

Notice of amendment to the timetable set out in the Information For Applicants and amendment of Essential Criterion A to invitations to tender for:

- **Immigration advice to individuals detained at Removal Centres; and**
- **Immigration Telephone Advice to individuals detained at Police Stations in England and Wales.**

On 22 July we published on our website tender documentation for the delivery of Immigration Advice at Immigration Removal Centres, and Telephone Advice to individuals detained at Police Stations in England and Wales.

Further to our statement on the 9 September, it has taken longer than anticipated to assess tenders, as it was necessary to request further information from some of the applicants, in relation to their tender. As a result of this we needed to allow more time for those applicants to provide that information and this has had an impact on the overall timetable.

To take account of the above delay we have now revised the timetable for both these invitations to tenders. The amended timetable is set out below.

Unfortunately the delay to finalising the outcome of both these invitations to tender also effects Essential Criterion A and therefore under paragraph 4.4 we have amended this criteria to permit both services to commence from 24 November 2008.

Clarification of Essential Criterion A for both invitations to tender

Essential Criterion A requires applicants to:

“be able to deliver the service in accordance with the terms of the contract from 27 October 2008...”.

We have now amended Essential Criterion A require applicants to:

‘be able to deliver the service in accordance with the terms of the contract from 24 November 2008...’.

Amendments to Tender documents

We have amended the documents as follows to the timetable and Essential Criterion A:

The Information for Applicants affected are:

- Immigration Telephone Advice to individuals detained at Police Stations in England and Wales
- Immigration Advice to individuals detained in Immigration Removal Centres

The Tender Forms affected are:

- Immigration Telephone Advice to individuals detained at Police Stations in England and Wales
- Immigration Advice to individuals detained in Immigration Removal Centres

Timetable

3.12 <u>Amended Timeline for IRC and Police station Immigration Tenders</u>		
Stage	Activity	Timescale
Stage 1	Documents published <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IFA ▪ Tender Form 	Tuesday 22 July 2008
Stage 2	Last date for receipt of emailed questions	4 pm Tuesday 5 August 2008
Stage 3	Last date upon which responses to questions to be published	Monday 11 August 2008
Stage 4	Closing date for Tenders to be received.	12 Noon Tuesday 19 August 2008
Stage 5	All Organisations advised of the outcome of its tender	5 September 2008 <u>6 October 2008</u>
Stage 6	Final Date for receipt of Appeals	12 September 2008 <u>13 October 2008</u>
Stage 7	Outcome of Appeals (estimate)	26 September 2008 <u>27 October 2008</u>
Stage 8	Contract documents sent to successful tenderers (estimate)	3 October 2008 <u>03 November 2008</u>
Stage 9	Commencement of Service	27 October 2008- <u>24 November 2008</u>