental practices are applied by the contractor on site. However, since TOR 1.7.1 states that the RE will only be required when requested by the Client, it can be assumed that the RE may not be involved for the entire duration of the project: <b>In the instances that the RE's involvement is not required by the Client, will the overseeing of environmental compliance revert to the Site Supervisor?</b></p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> Confirmed. Where the Resident Engineer is not deployed, the Site Supervisor shall oversee the Contractor's day-to-day compliance with the applicable environmental requirements. The Client will also appoint an independent Environmentalist to monitor and confirm environmental compliance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5 TOR 1.5 & 1.10 | Project Level Field Inspections | <p>TOR 1.5 states that project level field inspections shall be conducted, which are assumed to include a panel comprising the consultant and members of the Client (hence these inspections are commonly referred to as "panel inspections").</p> <p>TOR 1.10 seems to only refer to travel arrangements for the Consultant's site personnel, with no specific mention to travel arrangements during Stage 1 of the assignment, which includes the above "panel inspections".</p> <p>Past experience has shown that there is great benefit in using a minibus vehicle to conduct these "panel inspections", with the majority of the panel travelling together which promotes discussions and exchange of ideas.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that it be specified as a specific requirement that the Consultant provide such a minibus (with minimum 7 seat capacity) for the entire project level field inspections (i.e. "panel inspections"). If not, then the Consultant will assume that the field inspections will be conducted with regular vehicles which will result in all attendees effectively travelling mostly separately.</b></p> <p><b>RA RESPONSE:</b> The Consultant shall provide a minibus with a minimum seating capacity of seven (7) persons for the Stage 1 project-level field inspections (panel inspections). The Consultant shall make the necessary provision for this transport.</p> |