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## REC701-001 - Trialling the SCAP Clothing Longevity Protocol Questions and Answers

Q1: Why was this tender issued as an open tender rather than on the textiles framework?

*A1: This was discussed internally and we considered the approach. Due to the varied scope of work, we decided to go open but we encourage all those on the framework to consider this work. We would also welcome consortium bids for this work.*

Q2: The timescale given for recruitment in s.6.7 seems quite short to engage organisations, for them to get internal buy-in and sign-off, and to commence the trials. Does this mean WRAP already have organisations lined-up who are keen to participate?

*A2: We have organisations who expressed interest when we had the longevity meeting so should have some that can make a start but will need some initial engagement to see where the trials will take place. There may be a couple we need fresh engagement with.*

Q3: We would like to request WRAP extend the deadline for this ITT by one week (I.e. until 12th January) as the Christmas- New Year period is an extremely difficult one for consultancies to bid during, as many staff are already away on holiday and, due to the days Christmas and New Year fall this year, do not return until 5th January.

*A3: We have considered this and had made some allowance to give extra time due to the Christmas period. However we recognise that 5th January may be the first day back for some. However, we will not extend by a full week. But we will allow an extension of an extra two days until 1:30pm on Wednesday 7th January 2015.*

Q4: There appears to be an error in the timescales given in s6.7 of the TID, as it states the manual should be completed before the trials (manual end April, trials May), whereas it would seem evident that the trials should be completed before the manual is completed. Can WRAP please clarify?

*A4: It was considered that the manual could be undertaken concurrently to the trials and potentially completed sooner. This is as the information from the group and Clothing Longevity Protocol and within the Longevity group should be able to provide enough information. However, these timescales are guidance within the overall project and there could be some movement considered. The trials are in order to produce some more examples. If the trials highlight clear issues, then these should be addressed, but the manual will be more in terms of overarching guidance for retailers to follow.*