

FOI DOF 2026-0434

Request received on 05/08/2026.

DoF 4957638 – Pan Government Framework for Ground Investigation Works 2023 (Revised), CPDC-789

1. Redacted copies of the quality/technical submissions made by:
 - Causeway Geotech Limited; and
 - Tetra Tech Consulting (NI) Limited.
2. The individual and consensus quality scores awarded to each successful tenderer, including the scores for each quality question or sub-criterion.
3. The evaluators' recorded comments, including identified strengths, weaknesses, reservations and reasons for the scores awarded.
4. Copies of the successful tenderers' social value methodology, environmental strategy and contract delivery methodology submitted as part of the competition.
5. The quality evaluation criteria, scoring matrix and guidance provided to the evaluation panel.
6. Any post-tender clarification responses submitted by the successful tenderers which materially affected their quality scores.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested, however, some information has been withheld under FOI exemptions, further details are provided below.

1. A copy of the Quality Submission to be completed by tenderers is enclosed.

However, copies of the quality submissions made by tenderers as requested has been withheld under Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as the disclosure of this information under the Act would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the tenderers and the department.

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Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test (please see **Annex C** attached).

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5. The quality evaluation criteria, scoring matrix and guidance provided to the evaluation panel are included in the Quality Submission document which is disclosed at item 1 above.

6. The department can confirm that there were no post-tender clarification responses submitted by the successful tenderers which affected their quality scores.