

Financial advice – Development and operation of the designation process for electrical and gas safety supervisory bodies

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Clients: Commission for Energy Regulation

Country / Region: UK

Further to the provisions of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, the Commission for Energy regulation is in the process of designating one or more electrical and one gas safety supervisory bodies (SSB) for the regulation of the activities of electrical contractors and gas installers with respect to safety. CEPA has been appointed by the Commission to provide financial advice in developing the methodology for the designation process and in assisting in the operation of a competitive tender process to appoint the bodies.

CEPA's advice on the assignment covers the following key elements:

- Designing a methodology for the submission/ evaluation of the financial aspects of designation, including advising on the procurement process, bid evaluation, and a framework to decide the number of electrical bodies to designate.
- Drafting the financial sections of the Invitation to Tender documentation, and supporting the Commission in operating the tender evaluation process.
- Developing the financial terms and conditions of the Designation Agreement, including the requirements for ongoing regulation of financial aspects, and performance management of the appointed bodies.

Supporting the Commission, as required, on applying the above to the gas designation process

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