

27 July 2023

PROCUREMENT BID FOR BELFAST TRUST

- 1. A setting out of the grounds and/or reasons (if any) for your decision to not award any contracts and abandon the Procurement.**

This information has already been provided in the letter dated 7 July 2023 from the Directorate of Legal Services.

- 2. Any documentation or information (including correspondence or internal notes) relating to your decision to not award any contracts and abandon the Procurement.**

This information is exempt from disclosure under s42 Professional Legal Privilege, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in that it is subject to legal professional privilege as this information was made for the dominant purpose of obtaining or providing legal advice or being used by lawyers in possible or probable litigation.

- 3. Details of the identity of, the qualifications of and the relevant technical expertise of any individual(s) who took, or where involved in taking, the decision to not award any contracts and abandon the Procurement.**

The identity of the individuals is withheld under s40 Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOIA, however, generic information is as listed.

Individual 1: Quantity Surveyor MRICS MIHEEM BSc Hons - Approx 25 years' experience

Individual 2: Building Surveyor MIHEEM BSc Hons – Approx 20 years' experience

Individual 3: Quantity Surveyor MRICS BSc Hons – Approx 25 years' experience

Individual 4: Engineer B.Eng, MBA, MSc, C.Eng, FIHEEM, FIMechE – Approx 30 years' experience

Individual 5: Construction Engineer, BSc Hons, MIHEEM, MCIQB, - Approx 31 years' experience

- 4. Details, information and documentation regarding the legal challenges including any Writ, Statement of Claim, Defence or correspondence from or between parties' respective legal representatives.**

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This information is exempt from disclosure under s41 Information provided in confidence, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that it is information provided to the Trust in confidence during the litigation process. In respect of any Writ, as copies can be obtained from NICTS, this information is exempt from disclosure under s21 Information accessible by other means, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

5. Details of any information regarding our client's tender submission(s) provided to any other economic operators further to any legal proceedings relating to the Procurement.

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