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M100 Enabling Works Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This Frequently Asked Questions document is an evolving resource. It will be updated regularly as new questions arise and clarifications are identified. Please revisit this document for the latest information.

If you have questions that are not addressed in this document, please email supplychainmetrolink@tii.ie and we will endeavour to respond to it the next update.

What are the Enabling Works?

Any necessary advance preparation that will allow the MetroLink programme to proceed smoothly and at pace. This includes upgrading of underground utilities like the mains water system and electricity networks where the MetroLink alignment impacts such systems. It also includes archaeology and preservation of heritage, as well as protecting biodiversity by tackling invasive species. It also includes the enhancement of public facilities e.g. playing pitches and public parks.

What is the current status of the Enabling Works Procurement Programme?

PINs for the Enabling Works were issued in May 2025 to facilitate market consultation in advance of procurement with the intention to establish Frameworks & Qualifications systems as the route to market for the Enabling Works.

An update to the Enabling Works packaging strategy was issued to the market in October 2025 (M100 Updated Packaging Strategy - Oct 25) and reflects the current strategy for Procurement of the Enabling Works. This can be found in the Metrolink Supplier guide on the supply chain webpages.

When will Enabling Works Contracts be procured?

The Enabling works programme will be procured via various procedures which will encompass the issue of a Contract Notice and the pre-qualification documents on a phased basis from August 2025.

All Contract Notices are expected to be issued by Q2 2026. A shortlist of candidates will proceed to ITT after the granting of the Railway Order.

The Contract Notice for the Archaeology Qualification system was published on 7th August 2025 and is currently live.

What form of contract will be used?

The Frameworks will utilise the NEC 4 suite of contracts, with the Engineering and Construction Contracts (ECC) Options A, C & E utilised for the packages.

The Qualification Systems will utilise the Public Works Contracts (PWC) developed by the GCCC (Government Construction Contracts Committee). These are the standard form of contracts for Public Works in Ireland. Exact details will be published at Contract Notice.

Is MetroLink looking for fully funded bids for Enabling works?

Yes, bid costs will not be paid for in relation to Enabling works. Note that the initial Contracts are Client Designed however the Frameworks will include an option for Design and Build. The scope of the Enabling works are smaller in value than the Main Infrastructure Contracts. It is not intended to pay bid costs for this reason, and this is generally not seen as a barrier to competition for the Enabling Works Programme.

Will Enabling works contracts be published/awarded prior to receipt of an Enforceable Railway Order?

Tender documents will not be published prior to the publication of a Railway Order. Award of call-off contracts under the frameworks and qualification systems will not take place until receipt of an Enforceable Railway Order.

How will call-off contracts be awarded under frameworks and qualification systems?

Call-off contracts will be awarded only after achieving an Enforceable Railway Order and Approval Gate 2, in accordance with government published infrastructure guidelines. Any information related to selection criteria will be specific to frameworks and all information will be released with subsequent Contract Notices.

Can one firm apply for multiple lots?

Generally, this will be allowed, however specific requirements will be outlined in each Contract Notice.