

**Highways England**

**Request for Quotation**

**TMTii 05 - Management of the SMCALo and its Website for Highways England SMCALo Operations**

*(Smart Motorway Calibration and Optimisation Services)*

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**TMTF2 Request for Quotations (RfQ)**

General

1. This Request for Quotation (RfQ) applies for the submission of quotations for “**TMTii 05 - Management of the SMCALo and its Website for Highways England SMCALo Operations”** under Lot **12** of the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Traffic Management Technology 2 Framework.
2. The Request for Quotation seeks to determine the most economically advantageous submission for the *Employer.* This will be a compliant, sustainable and affordable bid with the highest overall score.
3. Quotation Submissions must be made in accordance with this RfQ. Quotation Submissions not complying with this RfQ may be rejected by the *Employer* whose decision in the matter will be final.
4. For enquiries contact the *Employer* via the e-sourcing portal, <https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk>. The Procurement Officer for this further competition is **Jason Prichard**. Contact with the Procurement Officer must be made via the e-sourcing portal only. Unless otherwise directed in this RfQ:

• Suppliers must not contact any person in relation to this competition other than the Procurement Officer, or designated deputy.

• Designated deputies will be Highways England Procurement staff members.

• Suppliers must not discuss this competition with any Highways England Project Sponsor or member of staff unless authorised by the Procurement officer (or their designated deputy).

• Suppliers must immediately inform the Procurement Officer (or designated deputy) via Bravo if they have been contacted by anybody outside of this process.

Failure to comply with the above may lead to exclusion from the competition.

1. Any queries from Suppliers regarding the RfQ documents must be made via the e-sourcing portal and sent to the Procurement Officer no later than **10** **calendar** days prior to the date of return of quotations.
2. All Supplier queries will be acknowledged and responded to by the Procurement Officer. If any response requires a change to the RfQ documents then an amendment will be issued by the Procurement Officer via the e-sourcing portal.
3. Amendments are changes to the documents that are made in writing by the Procurement Officer and issued to all Suppliers. Only in exceptional circumstances will amendments be issued after the Quotations have been submitted. In such circumstances the Procurement Officer will notify all Suppliers of the required action.
4. Highways England officers and their consultants do not have the authority to make any changes to the RfQ documents except through an amendment issued by the Procurement Officer. If a statement is made at any meeting that a Supplier considers is not in accordance with the RfQ documents then the Supplier must refer the matter to the Procurement Officer as a query.
5. This RfQ and Quotation Submission must be treated as private and confidential. Suppliers should not disclose the fact that they have been invited to submit a Quotation or release details of the RfQ, other than on an “in confidence” basis to those who have a legitimate need to know or whom they need to consult for the purpose of preparing the Quotation Submission. Suppliers must not release information concerning this RfQ for publication in the press or on radio, television, screen or any other medium.
6. Under the Cabinet Office’s Guidance Note dated May 2012 entitled “Transparency – Publication of New Central Government Contracts”, or any later revision, the *Employer* is obliged to publish awarded Call Off Agreements, including the information submitted to the *Employer* by the Supplier as part of the further competition, excluding only information which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The *Employer’s* initial view is that only materials likely to be excluded from publication on this basis are as follows:

* CV’s for the people listed in the Call Off Agreement
* Build ups of the prices but not the prices in the price schedule

The Supplier is invited to identify (with reasons) those materials which he wishes to see excluded from publication. The Supplier acknowledges that the final decision as to which materials are excluded rests with the *Employer* its sole discretion. Any request by the Supplier to exclude material is for information only and will not be taken into account in the assessment process, nor will it form part of any Call Off Agreement between the *Employer* and the Supplier.

1. The timetable for this further competition is included at [Annex A](#_Annex_A_-).
2. The RfQ includes the following documentation:

* Request for Quotation (RfQ)
* The Call off Agreement which includes
  + Contract Data
  + Form of Agreement
* Scope
* Resource Schedule
* price schedule
* Collaborative Performance Framework

Quotation Submission

1. The Quotation Submission will comprise of the following:

* The Quality Submission
* Financial Submission

1. The Quality Submission must follow the structure set out and cover the issues identified in the award criteria tables in [Annex B](#_Annex_B_–).
2. Any drawings, prints, specifications, data, calculations, and analyses issued to Suppliers in connection with this further competition remain the property of the *Employer.* All such information issued to Suppliers may only be used for the purpose of providing a Quotation Submission. Such information should not be disclosed to persons unconnected with the Quotation Submission and should be returned to the *Employer* on completion of the further competition. These provisions apply equally to drawings and other information supplied for the further competition the property rights of which vest in a third party.
3. Quotation Submissions and supporting documents must be written in English.
4. Quotation Submissions must be submitted in accordance with the RfQ. Quotation Submissions must not be qualified or accompanied by statements or a covering letter that might be construed as rendering the quotations equivocal. The *Employer’s* decision as to whether or not a Quotation Submission complies with this RfQ will be final.
5. Quotation Submissions not received by the *Employer* by **14.00 17 November 2017** may be excluded from further consideration and returned to Suppliers. Quotation Submissions should remain open for acceptance for **120** calendar days from the return date.
6. The Quotation Submission should be returned together with the documents listed below via the *Employer’s* e-sourcing portal at <https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk>.
7. Documents are to be in Microsoft Office 2010 format.
8. The following online forms are included at [Annex F](#_Annex_F_-). Suppliers must indicate their acceptance by completing the relevant fields via the technical envelope on the e-sourcing portal:

* Anti-Collusion Certificate;
* Fair Payment Charter;
* Anti-Bribery Code of Conduct;
* Anti-Fraud Code of Conduct;
* Quotation declarations.

1. Suppliers are to include in their Quality Submission, via the technical envelope on the e-sourcing portal:

* Methodology statement, in response to the quality questions in Annex B, to describing the approach proposed to complete the work in the Scope.
* Resource Schedule
* A programme showing the timing of the deliverables identified in the Scope;
* *Key people* schedule and CV’s
* Draft quality plan
* Risk Register identifying and describing the risk, to include the estimated effect of the risk on programme and cost. It must not include any reallocation of risks (see [Annex D](#_Annex_D_-)).
* a Parent Company Guarantee using the form provided in the Scope (if applicable)
* Information Assurance statement

1. Suppliers are to include with their Financial Submission, via the commercial envelope on the e-sourcing portal:

* The completed Contract Data part 2;
* **price schedule containing the** Resource Cost Schedule
* Task Schedule
* a statement indicating which information the Supplier would like withheld from any transparency publication
* a statement undertaking responsibility for dealing with insurance claims or parts of such claims within the excess amount

Quality Submission

1. It is important to note that information contained in the Quality Submission will be referred to in, and become an actionable term, of the Call Off Agreement.
2. The Quality Submission will become the Quality Statement in the Contract Data.
3. The Quality Submission must not exceed the page limit, which is **40** digital A4 sized pages. The draft quality plan must not exceed **15** digital A4 sized pages.Suppliers may use A3 size in lieu of A4, but each A3 sized page will be counted as two A4 pages. Text must be in Arial font and not smaller than 11 point.
4. If the Quality Submission exceeds the page limit than pages beyond the limit will be discounted. If Suppliers consider that the page limit is insufficient to provide the information required by this RfQ then a query should be raised. No guarantee can be given that the page limit will be increased.
5. The page limit and font size relate to the entire Quality Statement including paper covers, title pages and annexes. Text no smaller than 8 point should be used for drawings, diagrams and flow charts. The pages of the Quality Statement must be numbered. Page numbers and other header or footer information may be included in the margin space.
6. Suppliers are to complete and return the *key people* schedule in the form set out in [Annex G](#_Annex_G_-). A CV for each *key person* of not more than two pages of A4 size must be included with the *key people* schedule. The minimum period of availability is to be given for each named person.
7. Suppliers are to complete and return the Resource Schedule in the form provided.
8. The Resource Schedule must make allowances for all of the work necessary to complete all Tasks included in the Scope. Suppliers may define more specific sub-activities, as deemed appropriate.
9. The Resource Schedule must also align with the Task Schedule.

Financial Submission

1. The Financial Submission should be completed using theprice schedule issued with this RfQ.
2. The prices provided by the Supplier are to be based on the information provided in Schedule 3 of the TMT2 Framework Agreement. Any prices submitted for a Call Off Agreement are to be equal to or lower than the Traffic Management Technology Framework Prices.

Suppliers are to provide a priced Task Schedule using the form provided.

1. Suppliers are to provide, **using the price schedule provided**.
   * A Resource Cost Schedule setting out the forecast cost build-up of the lump sum for the Tasks included in the Resource Cost Schedule. *Staff rates* used in the Resource Cost Schedule must be consistent with the *staff rates* submitted by the Supplier in their Contract Data. A Submission that uses *staff rates* that are not consistent with the *staff rat*es in the Suppliers Contract Data to complete their resource cost schedule will be rejected.
   * A list of list of *staff rates* current at the time of tender for people proposed for use on this contract
   * The staff rates will be used as the basis for calculating the lump sum for future Tasks, after contract award
2. The Supplier’s resources contained in the Resource Cost Schedule must align with the Resource Schedule. If the resources do not align then
   * A Supplier will not be permitted to amend the resources in the Resource Cost Schedule and
   * The Supplier will be required to resubmit the Resource Schedule so that the resources align with the resources in the Resource Cost Schedule. If required, a Supplier that does not resubmit a Resource Schedule that complies with this paragraph the tender will be rejected
3. If the Prices in the Task Schedule are not consistent with the Resource Cost Schedule, the Price in the Task Schedule is taken as being correct
4. Suppliers must note that each item set out in the price schedule must be completed and separately priced. Suppliers are not permitted to:
   * Price any item or activity within another item or activity in the price schedule.
   * Cross subsidise any item or activity within any other item or activity in the price schedule.
   * Make any assumptions regarding the use or relevance of any item or activity in the price schedule.
   * Price any items which have been identified in the *Price Schedule* as not requiring to be priced; or
   * Duplicate any price in the price schedule.
5. Suppliers who price on any other basis and/or make such assumptions will be rejected.
6. A Financial Submission that is based on any other basis than that set out in the Contract Data and price schedule will be rejected.

Other Information

1. In addition to the above Suppliers must return the other information set out below.
2. Not used.
3. Every Government Department is required to take suitable precautions to safeguard its information. Information Assurance is the confidence that information and communications systems will protect the information they handle, and will function as and when they need to under the control of legitimate users. Suppliers are to provide a description of their proposals for handling information, in [Annex E](#_Annex_F_–), so that the suitability of their proposed Information Assurance solutions can be assessed.

Quotation Assessment Procedure

1. The *Employer’s* assessment of the Quotation Submissions will be carried out in stages
2. In the first stage the Procurement Officer will check Quotation Submission compliance,
3. In the second stage, the Quality Assessment Panel and Finance Assessment Panel will judge the Quotation Submissions, based wholly on the contents of the Submission which must therefore contain all the information which Suppliers wish to be considered. The Quality Panel and Financial Panel assessors will work independently and will not have access to each other’s assessments until after the validation of the Financial Submission.
4. Any uncertainty over the meaning of the Quality Submission will be removed before the Quality Assessment Panel completes their marking. No further clarification queries on the Quality Submission will be made after the marking is completed.
5. The final stage will involve a sustainability check and conformation of the availability of *key people* andinsurances*.*
6. Clarification queries are statements requested from Suppliers by the Procurement Officer to remove any ambiguity over the meaning of the Quotation Submission. Clarification queries will be recorded in writing. If necessary to complete their marking, the assessment panels will seek clarifications from the Supplier via the Procurement Officer. If a clarification response provides information not requested by the Procurement Officer then this information will not be accepted.
7. Suppliers should note that the *Employer* will investigate a potentially abnormally low quotation as provided for under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) on any aspect of a quotation and at any stage of the process.
8. An equivocal quotation or a quotation which does not comply with the quotation documents, including any amendments, may result in the quotation being rejected.
9. The *Employer* will assess whether the Information Assurance solutions submitted in [Annex E](#_Annex_F_–) provide adequate protective security for personal and confidential information. The Procurement Officer may refer any concerns to the appropriate Supplier, and unless the Supplier is able to demonstrate that its proposals can be relied on, the quotation will be rejected.
10. The Quality Assessment Panel assesses the Quality Submission by using the scoring matrix within Annex C and awarding marks against each of the quality questions given in table 2B of Annex C to record their marks and applies the weighting as specified in order to determine the weighted marks.
11. The minimum quality requirement is to reach a total threshold of **90** *(****out of 180****)* marks for the Quality Submission. A Supplier that has failed to achieve the minimum quality requirements may not be considered further, and if excluded, the Supplier will be notified by the Procurement Officer. If the Submission is not excluded the normalised marks achieved by the Quality Submission will be used in subsequent calculations.
12. When marking the Quality Submission, the Quality Assessment Panel will determine which submission provides the *Employer* with the most confidence that the *Employer’s* objectives as stated in the Scope will be delivered and continual improvement achieved. The panel will take into account the *key people* schedule when marking the Quality Submission.
13. The Supplier with the highest total quality mark is given a score of 100. The score of the other Suppliers will be calculated by deducting from 100, one point for each full percentage point by which their mark is below the highest mark.
14. A Financial Assessment Panel will calculate a price for each Supplier who has not been excluded. The price will be calculated from the total cost of the work set out in the price schedule.
15. The Supplier with the lowest price submitted is given a score of 100. The scores of other Suppliers are calculated by deducting from 100 one point for each full percentage point by which their price is above the lowest price.
16. Any uncertainty over the meaning of the Financial Submission will be removed via clarification queries and responses before the Financial Panel complete their marking.
17. The quality score and the financial score will be combined in the ratio of 70:30 applied to the Quality and Finance scores respectively. The total score will be expressed to one decimal place. The Supplier that will be considered further will be the Supplier with highest total score.
18. The Financial Panel may validate the Quotation Submissions to check that the costs included are representative of the likely costs to be incurred. As part of this validation the Financial Panel may ask to be provided with original evidence that demonstrates that the allowances made are based on costs actually incurred. The Panel may wish to interview appropriate accounting staff to provide the level of satisfaction required. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence to support any part of this aspect of the Quotation Submission may result in the Quotation Submission being rejected.
19. The Quality Assessment Panel and the Financial Assessment Panel will jointly review the material submitted with the quotation to verify that the resources proposed are likely to deliver the level of service set out in the Quality Submission.
20. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence to support any part of this aspect of the quotation may result in the quotation being rejected.
21. Before a Call Off Agreement is awarded the *Employer* will require confirmation that the team offered in the *key people* schedule is available to start the project. Failure to offer a compliant team may lead to the rejection of the Quotation Submission.
22. The Call Off Agreement must operate as a viable business for both partners. The *Employer* seeks to have the required level of service at an affordable cost, whilst providing a reasonable profit for the Supplier. Excessively low or high quotation will be subject to scrutiny, and may be rejected if considered not sustainable over the Call Off Agreement period or not affordable.
23. Prior to the award of any Call Off Agreement the Supplier must provide evidence that insurance required by the Call Off Agreement is in place.

Award

1. The *Employer* reserves the right not to proceed with any Quotation Submissions made in response to this Request for Quotation.
2. When satisfied that the correct procedures have been followed the Procurement Officer informs all Suppliers which Quotation Submission the *Employer* proposes to accept if any, including written feedback of the assessments, starting a **10** day standstill period.
3. To award a Call Off Agreement the *Employer* will issue a Form of Agreement to the Supplier, for signature and return.
4. The *Employer,* upon receipt,will then also sign the Form of Agreement and issue a copy to the Supplier. A Call Off Agreement will then be formed.
5. The *Employer* intends to award the Call Off Agreement but reserves the right not to proceed with any of the Quotation Submissions received in response to this RfQ.
6. Details of awarded Call Off Agreements over £10k will be published on the Contracts Finder website.

## Annex A – Further Competition Timetable

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| **Item** | **Activity** | **Target Date** *(if possible to state)* | **Week(s)** |
| 1 | Issue Quotation documents | 2 November 2017 | 0 |
| 2 | Last Date for Supplier queries | 27 November 2017 | 4 |
| 3 | Quotation Return | 7 December 2017 | 6 |
| 4 | Marking of the Quality Submission | - | 7-9 |
| 5 | Financial Scoring | - | 7-9 |
| 6 | Supplier with the highest score identified | - | 10 |
| 7 | Standstill period  (includes written feedback ) | - | 10-11 |
| 8 | Award Call Off Agreement | - | 12 |

**\* All indicated timescales are approximate**

## Annex B – Call off Agreement Award Criteria

**Table 1**

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| **Criteria Ref** | **Criteria** | **Percentage Weightings (or rank order of importance where applicable) - to be set by the *Employer* conducting the further competition** |
| A | Quality (including delivery time, sales service, good value, accessories, service fitness for purpose) | **70** |
| B | Price | **30** |

**Quality Criteria**

Suppliers should use the headings, and respond to the quality questions below in their Methodology Statement.

**Table 2**

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| **Methodology Statement headings** | | **Quality Questions**  \* If required, use clear cross referencing to other sections  \* Cross reference to your draft quality plan where/ if applicable |
| **1** | **Health and Safety** | **1.1 Organisational Arrangements**  Describe your approach on the following aspects.  Note: You should clearly show how your approach applies throughout your organisation from Board Level (or equivalent) to trainees on.   * How you will manage (including any training) and organise the H&S of the workforce (and Supply Chain if applicable)? * Show your management arrangements confirming that they comply with legislative responsibilities.   Also provide supporting evidence from **two** previous similar projects, showing that your approach is likely to be successfully delivered. |
| **1.2 Improving H&S performance**  Please describe how you will improve your performance to ensure your H&S measures are effective in reducing / preventing incidents, occupational ill-health and accidents. Also provide evidence from previous **two** similar projects to demonstrate improving H&S performance. |
| **2** | **Collaborative Behaviour** | **2.1** - Describe you approach to working with *the Employer* to measure the aspects of the Collaborative Performance Framework. Describe how you will work together to ensure that the service levels required will be achieved and exceeded where possible. |
| **3** | **Customer and Stakeholders** | **3.1** - Describe innovations that could provide “added value" in the operation of delivering a SMCALo project.  Identify where you consider that the Highways England may be able to achieve benefits for this contract. |
| **3.2 –** Present and explain your Risk Register.  Include a clear description how you will deal with risks and will continue to identify risks. |
| **5** | **Quality** | **5.1 -** State why your company is best fitted to deliver high quality outputs throughout this Contract.  Provide **two** supporting examples showing actual experience of the delivery and operation of similar projects. |
| **5.2** - Describe the design and delivery stages of a Smart Motorway SMCALo scheme for a new Three Lane + Dynamic Hard shoulder configuration. |
| **5.3 -**  Task Order 6 of the Scope in Appendix 5 indicates that we intend to migrate SMCALo project to work with CHARM. Please describe your initial approach to this, including a system architecture diagram and by referencing your success with a similar project. |
| **5.4 –** Present your *key people* *schedule,* supporting CVs and Resource Schedule.  Include a ‘family tree’ for the project and explain how and why you have decided on the number of staff employed and availability time that will be allocated for this contract. Refer to relevant experience and expertise as appropriate. |
| **6** | **Time** | **6.1 -** Describe how your company will manage the project transition from award of contract to operational services for SMCALo. Clearly cross reference to your draft quality plan.  Note that your draft quality plan will also be assessed and marked as part of this section. |
| **6.2 -** Describe your approach to implementing enhancements of self-calibration to the SMCALo toolkit (as detailed in Appendix 5 Task Order 5 of the Scope), to ensure they will be completed on time and right first time. |
| **7** | **Cost** | **7.1 -** Describe your approach to delivering the Customer value for money over the term of the contract, including:  a) Providing accurate cost estimates in response to task instruction, ensuring appropriate resource allocation and utilisation for defined operational delivery tasks.  b) Financial management including robust/ timely forecasting and invoicing arrangements. |
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Annex C – Marking the Quality Submission

**Table 1 – Scoring Matrix**

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|  | **How well does the Quality Submission meet the Call Off requirements as described in the Scope and demonstrate an understanding of the risks to the work?** | **Mark** |
| Weak | The Quality Submission has not considered fully the requirements of the Call Off objectives and fails to address adequately the main management and technical risks. | 1-4 |
| Acceptable | The Quality Submission demonstrates an adequate understanding of the Call Off objectives and covers the main management and technical risks to an acceptable standard. The programme and proposed resources are just sufficient for the methodology described. | 5 |
| Good | The Quality Submission demonstrates a good understanding of the Call Off objectives. It deals fully with the main management and technical risks. The programme and resources proposed are balanced against the resources and approach proposed to mitigate risks. | 6-7 |
| Very Good | The Quality Submission demonstrates a very good understanding of the Call Off objectives which give a high degree of confidence that the Call Off will be completed within the time and budget constraints and will mitigate risks. Optimal levels of resource have been allocated to the programme. | 8-9 |
| Excellent | The Quality Submission has been tailored specifically to suit the Call Off objectives and uses innovative approaches to deal comprehensively with the main management and technical risks, and is highly likely to maximise performance against key performance indicators and deliver continual improvement. | 10 |

**Table 2A: Quality Submission non weighted marking table**

Not used

**Table 2B: Quality Submission weighted marking table**

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| **Description** | **Mark out of 10** | **Sub Weighting** | **Total Mark**  (mark multiplied by the sub weighting) |
| **1. Health and Safety Management** | | | |
| **1.1 Organisational Arrangements**  Describe your approach on the following aspects.  Note: You should clearly show how your approach applies throughout your organisation from Board Level (or equivalent) to trainees on.   * How you will manage (including any training) and organise the H&S of the workforce (and Supply Chain if applicable)? * Show your management arrangements confirming that they comply with legislative responsibilities.   Also provide supporting evidence from **two** previous similar projects, showing that your approach is likely to be successfully delivered. |  | **X 1** | / 10 |
| **1.2 Improving H&S performance**  Please describe how you will improve your performance to ensure your H&S measures are effective in reducing / preventing incidents, occupational ill-health and accidents. Also provide evidence from previous **two** similar projects to demonstrate improving H&S performance. |  | **X 1** | / 10 |
| **2. Collaboration** | |  |  |
| **2.1** - Describe you approach to working with *the Employer* to measure the aspects of the Collaborative Performance Framework. Describe how you will work together to ensure that the service levels required will be achieved and exceeded where possible. |  | **X 2** | / 20 |
| **3. Customer & Stakeholder** | |  |  |
| **3.1** - Describe innovations that could provide “added value" in the operation of delivering a SMCALo project.  Identify where you consider that the Highways England may be able to achieve benefits for this contract. |  | **X 2** | / 20 |
| **3.2 –** Present and explain your Risk Register.  Include a clear description how you will deal with risks and will continue to identify risks. |  | **X 2** | / 20 |
| **5. Quality** | |  |  |
| **5.1 -** State why your company is best fitted to deliver high quality outputs throughout this Contract.  Provide **two** supporting examples showing actual experience of the delivery and operation of similar projects. |  | **X 1** | / 10 |
| **5.2** - Describe the design and delivery stages of a Smart Motorway SMCALo scheme for a new Three Lane + Dynamic Hard shoulder configuration. |  | **X 1** | / 10 |
| **5.3 -** Task Order 6 of the Scope in Appendix 5 indicates that we intend to migrate SMCALo project to work with CHARM. Please describe your initial approach to this, including a system architecture diagram and by referencing your success with a similar project. |  | **X 1** | / 10 |
| **5.4 –** Present your key people schedule, supporting CVs and Resource Schedule.  Include a ‘family tree’ for the project and explain how and why you have decided on the number of staff employed and availability time that will be allocated for this contract. Refer to relevant experience and expertise as appropriate. |  | **X 1** | / 10 |
| **6. Time** |  |  |  |
| **6.1 -** Describe how your company will manage the project transition from award of contract to operational services for SMCALo. Clearly cross reference to your draft quality plan.  Note that your draft quality plan will also be assessed and marked as part of this section. |  | **X 2** | / 20 |
| **6.2 -** Describe your approach to implementing enhancements of self-calibration to the SMCALo toolkit (as detailed in Appendix 5 Task Order 5 of the Scope), to ensure they will be completed on time and right first time. |  | **X 2** | / 20 |
| **7. Cost** |  |  |  |
| **7.1 -** Describe your approach to delivering the Customer value for money over the term of the contract, including:  a) Providing accurate cost estimates in response to task instruction, ensuring appropriate resource allocation and utilisation for defined operational delivery tasks.  b) Financial management including robust/ timely forecasting and invoicing arrangements. |  | X 2 | / 20 |
| **Total Quality Mark** |  |  | / 180 |

## Annex D - Form of Risk Register

Suppliers should identify the risks addressed in their Quality Submission and describe the action proposed to deal with the risk. They should also include any identified opportunities. Add additional lines as required.

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| **Number** | **Risk or Opportunity Description** | **Proposed Action to deal with risk** | **Effect of risk (or opportunity) on programme and cost** |
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## Annex E – Information Assurance requirements and assessment

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| Suppliers are to cover the questions below, giving descriptions where appropriate. This section is not scored as such but is a straight pass/fail against all these questions generally. If Suppliers answer no to any of the questions it does not necessarily mean they would fail however they must provide enough information to show that their policies and processes would align to the *Employer’s* policy, and how. (The procurement officer may request further information to clarify any aspect of the response.)   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | Yes | No | | 1a)  b)  c) | Does the Supplier have a Data handling policy?  Supplier to describe their current data handling policy  Supplier to provide a link to their data handling policy on their website or provide a copy |  |  | | 2a)  b)  c) | Does the Supplier have a quality management system (QMS)?  Supplier to describe this system in relation to information assurance / data handling.  Supplier to provide a link to their QMS or provide a copy |  |  | | 3 | Supplier to confirm that they have read and understood Highways England’s data handling / information assurance policy |  |  | | 4 | Supplier to confirm that their methods of storing data (electronic and paper based copies) meet the requirements of Highways England’s data handling policy.  Supplier to describe these methods and show how they will align with Highways England’s policy. |  |  | | 5 | Is/ will the data be stored in an EU country?  If data is being stored in EU country Supplier to state where and provide evidence to demonstrate that they are adhering to the EU Legislation and describe how they are meeting those requirements.  If a non EU country Supplier to state where and provide evidence to demonstrate that they are adhering to this legislation and describe how they are meeting those requirements. |  |  | | 6 | Supplier to confirm that their IT equipment (including PCs, lap tops and removable media) aligns with Highways England’s data handling policy.  Suppliers to describe how? |  |  | | 7 | Supplier to confirm that the methods of transferring data between approved parties meet the requirements of Highways England’s data handling policy.  Supplier to describe how? |  |  | | 8 | n/a |  |  | | 9 | n/a |  |  | |

## Annex F - Online forms

Highways England, working with its suppliers in good faith and in a spirit of mutual trust and respect, is committed to preventing and identifying collusion, meeting the principles of fair payment, meeting the principles of anti-bribery (as enacted by the Bribery Act 2010 and Ministry of Justice guidance), and working fairly, honestly, with integrity and transparency. Highways England seeks to gain the same commitment from Suppliers through their acknowledgement of these declarations upon submission of quotations.

### Anti-Collusion Certificate

1. We certify that this quotation is made in good faith, and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the quotation in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person(s).
2. We also certify that, prior to the award of any Call Off Agreement for the work, we have not and will not:
   1. communicate the amount or approximate amount of the quotation to any person[[1]](#footnote-1) outside of the parties pertaining to this quotation procedure, other than:
      1. the Secretary of State (or a person duly authorised by him); or
      2. where the confidential disclosure of the approximate amount of the quotation submission was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations required for the Call Off Agreement.
   2. enter into any agreement or arrangement with any person outside of the parties pertaining to this quotation that such person shall refrain from submitting a quotation, that they shall withdraw any quotation once offered, or vary the amount of any quotation to be submitted.
   3. pay, give or offer to pay any sum of money or other valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person outside of the parties responsible for this quotation for doing, having done, causing, or having caused to be done any act or thing of the sort described at (a) or (b) in relation to any other quotation.
3. We further certify that the principles described in paragraph 2 have been, or will be, brought to the attention of all sub-contractors, suppliers and associated companies providing services or materials connected with the quotation and any Call Off Agreement entered into with such sub-contractors, suppliers or associated companies will be made on the basis of compliance with the above principles by all parties.

### Fair Payment Charter

1. We will strive to meet the ‘Fair Payment’ commitments set out below. We will additionally seek to embed the principles throughout our supply chain.
   1. Companies have the right to receive correct full payment as and when due. Deliberate late payment or unjustifiable withholding of payment is ethically not acceptable;
   2. ‘Fair Payment’ will apply equally between Highways England, the lead contractor and throughout the supply chain;
   3. The process will be transparent and members of the supply chain will have certainty of how much and when they will be paid;
   4. Companies will consider, where appropriate, operating relevant contracts on an open book basis;
   5. The correct payment will represent the work properly carried out, or products supplied, in accordance with the contract. Any withholding of payment due to defects or non-delivery will be proportionate and demonstrably justified in line with arrangements made at the time of contract;
   6. To ensure effective and equitable cash flow for all those involved, all contracts will provide for regular payments and have payment periods not exceeding 30 days from receipt of invoice;
   7. In order to avoid payment delays, Highways England and all supply chain members will agree payment procedures at the outset of their contracts. Payment will be through electronic BACS transfer and will apply throughout the supply chain;
   8. Monitoring compliance with these principles will be built into the performance management requirements pertaining to this Call Off Agreement.

### Anti-Bribery Code of Conduct

1. We confirm that we acknowledge the commitments set out below and have (and shall) maintain equivalent principles throughout our supply chain.
2. We are committed to ensuring that our business operates with the upmost integrity.
3. We, and those employed by us, will not:
   1. Offer, promise, pay or provide bribes[[2]](#footnote-2) to any person;
   2. Request, agree to accept or receive bribes;
   3. Offer hospitality to Highways England staff that would breach the following requirements:
      1. Gifts other than low-value items such as diaries or calendars (up to £10 in value). Calendars, diaries or other small items of office equipment may be offered and accepted but the gift must bear the company's name or insignia and can legitimately be regarded as being in the nature of advertising material;
      2. Benefits and/or hospitality such as cocktail parties, receptions, presentations and conferences;
      3. Invitations to social, cultural and sporting events; or
      4. Overnight accommodation and travel to and from a venue at which an event is being held.
4. We are committed to having robust procedures and controls in place within the parties pertaining to this quotation to minimise the risk of bribery with the aim of preventing bribery and confirm that we:
   1. Have a zero-tolerance of bribery offences throughout our organisation(s);
   2. Conduct risk assessments to identify and monitor potential bribery risks;
   3. Adopt due diligence measures to vet and approve third parties performing services on our behalf;
   4. Have clear, practical and accessible policies and procedures to address potential risks of bribery, and to prevent bribery;
   5. Provide education and awareness to all our employees;
   6. Have a mechanism in place to allow employees to report potential bribery issues in confidence and have a process to deal with reports protecting the reporting individual;
   7. Deal effectively with any occurrences of bribery; and
   8. Act at all times in good faith, impartially and in accordance with a position of trust.

### Anti-Fraud Code of Conduct

1. We confirm that we acknowledge the commitments set out below and have (and shall) maintain equivalent principles throughout our supply chain.
2. We are committed to ensuring that our business operates with the utmost integrity.
3. We, and those employed by us, will not commit any fraudulent acts or carry out any of the following acts which could amount to fraud including, but not limited to:
   1. Submission of false or inflated claims or invoices for payment or reimbursement;
   2. Intentional distortion of financial statements or other records;
   3. False or fraudulent financial reporting or making false or fictitious entries concerning accounts, equipment or supplies;
   4. Forgery or alteration of any documents such as cheque, bank draft or any other financial documents, including destruction or removal of records;
   5. Impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions;
   6. Theft or misappropriation of assets or funds;
   7. Disclosure of confidential information to third parties without authority for personal gain; and
   8. The payment of excessive prices or fees where they are not justified.
4. We agree to:
   1. Keep accurate and up to date records showing all payments made and received and all other advantages given and received, and permit Highways England to inspect those records as required; and
   2. Promptly notify Highways England of any breach of these principles.

**Quotation declarations**

1. Your name
2. Your position
3. I confirm that I am authorised to submit quotations and acknowledge the contents of the Anti-Collusion Certificate, Fair Payment Charter, Anti-Bribery Code of Conduct and Anti-Fraud Code of Conduct on behalf of the Supplier in question.
4. I confirm that this quotation and any Call Off Agreement which may result from it shall be based upon the documents listed in the RfQ. I acknowledge that Highways England is unable to enter into negotiation on the terms and conditions to be used, that any Call Off Agreement that may result from this quotation shall be subject to English law, and confirm that any resulting Call Off Agreement will be based on the model contract document as stipulated in the RfQ.
5. I confirm that this quotation consists of all the relevant documents as requested in the RfQ and has been submitted in accordance with the RfQ. I have not qualified or accompanied the quotation with statements or a covering letter that might be construed as rendering the quotation equivocal. I acknowledge that quotations not complying with this RfQ may be rejected by Highways England whose decision in the matter will be final.
6. I confirm that this quotation shall remain open for acceptance for 120 calendar days from the deadline for quotations.
7. I confirm that this RfQ has been treated as private and confidential by all parties pertaining to this quotation and will continue to be treated in such a manner until otherwise directed by Highways England.
8. I confirm that we have taken account of our legal and statutory obligations, as well as all relevant Government codes and policies (e.g. taxes, environmental protection, employment protection and working conditions) where they are applicable to our quotation.
9. I acknowledge that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as amended, Highways England is obliged (subject to the application of any relevant exemptions and, where applicable, the public interest test) to disclose information in response to requests for information. I acknowledge that Highways England could receive requests for any information relating to this Call Off Agreement and may be legally obliged to release information.
10. I confirm that if this offer is accepted we will execute such documents in the form of the Call Off Agreement within 10 days of being called on to do so.
11. Please check this box if your company is an SME as per the [European Commission definition](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition/index_en.htm).

## Annex G – *Key people* schedule

Supplier should identify the *key people* for the listed posts, and add any further *key people*. The minimum period of availability of each person must be stated.

A CV for each person should be included. The maximum length of CV is 2 pages of A4 size. The V should emphasise the key skills relevant to this particular project.

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1. The word 'person' includes any persons and any body or association, corporated or unincorporated; 'agreement’ or ‘arrangement' includes any transaction, formal or informal and whether legally binding or not; and 'work' means the work in relation to which the quotation is made. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. A bribe for this purpose being the provision of any financial or other advantage to encourage that person to perform their functions or activities improperly or to reward that person for having already done so. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)