T-TEAR Task 607: Northern Trans Pennine Route Strategic study

Questions and Answers Sheet Version 2

Question no.	Date question received	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	Response Issue Date:
1		Question- The page limit for the submission states 10 pages. For the avoidance of doubt can you confirm that this means 20 sides of A4 size.	
		Answer - The submission should be no more than 5 pages (10 sides) of A4.	
2		Question The evaluation criteria matrix does not show any weightings against the sub-criteria. Please confirm that each of the sub-criteria carry equal weighting/marks	
		Answer - The evaluation sub-criteria is not weighted.	
		Revised answer – To give a consistent approach to all Work Packages to be commissioned via T TEAR we have decided to amend the evaluation criteria. An updated specification will be forwarded to all suppliers that confirmed an interest in bidding for this Work Package.	
3		Question In the terms of reference – it states in the table after point 17 that stage 3 should include 'a full assessment of the benefits of the options considered in stage 3 of the study' – could you confirm if you are seeking an Outline Business Case for each option considered or more high level assessment aligned with say EAST where the benefits element will be refined through further analysis	
		Answer – The requirement is for a high level assessment aligned with the Environmental Assessment SiftingTool (EAST).	
4		Question Under the contractual arrangement for the CDF used for the Trans-Pennine Tunnel Study suppliers were permitted to submit a proposal jointly with another supplier – allowing the strongest possible team to be assembled. Please confirm that the same collaborative arrangements apply to this study and that suppliers are permitted to submit a proposal jointly with one other T-TEAR supplier?	
		Answer – We are prepared to consider proposals from unincorporated joint ventures of T TEAR suppliers. One supplier would be required to take on the lead role with the other supplier in their supply chain.	
5		Question Can you please confirm that the financial submission for this work package is required in the usual format of a Work Package Price Schedule?	
		Answer – A standard T TEAR Work Package Price Schedule is required	