

Identification of TBM Suppliers who have met similar specifications previously and contractors who have successfully completed tunnels in similar ground conditions.

In order to identify suitable suppliers/contractors in respect of the Detailed Engineering and Construction of the Sruwaddacon Bay tunnel, SEPIL has engaged in a process of assessing the suitability of potential tenderers. This incorporated a pre-qualification stage early in the tendering process, in order to ensure that the potential contractors satisfies the minimum requirements set by SEPIL in respect of previous experience and capability in similar ground conditions.

The pre-qualification process commenced in March 2010, and has resulted in the identification of several interested potential contractors, all satisfying the minimum requirements set. In respect of the detailed specification of the TBM itself, this was set out in the tendering documents provided to the pre-qualified tenderers. The specification includes mechanical and other performance requirements for the TBM as well as the systems supporting the TBM and refers to international standards and guidelines.

As tendering for this contract is still ongoing SEPIL is not in a position to disclose the name of any of the preferred contractors but can confirm that all have met similar specifications previously and have successfully completed tunnels deploying a slurry TBM in similar ground conditions.

A copy of the pre-qualification questionnaire is attached.