AN updated Yellow Book served as proxy for FIDIC to preview its 2nd edition works contracts at December’s London Users Conference. For many, the prospect of far-reaching amendments sent shivers down the spine. We want nothing more than that construction is rooted in the past. Yet few in any industry enjoy upheaval. But if the draft Yellow Book stirred the global community, this year’s White Book barely raised a murmur. There’s generally less interest in standard form consultancy agreements. Employers fear bias in those from professional bodies while alternatives are uniformly desired. Consultants don’t build such contracts are straightforward to craft from scratch. Diversity in consultants’ roles and importance further justifies a tailor-made approach.

The kicker, of course, is that clients consider the White Book less consultant-friendly. Traditionally, publishers haven’t helped by isolating consultancy agreements from works contracts – indeed, FIDIC’s White Book too consultant-friendly. Traditionally, publishers haven’t helped by isolating consultancy agreements from works contracts. This is a semi-automated position where the certifier takes images of the work and materials for checking. This is a semi-automated position where the certifier takes images of the work and materials for checking. Consequently, the process is stripped of human involvement. The temptation to set these as standards might operate in construction contracts. This is a semi-automated position where the certifier takes images of the work and materials for checking. Consequently, the process is stripped of human involvement. The temptation to set these as standards might operate in construction contracts. This is a semi-automated position where the certifier takes images of the work and materials for checking. Consequently, the process is stripped of human involvement. The temptation to set these as standards might operate in construction contracts. This is a semi-automated position where the certifier takes images of the work and materials for checking. Consequently, the process is stripped of human involvement. The temptation to set these as standards might operate in construction contracts.