

Powerhouse Precinct at Parramatta International Design Competition

Stage 1 Question and Answer Log Vol. 5
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Question number	Enquiry	Response	Date
Questions outstanding from Q&A Log Vol 4			
1	The 'required qualifications' part of the search statement states that: "Other collaborative partners must hold qualifications and standards necessary to be able to meet all applicable Australian accreditation or registration requirements for their specific discipline. Where none exist, they should be a member of their relevant professional body, in their country or state of practice."	An engineering practice not registered in Australia may be identified for competition concept development as the nominated party on the questionnaire. It should be noted however that if a team is shortlisted, that team should identify locally accredited engineering support to deliver the design to Australian Standards.	14-Feb-19
New questions for Q&A Log Vol 5			
1	Can you advise if the response to Q2 Relevant Experience is 1000 words per project example, or in total?	This refers to the total word limit.	21-Feb-19
2	I understand the EOI question period closes next Tuesday Feb 26 – three weeks out from EOI deadline. Is there any chance of extending the question period a week?	Unfortunately this will not be possible.	22-Feb-19
3	Will teams be able to add additional specialist team members to those nominated at stage 1? This is particular as a scheme is developed in stage 2 and may require unforeseen specialist input?	Yes, additional specialists may be added at Stage 2 to develop the design competition concept.	22-Feb-19
4	Submission requirements: Will the various PDF documents be printed or reviewed exclusively on screen? That is, can teams make full use of PDF embedded?	Submissions will be viewed primarily on screen, but may also be printed.	22-Feb-19
5	Submission requirements: Will the various documents be assessed together or as individual documents by separate teams?	The various parts of the submission will be assessed together.	22-Feb-19
6	Submission requirements: Is the use of appendices approved?	No. Please limit your response to the word and page limits specified in the Search Statement.	22-Feb-19

7	There is an anomaly between the information on the website and in the search statement, can you please clarify which is correct? Does the team need to be "led by....", or that "one of the architectural firms, must have experience and demonstrated capability as a lead architect on a built project of comparable complexity and program of at least AUD \$200M."?	One of the submitting architectural firms must have experience and demonstrated capability as a lead architect on a built project of comparable complexity and program of at least AUD \$200M (or demonstrate a capability through an alternative statement - as per page 51 of the Search Statement). This does not need to be the practice proposed as lead consultant; however, entrants should describe how the design responsibility will be shared, as well as identifying the contractual lead entity (refer to page 75 of the Search Statement).	25-Feb-19
8	For each of the submission criterion sections, is a cover counted as part of the maximum number of sides?	No. Page limits do not include covers, contents or divider pages.	25-Feb-19
9	As an international office, our insurance certificates are a foreign currency. Do you require a letter from our insurers confirming the relevant financial data in AUD or is a statement from the architecture practice sufficient?	At this stage, a statement from the architecture practice will suffice with respect to the value of the policy to accompany the certificate. A letter confirming the value of the policy in AUD from the insurance company may be required from shortlisted teams at the second stage.	26-Feb-19
10	If there are two architecture practices collaborating on the project, will both be directly appointed by the Client?	Appointment arrangements are to be negotiated with the winning team post competition.	26-Feb-19
11	Can a submission be aural?	No, all submissions must be made in writing, in the form specified in the Search Statement.	26-Feb-19
12	Can there be equal lead architects?	Yes, this is acceptable. However, as noted on page 75 of the Search Statement, in your response, where more than one architectural firm is nominated, you should describe how the design responsibility will be shared, as well as identifying the contractual lead entity.	26-Feb-19
13	Please provide clarification as to whether the heritage buildings need to be retained.	As per p.38 of the Search Statement, this will be articulated in the Stage 2 brief for shortlisted competitors.	27-Feb-19
14	What engagement has happened to date with the Dharug community?	The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences has been working with and engaged with the local community. There will be continued engagement moving forward through the various phases of the project.	27-Feb-19
15	We are a joint venture team consisting of multiple architects. Please clarify who needs to supply a CV? Is it only the lead architect? What if design responsibility is shared?	As stated on page 75 of the Search Statement, CVs of proposed project architect and the Director/Partner in charge of the lead designer should be included within your submission. If the design lead is shared within your team, please supply CVs from each lead design firm.	27-Feb-19
16	Will the documents be read double-sided or as single individual pages?	Your submission should allow for multiple reading formats.	27-Feb-19

17	Submission Requirements Q5 'Media Statement & Images' asks for the inclusion of two jpeg photographs of the lead designers from our team. Can we include more than two images, if we have joint venture team including more than two design firms?	No, please upload two images only.	27-Feb-19
18	The format requirements relating to each submission requirement make reference to "sides". How is a "side" defined?	Please refer to the Submission Requirements as provided on pages 72-76 of the Search Statement.	27-Feb-19
19	Would a cover page to each section be counted as a "side"?	No. Please see response to Q9 above.	27-Feb-19
20	On page 52 of the Search Statement it states "The focus of the Expression of Interest (EOI) will be on the core creative team (architect and creative partners)" and "Competitors should also include within their team any other creative collaborators (such as artists) deemed integral to the design approach." Does this mean that the Landscape Architect, Structural and Building Services Engineers are part of our design team, yet "will not be evaluated to determine the shortlist", but our creative collaborators are evaluated to determine the shortlist as our "creative partners"?	Yes, your understanding is correct.	27-Feb-19
21	Could you please provide some more clarity on the definition of the core creative team? Is this intended to only include architects, or could this also include other core creative parties such as landscape architects? Which of the parties / sub-consultants referred to on page 52 of the search statement will not be evaluated to determine the shortlist?	The core creative team refers to architects and creative partners. Landscape architect, structural engineer and MEP engineer will not be assessed to determine the shortlist, but will be confirmed separately prior to stage two.	27-Feb-19
22	We understand there are page limits to the answers of questions 1-3. Are entrants allowed to include cover pages for each question in addition to these limits?	Yes. Please see response to Q8 above.	27-Feb-19
23	We note the maximum word count in the submission for Part 2 is 1000. Is there a maximum word count for Part 1?	No, but please ensure you adhere to the page limit specified.	27-Feb-19