

**Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR) Technical and Financial Consultancy support for  
Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE) Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Price Control (RP5)**

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**Questions & Answers – Set 4**  
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- Q1. A Tenderer stated that bidding a price for each of the framework sub-lots seems problematic, since for a number of the sub-lots there is insufficient information in the terms of reference to determine how much work would be necessary in key areas. The Tenderer stated that this is primarily related to Capex but not solely.

The Tenderer asked if NIAUR is able to provide more information - such as the number of Capex schemes under RP4 which will need to be reviewed and the likely size of the RP5 Capex programme? The Tenderer stated that without this sort of additional information, bidders will not be able to provide a full and accurate bid on the precise volume of inputs and so will most likely have to caveat their proposals. The Tenderer asked the Utility Regulator to clarify whether further written information is available to bidders.

- A1. As previously stated in the Q&A Set 3, it will not be possible for potential bidders to meet with the Utility Regulator prior to submission of bids. Tenderers can use the following links to view consultation and proposal papers for the current NIE T&D price control, RP4.

<http://www.uregni.gov.uk/uploads/publications/price-control-rp4-public-paper-nie4.pdf>

<http://www.uregni.gov.uk/uploads/publications/T D Price Control 2007-2012 Further Consultation Paper June 06.pdf>

<http://www.uregni.gov.uk/uploads/publications/TD Final proposals Sept 06.pdf>

The RP4 papers will provide more information on the Capex schemes.

The Utility Regulator receives annual Capex reports from NIE T&D but the content of these is confidential.