

Design Management Case Study - PFI Schools

Introduction

Adept Management has extensive experience in the delivery of Design, Project and Bid Management services to the PFI Schools market. This case study describes our capabilities within this sector and the benefits you can expect to gain from our approaches.

Overview of experience and capabilities

Over the past 18 months Adept Management Ltd consultants have worked on the delivery of a number of PFI schools projects at various stages of development. This has ranged from providing Bid Management services to private sector consortium/ contractors (SPV) at Invitation to Negotiate, through to providing Design Management expertise following the appointment of Preferred Bidder through to Financial Close and beyond.

Our core expertise lies in taking on the complex management roles, such as design, bid and programme management - which are at the forefront of the PFI process - and thereby enabling others within the team to get on with their own individual specialism (e.g. architectural design, structural engineering, services design and cost consultancy). This approach enables every team member to concentrate on what they do best to ensure maximum value added to the project team, and ultimately to the success of the project.

Our PFI project and design management capabilities are underwritten with a determined and sustained ethos on delivery, quality and teamwork.

We pride ourselves on making it a key priority of our PFI work to differentiate the projects from the crowd. This is achieved by focusing on elements of PFI that win our client projects, including:

- Client Management
- Understanding the Client business & needs
- Design quality and affordability

Examples of recent work

- Providing Bid and Design Management services to a bidding consortium at ITN stage of the highly sought after £65m Bromsgrove Schools PFI. Responsible for project managing the preparation of the bid documents, negotiations with project team and client authority, and co-ordinating a team of technical and cost consultants to produce the outline school designs in accordance with the commercial and technical requirements of the bid (e.g. time, cost and quality).
- Providing Design and Project Management services during preferred bidder stage of the £28m Caludon Castle School PFI. Responsible for co-ordinating the work of the design, cost and construction teams, preparing design documentation, undertaking due diligence checks, preparing contractor proposals and client liaison on all design and other technical matters.

Benefits of our approaches

- Focus on managing the project process, to enable the technical, financial and commercial team members to concentrate on what they do best - without the added project management burden
- Manage design development process to ensure project/bid is delivered on time, within budget - while balancing the technical input of specialists (e.g. architects) to ensure the end result is attractive but affordable within the constraints of the project.
- Use of our key differentiator (ADePT) to help understand, plan and manage complex PFI project processes to increase the certainty of project delivery and success.
- Lead and co-ordinate the project design team to minimize uncertainty and re-work.
- Focus on understanding the Clients business and needs
- Focus on design quality and affordability - balancing the 'win' factors against the project/bid constraints.

For more information on our PFI Schools capabilities please contact us at enquiries@adeptmanagement.com