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DEMONSTRATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY POTENTIAL (DEEP)

Questions and answers

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1. Would it be possible to speak with someone at your office to perhaps explore how we might seek to be involved and provide a contribution without submitting a bid for the entirety of the project?

Bidders that feel they are unable to deliver the entire project individually are encouraged to collaborate on a consortium bid with other similarly interested parties.

2. It appears that the GDPR assurance questionnaire is not correctly embedded in the ITT document.

We have included the GDPR assurance questionnaire as a separate document, with this Q & A, on the Delta e-Sourcing page.¹

3. We are aware of other projects which will run concurrently with this project, and which share similarities with regards to areas of investigation (namely, the BEIS Whole House Retrofit, and BEIS Electrification of Heat projects). To increase the learnings and reduce the risks resulting from these projects, will a central resource be made available to facilitate partnership, sharing of knowledge and data? In addition, should we allocate time and resource to knowledge sharing and exploring synergies with these other projects?

There are no plans to provide a central resource for sharing data between live projects. As such, there is no requirement to allocate time for this activity. As a research project, the outputs from DEEP will inform future policy and the design of innovation programmes. However, these outputs will not be available in time to contribute to current innovation competitions.

4. Can you please define what the eligible costs are for this tender? Can we use the funding for labour, materials and equipment for actual whole house retrofit installations, and for sensors and equipment to be used for monitoring and measurement?

Bidders may price for labour, materials and equipment for the actual retrofit in addition to costs associated with monitoring equipment. These costs should be detailed in full in your bid.

5. Are you able to provide an indication of how many homes you expect to be retrofitted as part of the project? And whether we would be expected to provide a geographical spread of real-life demonstrators across all of the UK?

The number of homes to be retrofitted and their geographical location is deliberately unspecified to allow bidders to be flexible in their proposals. Bidders should articulate in their

¹ <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/E5T9BA4XF6>

submission the quantity and variety of in-situ test houses to be retrofitted, and how this will enable project aims to be met.

6. Are you expecting the whole house retrofits to be designed to a particular standard or energy performance target? If so, could you please elaborate on this.

No retrofit standard or energy performance target has been specified. Bidders should articulate the standard of proposed retrofits in their submission, and how this will enable project aims to be met.

7. Are you expecting to see enough test cases representative of the different climates around the UK?

The number, scale and location of test cases has been deliberately left unspecified to allow bidders to elaborate in their proposals what they believe to be feasible and provide the best quality outputs.

8. We understand that mechanical systems and internal appliances are not part of the scope for retrofit measures and therefore we are not expected to carry out performance measurements and the potential interaction with the whole house systems approach for these systems. Is this correct?

Where mechanical systems are critical to the performance of a retrofit they should be considered within scope.

9. What are we allowed to use the funds for? Can they be spent on the retrofit measures themselves or do we have to leverage off retrofit activity already happening? I.e. can we use some funds to pay for insulation, installation, etc.

Bidders may price for labour, materials and equipment costs associated with the actual retrofit. These costs should be detailed in full in your bid.