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Sent: 17 February 2010 09:00
To: Stewart L (Lesley)
Subject: RE: Grant In Aid and Viaduct Bearing Replacement contract
Attachments: Capital 2010-2013 forecasts 260110.xls

Lesley,

Thanks for the email .

I have attached the FETA Capital Plan for the next 15 years (version 260110) which you will have seen previously.

The Anchorage Investigation contract is one where we might be in the same position but will depend on timing. At the moment I am waiting on the Peer Review panel to complete their initial work and if there are no issues we plan to go to tender asap to enable a site start to be made next summer.

Other works shown on the plan are smaller in spend and are also further back in preparation. The Truss End Links from a structural point of view could be described as near the top of the priorities.

Regards,

Barry

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2010 16:08
To: Barry Colford
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Subject: RE: Grant In Aid and Viaduct Bearing Replacement contract

Barry

I can confirm that we are content that the wording relating to the spending review that is contained in the grant in aid letter still stands and that on this basis you can give the assurance that you require to Board members and are able to advise that they agree to award the Bearing Replacement Contract.

As you know from our discussion on Wednesday and from previous discussions, we are now heading into what will be a particularly challenging spending review period. It would be extremely helpful if you would be able to advise us in advance of any other projects that you may be looking to commit to that would run across the spending review period.

As I mentioned on Wednesday, once we have issued the grant in aid letters for this year we will be looking to begin preparations for the next spending review in earnest and will be looking to have discussions at our next meeting in May regarding the phasing and prioritisation of projects so that we can be clear about the bid you are looking to make in relation to funding from Scottish Ministers.

Best regards

Lesley

From: Barry Colford [mailto:Barry.Colford@forthroadbridge.org]
Sent: 11 February 2010 11:51
To: Stewart L (Lesley)
Subject: FW: Grant In Aid and Viaduct Bearing Replacement contract

Lesley

I should have mentioned in my email that in order to provide additional comfort to Board Members in awarding the Bearing Replacement Contract can you confirm that the same wording as used previously in the Grant in Aid letters with regard to contracts that span more than one year is going to be in this years letter. The wording previously was:

"Ministers recognise that, in the normal course of business funded bodies will have to award contracts which will run over several years, and often beyond the period covered by the Spending Review. Where such contracts are entered into in accordance with agreed policies and plans, Ministers recognise that there is an obligation on the Scottish Government to continue to provide the necessary funding".

If you could confirm this wording will be used then I can go ahead and recommend acceptance of the tender.

Regards,
Barry

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