

NHS Arden & GEM CSU

Invitation to tender for Website Design, Hosting and Development

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Authority's reference number: AGEMCSU/TRANS/17/481

Deadline for Tenders to be received: 5pm Friday 22nd December 2017

SECTION B: TENDER SCHEDULES
TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY BIDDERS

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ANNEX B1

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

NOTE: IN RELATION TO THE ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS CAN WE PLEASE ASK THAT YOU COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS CONTAINED WITHIN THE TECHNICAL ENVELOPE WITHIN THE BRAVO PROCUREMENT PORTAL

1.1 Supplier details	Answer
Full name of the Supplier completing this Annex B1	
Registered company address	

1.2 Bidding model	
Please mark 'X' in the relevant box to indicate whether you are;	
a) Bidding as a Prime Contractor and will deliver 100% of the key contract deliverables yourself	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
b) Bidding as a Prime Contractor and will use third parties to deliver <u>some</u> of the services If yes, please provide details of your proposed bidding model that includes members of the supply chain, the percentage of work being delivered by each sub-contractor and the key contract deliverables each sub-contractor will be responsible for.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
c) Bidding as Prime Contractor but will operate as a Managing Agent and will use third parties to deliver <u>all</u> of the services If yes, please provide details of your proposed bidding model that includes members of the supply chain, the percentage of work being delivered by each sub-contractor and the key contract deliverables each sub-contractor will be responsible for.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
d) Bidding as a consortium but not proposing to create a new legal entity. If yes, please include details of your consortium in the next column and use a separate Appendix to explain the alternative arrangements i.e. why a new legal entity is not being created. Please note that the Authority may require the consortium to assume a specific legal form if awarded the contract, to the extent that it is necessary for the satisfactory performance of the contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>Consortium members</u> <u>Lead member</u>

e) Bidding as a consortium and intend to create a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
If yes, please include details of your consortium, current lead member and intended SPV in the next column and provide full details of the bidding model using a separate Appendix.	<u>Consortium members</u> <u>Current lead member</u> <u>Name of Special Purpose Vehicle</u>

2 - Grounds for mandatory exclusion

You will be excluded from the procurement process if there is evidence of convictions relating to specific criminal offences including, but not limited to, bribery, corruption, conspiracy, terrorism, fraud and money laundering, or if you have been the subject of a binding legal decision which found a breach of legal obligations to pay tax or social security obligations (except where this is disproportionate e.g. only minor amounts involved).

If you have answered "yes" to question 2.2 on the non-payment of taxes or social security contributions, and have not paid or entered into a binding arrangement to pay the full amount, you may still avoid exclusion if only minor tax or social security contributions are unpaid or if you have not yet had time to fulfil your obligations since learning of the exact amount due. If your organisation is in that position please provide details using a separate Appendix. You may contact the Authority for advice before completing this form.

2.1 Within the past five years, has your organisation (or any member of your proposed consortium, if applicable), Directors or partner or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control been convicted of any of the following offences?	Please indicate your answer by marking 'X' in the relevant box.	
	Yes	No
(a) conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977 or article 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA on the fight against organised crime;		
(b) corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889 or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906;		
(c) the common law offence of bribery;		
(d) bribery within the meaning of sections 1, 2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010; or section 113 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;		
(e) any of the following offences, where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities:		
(i) the offence of cheating the Revenue;		
(ii) the offence of conspiracy to defraud;		
(iii) fraud or theft within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968, the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, the Theft Act 1978 or the Theft (Northern Ireland) Order 1978;		
(iv) fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 458 of the Companies Act 1985, article 451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006;		

(v) fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;		
(vi) an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993;		

(vii) destroying, defacing or concealing of documents or procuring the execution of a valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968 or section 19 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;		
(viii) fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006; or		
(ix) the possession of articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 6 of the Fraud Act 2006, or the making, adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of that Act;		
(f) any offence listed—		
(i) in section 41 of the Counter Terrorism Act 2008; or		
(ii) in Schedule 2 to that Act where the court has determined that there is a terrorist connection;		
(g) any offence under sections 44 to 46 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 which relates to an offence covered by subparagraph (f);		
(h) money laundering within the meaning of sections 340(11) and 415 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002;		
(i) an offence in connection with the proceeds of criminal conduct within the meaning of section 93A, 93B or 93C of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 or article 45, 46 or 47 of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;		
(j) an offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc.) Act 2004;		
(k) an offence under section 59A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;		
(l) an offence under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009		
(m) an offence in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking within the meaning of section 49, 50 or 51 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994; or		
(n) any other offence within the meaning of Article 57(1) of the Public Contracts Directive—		
(i) as defined by the law of any jurisdiction outside England and Wales and Northern Ireland; or		
(ii) Created, after the day on which these Regulations were made, in the law of England and Wales or Northern Ireland.		

<p><u>Non-payment of taxes</u></p> <p>2.2 Has it been established by a judicial or administrative decision having final and binding effect in accordance with the legal provisions of any part of the United Kingdom or the legal provisions of the country in which your organisation is established (if outside the UK), that your organisation is in breach of obligations related to the payment of tax or social security contributions?</p> <p>If you have answered Yes to this question, please use a separate Appendix to provide further details. Please also use this Appendix to confirm whether you have paid, or have entered into a binding arrangement with a view to paying, including, where applicable, any accrued interest and/or fines?</p>		
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3. Grounds for discretionary exclusion – Part 1

The Authority may exclude any Supplier who answers 'Yes' in any of the following situations set out in paragraphs (a) to (i);

3.1 Within the past three years, please indicate if any of the following situations have applied, or currently apply, to your organisation.	Please indicate your answer by marking 'X' in the relevant box.	
	Yes	No
your organisation has violated applicable obligations referred to in regulation 56 (2) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 in the fields of environmental, social and labour law established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by the international environmental, social and labour law provisions listed in Annex X to the Public Contracts Directive as amended from time to time;		
your organisation is bankrupt or is the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where your assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an arrangement with creditors, where its business activities are suspended or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any State;		
your organisation is guilty of grave professional misconduct, which renders its integrity questionable;		
your organisation has entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition;		
your organisation has a conflict of interest within the meaning of regulation 24 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 that cannot be effectively remedied by other, less intrusive, measures;		
the prior involvement of your organisation in the preparation of the procurement procedure has resulted in a distortion of competition, as referred to in regulation 41, that cannot be remedied by other, less intrusive, measures;		
your organisation has shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions;		
your organisation— (i) has been guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria; or (ii) has withheld such information or is not able to submit supporting documents required under regulation 59 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015; or		
(i) your organisation has undertaken to		
(aa) unduly influence the decision-making process of the contracting authority, or		
(bb) obtain confidential information that may confer upon your organisation undue advantages in the procurement procedure; or		
(j) your organisation has negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.		

Conflicts of interest

In accordance with question 3.1 (e), the Authority may exclude the Supplier if there is a conflict of interest which cannot be effectively remedied. The concept of a conflict of interest includes any situation where relevant staff members have, directly or indirectly, a financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the context of the procurement procedure.

Where there is any indication that a conflict of interest exists or may arise then it is the responsibility of the Supplier to inform the Authority, detailing the conflict in a separate Appendix. Provided that it has been carried out in a transparent manner, routine pre-market engagement carried out by the Authority should not represent a conflict of interest for the Supplier.

Taking Account of Bidders' Past Performance

In accordance with question (g), the Authority may assess the past performance of a Supplier (through a Certificate of Performance provided by a Customer or other means of evidence). The Authority may take into account any failure to discharge obligations under the previous principal relevant contracts of the Supplier completing this Annex B1. The Authority may also assess whether specified minimum standards for reliability for such contracts are met.

In addition, the Authority may re-assess reliability based on past performance at key stages in the procurement process (i.e. supplier selection, tender evaluation, contract award stage etc.). Suppliers may also be asked to update the evidence they provide in this section to reflect more recent performance on new or existing contracts (or to confirm that nothing has changed).

'Self-cleaning'

Any Supplier that answers 'Yes' to questions 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1 should provide sufficient evidence, in a separate Appendix, that provides a summary of the circumstances and any remedial action that has taken place subsequently and effectively "self-cleans" the situation referred to in that question. The supplier has to demonstrate it has taken such remedial action, to the satisfaction of the Authority in each case.

If such evidence is considered by the Authority (whose decision will be final) as sufficient, the economic operator concerned shall be allowed to continue in the procurement process.

In order for the evidence referred to above to be sufficient, the Supplier shall, as a minimum, prove that it has;

- paid or undertaken to pay compensation in respect of any damage caused by the criminal offence or misconduct;
- clarified the facts and circumstances in a comprehensive manner by actively collaborating with the investigating authorities; and
- taken concrete technical, organisational and personnel measures that are appropriate to prevent further criminal offences or misconduct.

The measures taken by the Supplier shall be evaluated taking into account the gravity and particular circumstances of the criminal offence or misconduct. Where the measures are considered by the Authority to be insufficient, the Supplier shall be given a statement of the reasons for that decision.

4 - Economic and Financial Standing

FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
<p>Please provide one of the following to demonstrate your economic/financial standing; Please indicate your answer with an 'X' in the relevant box.</p>		
4.1	(a) A copy of the audited accounts for the most recent two years	
	(b) A statement of the turnover, profit & loss account, current liabilities and assets, and cash flow for the most recent year of trading for this organisation	
	(c) A statement of the cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position	
	(d) Alternative means of demonstrating financial status if any of the above are not available (e.g. Forecast of turnover for the current year and a statement of funding provided by the owners and/or the bank, charity accruals accounts or an alternative means of demonstrating financial status).	

Section 5	Modern Slavery Act 2015: Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015	
5.1	Are you a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 ("Transparency in supply chains etc.") of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 ("the Act")?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
5.2	If you have answered yes to question 7.1 are you compliant with the annual reporting requirements contained within Section 54 of the Act 2015?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please provide the relevant url ... No <input type="checkbox"/> Please provide an explanation

6 - 9 Additional Sections

Suppliers who self-certify that they meet the requirements for these additional sections will be required to provide evidence of this if they are successful at contract award stage. Please indicate your answer by marking 'X' in the relevant boxes.

6 - Insurance

1.	<p>Please self-certify whether you already have, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:</p> <p>Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5m Public Liability Insurance = £5m Professional Indemnity Insurance = £5m Product Liability Insurance = £5m</p> <p>* It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5 million as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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7 – Compliance with equality legislation

For organisations working outside of the UK please refer to equivalent legislation in the country that you are located.		
1.	<p>In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	<p>In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds or alleged unlawful discrimination?</p> <p>If you have answered "yes" to one or both of the questions in this section, please provide, as a separate Appendix, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.</p> <p>If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the Appendix to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.</p> <p>You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.	<p>If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

8 - Environmental Management

1.	<p>Has your organisation been convicted of breaching environmental legislation, or had any notice served upon it, in the last three years by any environmental regulator or authority (including local authority)?</p> <p>If your answer to the this question is "Yes", please provide details in a separate</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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	Appendix of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served. The Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under environmental legislation in the last 3 years, unless the Authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.	
2.	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of these organisations have been convicted or had a notice served upon them for infringement of environmental legislation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

9 - Health and Safety

1.	Please self-certify that your organisation has a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislative requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Has your organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years? If your answer to this question was "Yes", please provide details in a separate Appendix of any enforcement/remedial orders served and give details of any remedial action or changes to procedures you have made as a result. The Authority will exclude bidder(s) that have been in receipt of enforcement/remedial action orders unless the bidder(s) can demonstrate to the Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences or breaches.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Notes for completion

1. “Authority” means the public sector contracting authority, or anyone acting on behalf of the contracting authority, that is seeking to invite suitable suppliers to participate in this procurement process.
2. “You”/ “Your” or “Supplier” means the body completing these questions **i.e. the legal entity seeking to be invited to the next stage of the procurement process and responsible for the information provided.** The ‘Supplier’ is intended to cover any economic operator as defined by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and could be a registered company; charitable organisation; Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE); Special Purpose Vehicle; or other form of entity.
3. The Eligibility Questions in this Annex B1 have been designed to assess the suitability of a Supplier to deliver the Authority’s contract requirement(s). If you pass all Eligibility Questions, the Authority will mark Annex B3 (Tender Response Document).
4. Please ensure that all questions are completed in full, and in the format requested. Failure to do so may result in your submission being disqualified. If the question does not apply to you, please state clearly ‘N/A’.
5. Should you need to provide additional Appendices in response to the questions, these should be numbered clearly and listed as part of your declaration. A template for providing additional information is provided at the end of this document.
6. Please return a completed version of this document to the Authority in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders in Section A of this ITT.

Verification of Information Provided

7. Whilst reserving the right to request information at any time throughout the procurement process, the Authority may enable the Supplier to self-certify that there are no mandatory/ discretionary grounds for excluding their organisation. When requesting evidence that the Supplier can meet the specified requirements (such as the questions in section 7 of this Annex B1 relating to Technical and Professional Ability) the Authority may only obtain such evidence after the final tender evaluation decision i.e. from the winning Supplier only.

Sub-contracting arrangements

8. Where the Supplier proposes to use one or more sub-contractors to deliver some or all of the contract requirements, a separate Appendix should be used to provide details of the proposed bidding model that includes members of the supply chain, the percentage of work being delivered by each sub-contractor and the key contract deliverables each sub-contractor will be responsible for.

9. The Authority recognises that arrangements in relation to sub-contracting may be subject to future change, and may not be finalised until a later date. However, Suppliers should be aware that where information provided to the Authority indicates that sub-contractors are to play a significant role in delivering key contract requirements, any changes to those sub-contracting arrangements may affect the ability of the Supplier to proceed with the procurement process or to provide the supplies and/or services required. Suppliers should therefore notify the Authority immediately of any change in the proposed sub-contractor arrangements. The Authority reserves the right to deselect the Supplier prior to any award of contract, based on an assessment of the updated information.

Consortia arrangements

10. If the Supplier completing this Annex B1 is doing so as part of a proposed consortium, the following information must be provided;

- names of all consortium members;
- the lead member of the consortium who will be contractually responsible for delivery of the contract (if a separate legal entity is not being created); and
- if the consortium is not proposing to form a legal entity, full details of proposed arrangements within a separate Appendix.

11. Please note that the Authority may require the consortium to assume a specific legal form if awarded the contract, to the extent that a specific legal form is deemed by the Authority as being necessary for the satisfactory performance of the contract.

12. All members of the consortium will be required to provide the information required in all sections of this Annex B1 as part of a single composite response to the Authority i.e. each member of the consortium is required to complete the form.

13. Where you are proposing to create a separate legal entity, such as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), you should provide details of the actual or proposed percentage shareholding of the constituent members within the new legal entity in a separate Appendix.

14. The Authority recognises that arrangements in relation to a consortium bid may be subject to future change. Suppliers should therefore respond on the basis of the arrangements as currently envisaged. Suppliers are reminded that the Authority must be immediately notified of any changes, or proposed changes, in relation to the bidding model so that a further assessment can be carried out by applying the selection criteria to the new information provided. The Authority reserves the right to deselect the Supplier prior to any award of contract, based on an assessment of the updated information.

Confidentiality

15. When providing details of contracts in answering section 6 of this Annex B1 (Technical and Professional Ability), the Supplier agrees to waive any contractual or other confidentiality rights and obligations associated with these contracts.

16. The Authority reserves the right to contact the named customer contact in section 6 regarding the contracts included in section 6. The named customer contact does not owe the Authority any duty of care or have any legal liability, except for any deceitful or maliciously false statements of fact.

17. The Authority confirms that it will keep confidential and will not disclose to any third parties any information obtained from a named customer contact, other than to the Cabinet Office and/or contracting authorities defined by the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Conflicts of interest

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- paid or undertaken to pay compensation in respect of any damage caused by the criminal offence or misconduct;
- clarified the facts and circumstances in a comprehensive manner by actively collaborating with the investigating authorities; and
- taken concrete technical, organisational and personnel measures that are appropriate to prevent further criminal offences or misconduct.

The measures taken by the Supplier shall be evaluated taking into account the gravity and particular circumstances of the criminal offence or misconduct. Where the measures are considered by the Authority to be insufficient, the Supplier shall be given a statement of the reasons for that decision.

ANNEX B2
SPECIFICATION

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICE

ITT Part B Annex B2

Service Specification



Website hosting and
technical support spe

ANNEX B3

TENDER RESPONSE DOCUMENT

Note to Bidders: Your response to this Annex B3 will form part of the Specification and Tender Response Document as defined in the Contract. As such, it will form part of your contractual obligations to the Authority if you are awarded a contract.

Please respond to both the qualification and Quality Questions along with submitting full service costs using the On-Line Response Template within the Bravo e-procurement portal. www.ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk. You must answer each question using the on-line template only including attachments where requested within the question. Please **do not** respond using your own attachment template

ANNEX B4
COMMERCIAL SCHEDULE

Please respond using the on-line template within the Bravo e-procurement portal.
www.ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk.

ANNEX B5

CONFIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SENSITIVE INFORMATION

1 INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE AUTHORITY

- 1.1 All the information that the Authority supplies as part of this contract may be regarded as Confidential Information as defined in Schedule 4 of the NHS Terms and Conditions.

1 INFORMATION THAT THE BIDDER CONSIDERS TO BE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE

- 1.1 The Bidder considers that the type of information listed below is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**") and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("**EIR**") for the reasons given below.

Information considered exempt from disclosure (include page/paragraph reference)	Reason for FOIA/EIR exemption	Period exemption is sought

ANNEX B7

FORM OF TENDER

DECLARATIONS BY THE BIDDER (TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY THE BIDDER) FORM OF TENDER, NON-COLLUSION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ANTI-CANVASSING

DECLARATIONS

TO: NHS Arden & GEM CSU

PROPOSAL TO Provide Website, Hosting and Development

REFERENCE NUMBER: AGEMCSU/TRANS/17/481

Form of Tender

We have examined the invitation to tender ("ITT") dated [30th November 2017] and all accompanying annexes and schedules. This Tender is made subject to the terms of the ITT, including but not limited to the instructions to Bidders.

We declare that to the best of our knowledge the answers submitted in response to the Eligibility Questions (Annex B1 of the ITT) are correct.

We Tender against the requirements, and offer to enter into a contract with the Authority comprising the following:

- the NHS terms and conditions (Annex A1 of the ITT);
- the Specification (Annex B2 of the ITT)
- our responses to the Tender Response Document (Annex B3 of the ITT); and
- our response to the Pricing Schedule (Annex B4 of the ITT).

Accordingly, this Tender is a contractual offer capable of acceptance by the Authority. If the Authority unequivocally notifies us of its acceptance of this offer or issues a purchase order in respect of this offer, a legally binding contract shall come into force on the terms of the offer and acceptance.

We undertake to keep the Tender open for acceptance by the Authority for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the deadline for receipt of Tenders.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest priced, or any, Tender.

Non-collusive tendering

In recognition of the principle that the essence of tendering is that the Authority shall receive bona fide competitive Tenders from all those tendering, we certify that this Tender is a bona fide Tender that is intended to be competitive.

We have not fixed or adjusted the amount of this Tender under, or in accordance with, any agreement or arrangement with any other person.

We have not done, and we undertake that, we will not do at any time before the hour specified for the return of the Tender any of the following acts:

- communicate to a person other than the Authority the amount or approximate amount of the proposed Tender (except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the Tender was essential to obtain insurance premium quotations required for the preparation of the Tender);
- agree with any person that they shall refrain from tendering or as to the amount of any Tender to be submitted; and
- offer to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done in relation to any other Tender any act or thing of the sort described above.

Conflicts of interest

We acknowledge that we are responsible for ensuring that no conflicts of interest exist between us (and our advisers) and the Authority.

So far as any possible conflict of interest has arisen, we have notified the Authority promptly in writing of that potential conflict of interest and have taken any steps agreed with the Authority to avoid the conflict.

We acknowledge that if we fail to comply with this requirement, we may be disqualified from the procurement at the discretion of the Authority.

Anti-canvassing confirmation

We have not canvassed or solicited any member, officer or employee of the Authority, in connection with the proposed contract award and to the best of our knowledge and belief nor has any person employed by us or acting on our behalf done any such act.

We further undertake that we will not in the future canvass or solicit any member, officer or employee of the Authority, in connection with the proposed contract and that no person employed by us or acting on our behalf will do any such act.

Name of person duly authorised to sign tenders:

Date:

Name:

in the capacity of:

duly authorised to sign tenders for and on behalf of:

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By completing this Form of Tender and submitting your Tender you have agreed that the statements in this Form of Tender are correct and that you have complied, and will continue to comply, with the Authority's policies on non-collusion, conflicts of interest and anti-canvassing.