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For

The Retail Trade Framework

The Provision of Supplying Goods to DWP Customers

Lot 3 Work Tools and Equipment, Lot 4 Bicycles and Accessories and Lot 5 Laptops,
Tablets and Mobiles

Between

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS
(the “Authority”) acting as part of the Crown.

And

Argos Business Solutions

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This Agreement is made on the

between the Parties

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

("the Authority") acting as part of the Crown.

of

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Tothill Street
London
SW1H 9DA

and

Argos Business Solutions

with registered number

03234511

having the main or registered office at

489-499 Avebury Boulevard
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("the Contractor")

and hereinafter called "the Parties"

Whereas:

The Contractor has agreed to provide Retail Goods - Work Tools and Equipment, Bicycles and Accessories and Laptops, Tablets and Mobiles to DWP Customers ("the Services") on the terms and conditions set out in this Contract.

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A1 Definitions and Interpretation

A1.1 In this Contract unless the context otherwise requires the following provisions shall have the meanings given to them below:

“Accounting Year” means the 12 month period from 1 April to 31 March.

“Administration” means a rescue mechanism under the Insolvency Act 1986 where a company may be rescued or reorganised or its assets realised under the protection of a statutory moratorium. The company is put into Administration and an Administrator is appointed.

“Affiliate” means in relation to any company, any holding company or subsidiary of that company or any subsidiary of such holding company, and “holding company” and “subsidiary” shall have the meaning given to them in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006.

“Approval” means the prior written consent of the Authority.

“Authority” means the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

“Authority Data” means

- a) the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are:
 - i) supplied to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Authority; or
 - ii) which the Contractor is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Contract; or
- b) any Personal Data for which the Authority is the Data Controller.

“Authority ICT System” means the Authority’s computing environment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with the Contract which is owned by or licensed to the Authority by a third party and which interfaces with the Contractor ICT System or which is necessary for the Authority to receive the Services.

“Authority Software” means software which is owned by or licensed to the Authority, including software which is, or will be used by the Contractor for the purpose of providing the Services but excluding the Contractor Software.

“Breach of Security” means the occurrence of unauthorised access to or use of the Premises, the Services, the Contractor system or any ICT or data (including the Authority’s Data) used by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with this Contract.

“Bribery Act 2010” means the Bribery Act 2010 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department concerning the legislation.

“Business Continuity Plan” means any plan prepared pursuant to clause H5.6, as may be amended from time to time.

“Commencement Date” means the date from when this Contract becomes legally binding. [Also see definition of Activity Date].

“Commercially Sensitive Information” means the Information (i) listed in the Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule; or (ii) notified to the Authority in writing (prior to the commencement of this Contract) which has been clearly marked as Commercially Sensitive Information comprised of information:

- a) which is provided by the Contractor to the Authority in confidence for the period set out in that Schedule or notification; and/or
- b) which constitutes a trade secret.

“Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule” means the Schedule containing a list of the Commercially Sensitive Information.

“Confidential Information” means:

- a) any information which has been designated as confidential by either Party in writing or that ought reasonably to be considered as confidential (however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is stored) including information that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, know-how, personnel and suppliers of the Contractor, including IPRs, together with all information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as “confidential”) or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential; and
- b) the Commercially Sensitive Information and does not include any information:
 - i) which was public knowledge at the time of disclosure (otherwise than by breach of clause E4 (Confidential Information));
 - ii) which was in the possession of the receiving Party, without restriction as to its disclosure, before receiving it from the disclosing Party;
 - iii) which is received from a third party (who lawfully acquired it) without restriction as to its disclosure; or
 - iv) is independently developed without access to the Confidential Information.

“Contract” means the written agreement between the Authority and the Contractor consisting of these clauses and any attached Schedules, and any document referred to in Schedule 1 – The Services, including in particular the Specification, the Tender and the Contractor Guidance.

“Contracting Body” means the Department for Work and Pensions and any contracting body described in the OJEU Notice 251529-2014

“Contractor” means the person, firm or company with whom the Authority enters into the Contract.

“Contract Period” means the period from the Commencement Date to:

- a) the date of expiry set out in clause A2 (Initial Contract Period), or
- b) following an extension pursuant to clause F8 (Extension of Initial Contract Period), the date of expiry of the extended period,

or such earlier date of termination or partial termination of the agreement in accordance with the Law or the provisions of the Contract.

“Contract Price” means the price (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Contractor by the Authority under the Contract, as set out in the Prices & Rates Schedule, for the full and proper performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract but before taking into account the effect of any adjustment of price in accordance with clause C4 (Price Adjustment on Extension of Initial Contract Period).

“Contractor Software” means software which is proprietary to the Contractor, including software which is or will be used by the Contractor for the purposes of providing the Services.

“Crown” means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and The Welsh Government), including, but not limited to, government ministers, government departments, government and particular bodies, and government agencies. In this Agreement, the Authority is acting as part of the Crown.

“Data Controller” shall have the same meaning as set out in the DPA.

“Data Subject” shall have the same meaning as set out in the DPA.

“Data Processing” shall have the same meaning as set out in the DPA.

“Default” means any breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including but not limited to fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the relevant Party or the Staff in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the other.

“Directive” means EC Council Directive 2001/23/EC

“DOTAS” means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue and Customs of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to the National Insurance Contributions by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992.

“DPA” means the Data Protection Act 1998 and any subordinate legislation made under such Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

“DWP Offshoring Policy” means the Authority’s policy and procedures as advised to the Contractor by the Authority from time to time.

“Environmental Information Regulations” means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such regulations.

“Equipment” means the Contractor’s equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

“FOIA” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under this Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

“Force Majeure” means any event or occurrence which is outside the reasonable control of the Party concerned and which is not attributable to any act or failure to take preventative action by that Party, including fire; flood; violent storm; pestilence; explosion; malicious damage; armed conflict; acts of terrorism; nuclear, biological or chemical warfare; or any other disaster, natural or man-made, but excluding:

- a) any industrial action occurring within the Contractor’s or any Sub-contractor’s organisation; or
- b) the failure by any Sub-contractor to perform its obligations under any sub-contract.

“Fraud” means any offence under laws creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts or at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to the Contract or defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Crown.

“General Anti-Abuse Rule” means (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions.

“Good Industry Practice” means standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged in a similar type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances.

“Government Apprenticeship Programme” means training which is funded by the Government via the National Apprenticeship Service.

“ICT” means information and communications technology.

“ICT Environment” means the Authority system and the Contractor system.

“Information” has the meaning given under section 84 of the FOIA.

“Initial Contract Period” means the period from the Commencement Date to the date of expiry set out in clause A2 (Initial Contract Period), or such earlier date of termination or partial termination of the agreement in accordance with the Law or the provisions of the Contract.

“Intellectual Property Rights” means patents, inventions, trade marks, service marks, logos, design rights (whether registerable or otherwise), applications for any of the foregoing, copyright, database rights, domain names, trade or business names, moral rights and other similar rights or obligations whether registerable or not in any country (including but not limited to the United Kingdom) and the right to sue for passing off.

“ISAE 3402” means the International Standard on Assurance Engagements No. 3402, Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organization, issued in December 2009 by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, part of the International Federation of Accountants;

“Key Personnel” means those persons named in the Schedule1, Appendix D.

“Landed Resources” means when the Contractor or its Sub-contractor causes foreign nationals to be brought to the United Kingdom, to provide the Services.

“Law” means any applicable Act of Parliament, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, exercise of the royal prerogative, enforceable community right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements or any Regulatory Body of which the Contractor is bound to comply.

“Liquidation” means the appointment of a Liquidator who collects in and distributes the company's assets and dissolves the company. The company can also be put into provisional Liquidation before a final winding up order is granted.

“Loss” means direct losses, liabilities, claims, damages, costs, charges, outgoings and expenses (including legal expenses) of every description, provided in each case that such losses are reasonable, direct, proper and mitigated.

“Malicious Software” means any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence.

“Monitoring Requirements Schedule” means the Schedule containing details of the monitoring arrangements.

“Month” means calendar month.

“New Fair Deal” means the Fair Deal position set out in the HM Treasury guidance: “Fair Deal for staff pensions: staff transfer from central government” issued October 2013.

“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance” (also occasion of non compliance) means

(a) any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:

- (i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Contractor under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;
- (ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Contractor was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or and equivalent or similar regime; and or

(b) any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the contract start date or to a penalty for civil fraud or evasion.

“OJEU Notice” means the contract notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

“Original Public Sector Employee” means a former employee of the Crown or other public sector body who as a result of the application of the TUPE Regulations, in relation to what was done for the purposes of carrying out a

contract for the provision of services which were equivalent of or similar to the Services, becomes or became an employee of someone other than the Crown or other public sector body.

“Participant” means the person(s) directly receiving the Services provided by the Contractor as specified in this Contract.

“Participant’s records” means the records prepared and maintained by the Contractor (in whatever form or storage media) concerning an individual Participant.

“Party” means a party to the Contract.

“Persistent Breach” means a Default which has occurred on three or more separate occasions with a continuous period of six (6) months.

“Personal Data” shall have the same meaning as set out in the DPA.

“Premises” means the location where the Services are to be supplied, as set out in the Specification.

“Prices & Rates Schedule” means the Schedule containing details of the Contract Price.

“Property” means the property, other than real property, issued or made available to the Contractor by the Authority in connection with the Contract.

“Relevant Transfer” means a transfer of employment to which the Employment Regulations applies.

“Quality Standards” means the quality standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other reputable or equivalent body, (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Contractor would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with, and as may be further detailed in the Specification.

“Regulatory Bodies” means those government departments and regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees, ombudsmen and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in the Contract or any other affairs of the Authority and “Regulatory Body” shall be construed accordingly.

“Relevant Convictions” means a conviction that is relevant to the nature of the Services (or as listed by the Authority and/or relevant to the work of the Authority).

“Relevant Tax Authority” means HM Revenue & Customs or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Contractor is established.

“Replacement Contractor” means any third party service provider appointed by the Authority to supply any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Authority receives in substitution for any of the Services following the expiry, termination or partial termination of the Contract.

“Request for Information” shall have the meaning set out in FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations as relevant (where the meaning set out for the term “request” shall apply).

“Schedule” means a schedule attached to, and forming part of, the Contract.

“Security Plan” means the Contractor’s security plan prepared pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule (Security Requirements & Plan)]

“Security Policy” means the Authority’s Security Policy annexed to Schedule (Security Requirements and Plan) as updated from time to time.

“Security Tests” means conduct tests of the processes and countermeasures contained in the Security Plan

“Services” means the services to be supplied as specified in the Specification.

“Specification” means the description of the Services to be supplied under the Contract as referred to in Schedule 1, The Services, including, where appropriate, the Key Personnel, the Premises and the Quality Standards.

“Staff” mean all persons employed by the Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract together with the Contractor’s servants, agents, suppliers and Sub-contractors used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

“Staff Vetting Procedure” means the Authority’s procedures for the vetting of personnel and as advised to the Contractor by the Authority.

“Sub-contractor” means any third party appointed by the Contractor under clause F1.1 which through its employees or agents directly delivers the Services.

“Tender” means the document(s) submitted by the Contractor to the Authority in response to the Authority’s invitation to suppliers for formal offers to supply it with the Services.

“Third Party Software” means software which is proprietary to any third party (other than an Affiliate of the Contractor) which is or will be used by the Contractor for the purposes of providing the Services.

“Type 2 Report” has the meaning given in ISAE 3402.

“Variation” has the meaning given to it in clause F3.1 (Variation).

“VAT” means value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

“Working Day” means any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in the United Kingdom are open for business.

A1.2 The interpretation and construction of this Contract shall be subject to the following provisions:

- a) Words importing the singular meaning include where the context so admits the plural meaning and vice versa;
- b) Words importing the masculine include the feminine and the neuter;
- c) Reference to a clause is a reference to the whole of that clause unless stated otherwise;
- d) Reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended by any subsequent enactment, modification, order, regulation or instrument as subsequently amended or re-enacted;
- e) Reference to any person shall include natural persons and partnerships, firms and other incorporated bodies and all other legal persons of whatever kind and however constituted and their successors and permitted assigns or transferees;
- f) The words “include”, “includes” and “including” are to be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words “without limitation”;

Headings are included in the Contract for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract.

A2 Initial Contract Period

The Contract shall take effect on the Commencement Date 1st December 2014.

The Contract shall expire automatically on 30th November 2016, unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated, or extended under clause F8 (Extension of Initial Contract Period).

A3 Contractor’s Status

At all times during the Contract Period the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and nothing in the Contract shall create a contract of employment, a relationship of agency or partnership or a joint venture between the Parties and accordingly neither Party shall be authorised to act in the name of, or on behalf of, or otherwise bind the other Party save as expressly permitted by the Terms of the Contract.

A4 Authority’s Obligations

Save as otherwise expressly provided, the obligations of the Authority under the Contract are obligations of the Authority in its capacity as a contracting

counterparty and nothing in the Contract shall operate as an obligation upon, or in any other way fetter or constrain the Authority in any other capacity, nor shall the exercise by the Authority of its duties and powers in any other capacity lead to any liability under the Contract (howsoever arising) on the part of the Authority to the Contractor.

A5 Notices

A5.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided within the Contract, no notice or other communication from one Party to the other shall have any validity under the Contract unless made in writing by or on behalf of the Party concerned.

A5.2 Any notice or other communication which is to be given by either Party to the other shall be given by letter (sent by hand, post, registered post or by the recorded delivery service) or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail (confirmed in either case by letter). Such letters shall be addressed to the other Party in the manner referred to in clause A5.3. Provided the relevant communication is not returned as undelivered, the notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given two (2) Working Days after the day on which the letter was posted, or four (4) hours, in the case of electronic mail or facsimile transmission or sooner where the other Party acknowledges receipt of such letters, facsimile transmission or item of electronic mail.

A5.3 For the purposes of clause A5.2, the address of each Party shall be:

- a) For the Authority:
Address: Commercial Directorate Employment Group
Ground Floor South Blue Zone E, Quarry Hill, Leeds,
LS2 7UA
For the attention of: [REDACTED]
Tel: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
- b) For the Contractor:
Address: 480-499 Avebury Boulevard
Milton Keynes
MK9 2NW
For the attention of: [REDACTED]
Tel: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

A5.4 Either Party may change its address for service by serving a notice in accordance with this clause.

A6 Mistakes in Information

The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of all drawings, documentation and information supplied to the Authority by the Contractor in connection with the supply of the Services and shall pay the Authority any extra costs occasioned by the Authority by any discrepancies, errors or omissions therein.

A7 Conflicts of Interest

- A7.1 The Contractor shall take appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Contractor nor any Staff is placed in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor will disclose to the Authority full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.
- A7.2 The Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract immediately by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Authority under the provisions of the Contract. The actions of the Authority pursuant to this clause shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Authority.
- A7.3 This clause A7 shall apply during the continuance of the Contract and for a period of two (2) years after its termination.

A8 Prevention of Fraud

- A8.1 The Authority places the utmost importance on the need to prevent fraud and irregularity in the delivery of this Contract. Contractors and Sub-contractors are required to:
- a) Have an established system that enables Contractor and Sub-contractor staff to report inappropriate behaviour by colleagues in respect of contract performance claims;
 - b) Ensure that Contractor or Sub-contractors performance management systems do not encourage individual staff to make false claims regarding achievement of contract performance targets;
 - c) Ensure a segregation of duties within the Contractor's or Sub-contractors operation between those employees directly involved in delivering the service/goods performance and those reporting achievement of contract performance to the Authority;
 - d) Ensure that an audit system is implemented to provide periodic checks, as a minimum at six (6) Monthly intervals, to ensure effective and accurate recording and reporting of contract performance.
- A8.2 The Contractor shall use its best endeavours to safeguard the Authority's funding of the Contract against fraud generally and, in particular, fraud on the part of the Contractor's directors, employees or Sub-contractors. The Contractor shall pay the utmost regard to safeguarding public funds against misleading claims for payment and shall notify the Authority immediately if it has reason to suspect that any serious irregularity or fraud has occurred or is occurring.

- A8.3 If the Contractor, its Staff or its Sub-contractors commits Fraud in relation to this or any other contract with the Crown (including the Authority) the Authority may:
- a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any Loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Authority of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or
 - b) recover in full from the Contractor any other Loss sustained by the Authority in consequence of any breach of this clause.
- A8.4 Any act of fraud committed by the Contractor or its Sub-contractors (whether under this Contract or any other contract with any other Contracting Body) shall entitle the Authority to terminate this Contract, and any other contract the Authority has with the Contractor, by serving written notice on the Contractor.
- A8.5 If the Authority finds that the Contractor has deliberately submitted false claims for Contract payments with the knowledge of its senior officers the Authority will be entitled to terminate this Contract, or any other contract the Authority has with the Contractor, with immediate effect.

A9 Volumes

The Contractor acknowledges and has submitted its Tender on the understanding that no guarantee is given by the Authority in respect of levels or values of Services referred to in the Schedules which are indicative only and shall not be binding on the Authority.

B. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

B1 The Services

- B1.1 The Contractor shall supply the Services during the Contract Period in accordance with the Authority's requirements as set out in the Specification and the provisions of the Contract in consideration of the payment of the Contract Price. The Authority may inspect and examine the manner in which the Contractor supplies the Services at the Premises during normal business hours on reasonable notice.
- B1.2 If the Authority informs the Contractor in writing that the Authority reasonably believes that any part of the Services does not meet the requirements of the Contract or differ in any way from those requirements, and this is other than as a result of a Default by the Authority, the Contractor shall at its own expense re-schedule and carry out the Services in accordance with the requirements of the Contract within such reasonable time as may be specified by the Authority.
- B1.3 Subject to the Authority providing written consent in accordance with clause B2.2 (Provision and Removal of Equipment), timely supply of the Services shall be of the essence of the Contract, including in relation to commencing the supply of the Services within the time agreed or on a specified date.

B2 Provision and Removal of Equipment

- B2.1 The Contractor shall provide all the Equipment necessary for the supply of the Services.
- B2.2 The Contractor shall not deliver any Equipment nor begin any work on the Authority's Premises without obtaining prior Approval.]
- B2.3 All Equipment brought onto the Premises shall be at the Contractor's own risk and the Authority shall have no liability for any loss of or damage to any Equipment unless the Contractor is able to demonstrate that such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the Authority's Default. The Contractor shall provide for the haulage or carriage thereof to the Premises and the removal of Equipment when no longer required at its sole cost. Unless otherwise agreed, Equipment brought onto the Premises will remain the property of the Contractor.
- B2.4 The Contractor shall maintain all items of Equipment within the Premises in a safe, serviceable and clean condition.
- B2.5 The Contractor shall, at the Authority's written request, at its own expense and as soon as reasonably practicable:
- a) remove from the Premises any Equipment which in the reasonable opinion of the Authority is either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with the Contract; and
 - b) replace such item with a suitable substitute item of Equipment.
- B2.6 On completion of the Services the Contractor shall remove the Equipment together with any other materials used by the Contractor to supply the Services and shall leave the [Authority's] Premises in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Contractor is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Premises or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Contractor or any Staff.]

B3 Manner of Carrying Out the Services

- B3.1 The Contractor shall at all times comply with the Quality Standards, and where applicable shall maintain accreditation with the relevant Quality Standards authorisation body. To the extent that the standard of Services has not been specified in the Contract, the Contractor shall agree the relevant standard of the Services with the Authority prior to the supply of the Services and in any event, the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Law and Good Industry Practice.
- B3.2 While not in anyway limiting any other provision of this Contract, in delivering the Services, the Contractor and any of its Sub-contractors, shall comply with the DWP Offshoring Policy. The DWP Offshoring Policy shall apply to Landed Resources.

- B3.3 The Contractor shall ensure that all Staff supplying the Services shall do so with all due skill, care and diligence and shall possess such qualifications, skills and experience as are necessary for the proper supply of the Services.
- B3.4 The Authority will conduct a review of the performance of this contract at least annually during the Contract Period. During this review, a performance report will be agreed.

Participant Complaints

- B3.5 The Contractor shall have an internal dispute resolution procedure for dealing with complaints from Participants about the Contractor (and/or any of its Sub-contractors).
- B3.6 If the dispute between the DWP Participant and the Contractor (and/or the Sub-contractor) cannot be resolved the dispute shall be referred to the Independent Case Examiner ("ICE") for mediation.
- B3.7 If the dispute cannot be resolved by mediation, ICE will conduct a full investigation. The decision of ICE shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute. The ICE investigation shall carry a £5,000 (plus VAT) contribution to costs paid by the Contractor or the Sub-contractor who will also be liable for any financial redress recommended by ICE. In the event that the complaint against the Contractor or Sub-contractor is dismissed, no costs shall be payable. Any costs in respect of complaints that have been upheld against the Contractor or Sub-contractor and any financial redress due to the DWP Participant shall be paid within four (4) weeks of the date of the ICE final investigation report]

B4 Key Personnel

- B4.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Key Personnel, as detailed in Schedule 1, Appendix D, are essential to the proper provision of the Services to the Authority.
- B4.2 The Key Personnel shall not be released from supplying the Services without the prior written agreement of the Authority.
- B4.3 Any replacements to the Key Personnel shall be subject to the prior written agreement of the Authority. Such replacements shall be of at least equal status or of equivalent experience and skills to the Key Personnel being replaced and be suitable for the responsibilities of that person in relation to the Services.
- B4.4 The Authority shall not unreasonably withhold its agreement under clauses B4.2 or B4.3. Such agreement shall be conditional on appropriate arrangements being made by the Contractor to minimise any adverse impact on the Contract which could be caused by a change in Key Personnel.

B5 Contractor's Staff

- B5.1 The Authority may, by written notice to the Contractor, refuse to admit onto, or withdraw permission to remain on, the Authority's Premises:

- a) any member of the Staff; or
- b) any person employed or engaged by any member of the Staff,

whose admission or continued presence would, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, be undesirable.

- B5.2 At the Authority's written request, the Contractor shall provide a list of the names and business addresses of all persons who may require admission in connection with the Contract to the Authority's Premises, within seven (7) Working Days from date of request, specifying the capacities in which they are concerned with the Contract and giving such other particulars as the Authority may reasonably request.
- B5.3 The decision of the Authority as to whether any person is to be refused access to the Authority's Premises and as to whether the Contractor has failed to comply with clause B5.2 shall be final and conclusive.
- B5.4 The Staff, engaged within the boundaries of the Authority's Premises, shall comply with such rules, regulations and requirements (including those relating to security arrangements) as may be in force from time to time for the conduct of personnel when at or outside the Authority's Premises.
- B5.5 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable legislation relating to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable groups, including the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.
- B5.7 The Contractor shall provide training on a continuing basis for all Contractor Staff employed or engaged in the provision of the Services in compliance with the Security Policy and Security Plan.
- B5.8 The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that its staff are not claiming any Social Security Benefit, where payment of that Social Security Benefit is precluded due to earnings.
- B5.9 The Contractor shall further use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that its staff who are not EC nationals are legally entitled to be resident in the United Kingdom and have a work permit, where applicable. The Contractor shall promptly take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with this clause.
- B5.10 Without prejudice to clause B5.2, if the Contractor fails to comply with clause B5 in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, such failure may be prejudicial to the interests of the Crown, then the Authority may terminate the Contract, provided always that such termination shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Authority.

B6 Inspection of Premised - Clause not used

B7 Licence to Occupy Premises

- B7.1 Any land or Premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the Authority in connection with the Contract shall be made available to the Contractor on a non-exclusive licence basis free of charge and shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall have the use of such land or Premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of the Contract.
- B7.2 The Contractor shall limit access to the land or Premises to such Staff as is necessary to enable it to perform its obligations under the Contract and the Contractor shall co-operate (and ensure that its Staff co-operate) with such other persons working concurrently on such land or Premises as the Authority may reasonably request.
- B7.3 The Contractor shall (and shall ensure that its Staff shall) observe and comply with such rules and regulations as may be in force at any time for the use of such Premises as determined by the Authority, and the Contractor shall pay for the cost of making good any damage caused by the Contractor or its Staff other than fair wear and tear. For the avoidance of doubt, damage includes damage to the fabric of the buildings, plant, fixed equipment or fittings therein.
- B7.4 The Parties agree that there is no intention on the part of the Authority to create a tenancy of any nature whatsoever in favour of the Contractor or its Staff and that no such tenancy has or shall come into being and, notwithstanding any rights granted pursuant to the Contract, the Authority retains the right at any time to use any premises owned or occupied by it in any manner it sees fit.

B8 Property

- B8.1 Where the Authority provides Property free of charge to the Contractor such Property shall be and remain the property of the Authority and the Contractor irrevocably licences the Authority and its agents to enter upon any premises of the Contractor during normal business hours on reasonable notice to recover any such Property. The Contractor shall not in any circumstances have a lien or any other interest on the Property and the Contractor shall at all times possess the Property as fiduciary agent and bailee of the Authority. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the title of the Authority to the Property and the exclusion of any such lien or other interest are brought to the notice of all Sub-contractors and other appropriate persons and shall, at the Authority's request, store the Property separately and ensure that it is clearly identifiable as belonging to the Authority.
- B8.2 The Property shall be deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Contractor unless the Contractor notifies the Authority otherwise within five (5) Working Days of receipt.
- B8.3 The Contractor shall maintain the Property in good order and condition (excluding fair wear and tear), and shall use the Property solely in connection with the Contract and for no other purpose without prior Approval.

- B8.4 The Contractor shall ensure all the Property whilst in its possession, either on the Premises or elsewhere during the supply of the Services, is secured in accordance with the Authority's reasonable security requirements as published from time to time.
- B8.5 The Contractor shall be liable for all loss of, or damage to, the Property (excluding fair wear and tear), unless such loss or damage was caused by the Authority's Default. The Contractor shall inform the Authority within [two (2)] Working Days of becoming aware of any defects appearing in, or losses or damage occurring to, the Property.

B9 Offers of Employment

- B9.1 For the duration of the Contract and for a period of twelve (12) Months thereafter neither the Authority nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party's staff who have been associated with the procurement and/or the contract management of the Services without that other Party's prior written consent.

B10 Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment (TUPE))

Application of TUPE Regulations

TUPE will not apply to the agreements and, therefore the relevant sections have been removed.

C. PAYMENT AND CONTRACT PRICE

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C1 Contract Price

- C1.1 In consideration of the Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract, the Authority shall pay the Contract Price in accordance with clause C2 (Payment and VAT).
- C1.2 The Authority shall, in addition to the Contract Price and following evidence of a valid VAT invoice, pay the Contractor a sum equal to the VAT chargeable on the value of the Services supplied in accordance with the Contract.

C2 Payment and VAT

- C2.1 The Authority shall pay all sums due to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of a valid invoice, submitted Monthly in arrears.
- C2.2 The Authority shall pay all sums by direct credit transfer into a suitable bank account or by other electronic payment methods as appropriate.
- C2.3 The Contractor shall submit an RM Interface File by the 8th of each month. Details of the information to be included in the file and the required layout is provided at Schedule 2.

- C2.3 The Contractor shall ensure that each invoice contains a valid purchase order number. All appropriate references and a detailed breakdown of the Services supplied and any other documentation reasonably required by the Authority to substantiate the invoice should be supplied in accordance with Schedule 2.
- C2.4 Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract, it shall ensure that a provision is included in such a sub-contract which requires payment to be made of all sums due by the Contractor to the Sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the receipt of a valid invoice.
- C2.5 The Contractor shall add VAT to the Contract Price at the prevailing rate as applicable and the Authority shall pay the VAT to the Contractor following its receipt of a valid VAT invoice.
- C2.6 The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred, which is levied, demanded or assessed on the Authority at any time in respect of the Contractor's failure to account for or to pay any VAT relating to payments made to the Contractor under the Contract. Any amounts due under this clause C2.5 shall be paid by the Contractor to the Authority not less than five (5) Working Days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Authority.
- C2.7 The Contractor shall not suspend the supply of the Services unless the Contractor is entitled to terminate the Contract under clause H2.3 (Termination on Default) for failure to pay undisputed sums of money. Interest shall be payable by the Authority on the late payment of any undisputed sums of money properly invoiced in accordance with the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 (amended 2013).
- C2.8 Where payment by the Authority of all or any part of any invoice rendered or other claim for payment by the Contractor is disputed, this dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the disputed claims procedure as set out in Schedule 2.

C3 Recovery of Sums Due

- C3.1 Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Authority in respect of any breach of the Contract), the Authority may unilaterally deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other agreement or contract with the Authority.
- C3.2 Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Contract Price or of VAT or otherwise, shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.
- C3.3 The Contractor shall make all payments due to the Authority without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Contractor has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Authority to the Contractor.

- C3.4 All payments due shall be made within a reasonable time unless otherwise specified in the Contract, in cleared funds, to such bank or building society account as the recipient Party may from time to time direct.

C4 Price adjustment on extension of the Initial Contract Period

- C4.1 The Contract Price shall apply for the Initial 1st year of the Contract Period and price reviews will be undertaken at 6 monthly periods to ensure best value for money is being achieved. In the event that the Authority agrees to extend the Initial Contract Period pursuant to clause F8 (Extension of Initial Contract Period), the Authority may, where applicable, in the six (6) Month period prior to the expiry of the Initial Contract Period, enter into good faith negotiations with the Contractor (for a period of not more than thirty (30) Working Days) to agree a further variation in the Contract Price. For the avoidance of doubt both Parties accept and acknowledge that any Variation to the Contract Price shall not have the effect of altering the economic balance of the Contract during the period of extension in favour of the Contractor in a manner not provided for in the terms of the Contract.
- C4.2 If the Parties are unable to agree a variation in the Contract Price in accordance with clause C4.1, the Contract shall terminate at the end of the Initial Contract Period.
- C4.3 If a variation in the Contract Price is agreed between the Authority and the Contractor, the revised Contract Price will take effect from the first day of any period of extension and shall apply during such period of extension.
- C4.4 Any increase in the Contract Price pursuant to clause C4.1 shall not exceed the percentage change in the Office of National Statistics' Consumer Prices Index (CPI) (or another such index specified in the Prices & Rates Schedule) between the Commencement Date and the date six (6) Months before the end of the Initial Contract Period.]

C5 Euro

- C5.1 Any requirement of Law to account for the Services in Euro (or to prepare for such accounting) instead of and/or in addition to sterling, shall be implemented by the Contractor at nil charge to the Authority.
- C5.2 The Authority shall provide all reasonable assistance to facilitate compliance with clause C5.1 by the Contractor.

C6 Third Party Revenue

- C6.1 The Contractor may not obtain any third party revenue, income or credit based on the Services and/or copyright works delivered under this Contract without the express prior written agreement of the Authority.

D. STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND REGULATIONS

D1 Prevention of Bribery and Corruption

D1.1 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that any Staff shall not, commit any of the prohibited acts listed in this clause D1 in relation to the prevention of bribery. For the purposes of this clause D1, a prohibited act is committed when the Contractor or any Staff:

- a) directly or indirectly offers, promises or gives any person working for or engaged by the Authority a financial or other advantage to:
 - (i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or
 - (ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;
- b) directly or indirectly requests, agrees to receive or accepts any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with the Contract;
- c) commits any offence:
 - (i) under the Bribery Act 2010;
 - (ii) under legislation creating offences concerning fraudulent acts;
 - (iii) at common law concerning fraudulent acts relating to the Contract or any other contract with the Authority; or
 - (iv) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Authority

D1.2 The Contractor warrants, represents and undertakes that it is not aware of any financial or other advantage being given to any person working for or engaged by the Authority, or that an agreement has been reached to that effect, in connection with the execution of the Contract, excluding any arrangement of which full details have been disclosed in writing to the Authority before execution of the Contract.

D1.3 The Contractor shall if requested, provide the Authority with any reasonable assistance, at the Authority's reasonable cost, to enable the Authority to perform any activity required by any relevant government or agency in any relevant jurisdiction for the purpose of compliance with the Bribery Act 2010.

D1.4 The Contractor shall have an anti-bribery policy which prevents any Staff from committing any prohibited acts as set out in clause D1.1 and a copy of this shall be provided to the Authority upon request.

D1.5 If any breach of clauses D1.1 or D1.2 is suspected or known, the Contractor must notify the Authority immediately.

D1.6 If the Contractor notifies the Authority that it suspects or knows that there may be a breach of clauses D1.1 or D1.2, the Contractor must respond promptly to the Authority's enquiries, co-operate with any investigation, and allow the Authority to audit books, records and any other relevant documentation.

D1.7 If the Contractor, its Staff or anyone acting on the Contractor's behalf engages in conduct prohibited by clauses D1.1 or D1.2, the Authority may;

- a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any Loss suffered by the Authority resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Authority of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or
- b) recover in full from the Contractor any other Loss sustained by the Authority in consequence of any breach of those clauses.

D1.8 Despite clause I (Disputes and Law), any dispute relating to:

- a) the interpretation of clause D1; or
- b) the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission,

shall be determined by the Authority, acting reasonably having given due consideration to all relevant factors, and its decision shall be final and conclusive.

D1.9 Any termination under clause D1.7 will be without prejudice to any right or remedy which has already accrued or subsequently accrues to the Authority.

D1.10 In exercising its rights or remedies under clause D1.7, the Authority shall:

- a) act in a reasonable and proportionate manner having regard to such matters as the gravity of, and the identity of, the person performing the conduct prohibited by clauses D1.1 or D1.2;
- b) give all due consideration, where appropriate, to action other than termination of the contract

D2 Discrimination

D2.1 The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly on such grounds as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

D2.2 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause D2.1 by all Staff.

D2.3 The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

D2.4 [In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall operate at all times in accordance with the diversity and equality requirements set out in Schedule 8

(Diversity and Equality Requirements) or such other diversity and equality requirements as notified by the Authority to the Contractor from time to time].

D2.5 Not used

D2.6 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall operate at all times in accordance with the apprenticeships and skills requirements set out in Schedule 10 (Apprenticeships and Skills Requirements) or such other apprenticeships and skills requirements as notified by the Authority to the Contractor from time to time.

D3 The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a party to the Contract shall have no right to enforce any of its provisions which, expressly or by implication, confer a benefit on him, without the prior written agreement of both Parties. This clause does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and does not apply to the Crown.

D4 Environmental Requirements

D4.1 The Contractor shall, when working on the Premises, perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Authority's environmental principles, which are to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances, minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment.

D4.2 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall comply at all times with the requirements set out in Schedule 7 (Sustainable Development Requirements) or such other requirements as notified by the Authority to the Contractor from time to time.

D5 Health and Safety

D5.1 The Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority of any health and safety hazards which may arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Authority shall promptly notify the Contractor of any health and safety hazards which may exist or arise at the Authority's Premises and which may affect the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

D5.2 While on the Authority's Premises, the Contractor shall comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Authority in respect of Staff and other persons working there.

D5.3 The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the Contract on the Premises where that incident causes any personal injury or damage to property which could give rise to personal injury.

D5.4 The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act etc.1974 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to Staff and other

persons working on the Premises in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

- D5.5 The Contractor shall ensure that its health and safety policy statement (as required by the Health and Safety at Work Act etc.1974) is made available to the Authority on request.

D6 Requirements for Timber Derived Products

- D6.1 Government Departments are required to procure timber and wood-derived products originating from either legal and sustainable or FLEGT-licensed or equivalent sources, together with certain social criteria. Contact Commercial Policy & Process Team for more information.

D7 Tax Compliance

- D7.1 The Contractor represents and warrants that as at the contract start date, it has notified the Authority in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance or any litigation that it is involved in that is in connection with any occasions of Tax Non-Compliance
- D7.2 If at any point during the Contract Period, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Contractor shall:
- a) notify the Authority in writing of such fact within 5 Working Days of its occurrence; and
 - b) promptly provide to the Authority:
 - (i) details of the steps taken which the Contractor is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
 - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may require

Termination Rights due to any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance

- D7.3 In the event that:

- (a) the warranty given by the Contractor pursuant to Clause D7.1 is materially untrue; or
- (b) the Contractor commits a material breach of its obligations to notify the Authority of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as required by Clause D7.2; or
- (c) the Contractor fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors which in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, are acceptable

the Authority shall be entitled to terminate this agreement by giving a Termination Notice to the Contractor.

E. PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

E1 Authority Data

- E1.1 The Contractor shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to the Authority Data.
- E1.2 The Contractor shall not store, copy, disclose, or use the Authority Data except as necessary for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under this Contract or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Authority.
- E1.3 To the extent that Authority Data is held and/or processed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall supply that Authority Data to the Authority as requested by the Authority.
- E1.4 The Contractor shall take responsibility for preserving the integrity of Authority Data and preventing the corruption or loss of Authority Data.
- E1.5 The Contractor shall perform secure back-ups of all Authority Data and shall ensure that up-to-date back-ups are stored off-site in accordance with the Contractor's Business Continuity Plan. The Contractor shall ensure that such back-ups are available to the Authority at all times upon request and are delivered to the Authority when requested.
- E1.6 The Contractor shall ensure that any system or media on which the Contractor holds any Authority Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy detailed in Appendix A to Schedule 6.
- E1.7 If the Authority Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Contractor's default so as to be unusable, the Authority may;
 - a) require the Contractor (at the Contractor's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of the Authority Data or Personal Data and the Contractor shall do so as soon as practicable but not later than; and
 - b) itself restore or procure the restoration of the Authority Data or Personal Data, and shall be repaid by the Contractor any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so.
- E1.8 If at any time the Contractor suspects or has reason to believe that the Authority Data or Personal Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded in any way for any reason, then the Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately and inform the Authority of the remedial action the Contractor proposes to take.
- E1.9 In accordance with the DWP Offshoring Policy and while not in any way limiting any other provision of this Contract, the Contractor and any of its Sub-contractors, shall not process, host at or access Authority Data from premises outside the United Kingdom without the prior written consent of the Authority, and where the Authority gives consent, the Contractor shall comply with any

reasonable instructions notified to it by the Authority in relation to the Authority Data in question.

E1.10 Where the Authority has given its prior written consent to the Contractor to process, host or access Authority Data from premises outside the United Kingdom (in accordance with E1.9 of the Contract):

- (a) the Contractor must notify the Authority (in so far as they are not prohibited by Law) where any Regulatory Bodies seek to gain or has gained access to such Authority Data;
- (b) the Contractor shall take all necessary steps in order to prevent any access to, or disclosure of, any Authority Data to any Regulatory Bodies outside the United Kingdom unless required by Law without any applicable exception or exemption.”

E1.11 Any breach by the Contractor of this clause E1 shall be a material breach for the purposes of clause H2 (Termination on Default) and shall entitle the Authority (at its absolute discretion) to exercise its rights under the corresponding provisions of clause H2 (Termination on Default).

E1.12 In the event the Contractor is put into Liquidation as outlined in clause H1.1(b) and H1.1(c) or the Contract is terminated by the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Contract relating to termination on insolvency in accordance with clause H1.1, the Contractor (or a liquidator or provisional liquidator acting on behalf of the Contractor) shall at its own cost and at no cost to the Authority;

- a) conduct a full and thorough search for any electronic and paper records held by the Contractor which contain Authority Data and Participant Data; in accordance with the Authority instructions;
- b) return all such records to the Authority in accordance with their instructions;
- c) permanently destroy all copies of any relevant electronic records; and
- d) provide written confirmation to the Authority that the actions outlined above in this paragraph have been completed.

E1.13 In the event of a Sub-contractor of the Contractor being in liquidation (in accordance with clause F1.2) then it is the responsibility of the Contractor to recover records held by the Sub-contractor and provide assurance to the Authority that they have been recovered.

E1.14 In the event the Contractor is put into Administration as outlined in clause H1.1(a) the Authority will work closely with the Administrator to ensure the Contractor is able to maintain Authority, Participant and other records they have created and held in accordance with clause E1 of this contract and

maintain these standards in the safekeeping of Authority information, i.e. these records must be stored in accordance with Authority information assurance and HMG Cabinet Office information security standards.

E1.15 Whilst in Administration the duty of the Administrator is to help the Contractor trade. This may involve the Administrator seeking an organisation to buy up the Contractor. The assignment or novation of this contract to new ownership is not automatic and the Authority must be consulted (in accordance with clause F1.1) and prior approval obtained.

E2 Protection of Personal Data

E2.1 With respect to the Parties' rights and obligations under this Contract, the Parties agree that the Authority is the Data Controller and that the Contractor is the Data Processor.

E2.2 The Contractor shall:

- a) process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions from the Authority (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Contract as otherwise notified by the Authority to the Contractor during the Contract Period);
- b) process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the Services or as is required by Law or any Regulatory Body;
- c) implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;
- d) take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any Staff who have access to the Personal Data;
- e) obtain prior written consent from the Authority in order to transfer the Personal Data to any Sub-contractors or agents for the provision of the Services;
- f) ensure that all Staff required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this clause;
- g) ensure that none of the Staff publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Authority;
- h) notify the Authority (within five (5) Working Days) if it receives;

- i) a request from a Data Subject to have access to that Person's Personal Data; or
 - ii) a complaint or request relating to the Authority's obligations under the DPA;
- i) provide the Authority with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any complaint or request made, including by:
 - i) providing the Authority with full details of the complaint or request;
 - ii) complying with a data access request within the relevant timescales set out in the DPA and in accordance with the Authority's instructions;
 - iii) providing the Authority with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the timescales required by the Authority); and
 - iv) providing the Authority with any information requested by the Authority;
- j) permit the Authority or the Authority's representative (subject to reasonable and appropriate confidentiality undertakings), to inspect and audit the Contractor's Data Processing activities (and/or those of its agents, subsidiaries and Sub-contractors) and comply with all reasonable requests or directions by the Authority to enable the Authority to verify and/or procure that the Contractor is in full compliance with its obligations under this Contract;
- k) provide a written description of the technical and organisational methods employed by the Contractor for processing Personal Data (within the timescales required by the Authority); and
- l) not process Personal Data outside the European Economic Area without the prior written consent of the Authority and, where the Authority consents to a transfer, to comply with:
 - i) the obligations of a Data Controller under the Eighth Data Protection Principle set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
 - ii) any reasonable instructions notified to it by the Authority.

E2.3 The Contractor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Authority in full from and against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, losses, penalties, fines, levies, costs and expenses and all loss of profits, business revenue or goodwill (whether direct or indirect) and all consequential or indirect loss

howsoever arising out of, in respect of or in connection with, any breach by the Contractor (or any Sub-contractor) of this clause E2.

E2.4 The Contractor shall comply at all times with the DPA and shall not perform its obligations under this Contract in such a way as to cause the Authority to breach any of its applicable obligations under the DPA.

E3 Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989

E3.1 The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that it's Staff comply with, the provisions of:

- a) the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989; and
- b) Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989.

E3.2 In the event that the Contractor or its Staff fails to comply with this clause, the Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract by giving notice in writing to the Contractor.

E4 Confidential Information

E4.1 Except to the extent set out in this clause or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:

- a) treat the other Party's Confidential Information as confidential and safeguard it accordingly; and
- b) not disclose the other Party's Confidential Information to any other person without the owner's prior written consent.

E4.2 Clause E4 shall not apply to the extent that;

- a) such disclosure is a requirement of Law placed upon the Party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations pursuant to clause E5 (Freedom of Information);
- b) such information was in the possession of the Party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the information owner;
- c) such information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
- d) such information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of this Contract; or
- e) it is independently developed without access to the other Party's Confidential Information.

- E4.3 The Contractor may only disclose the Authority's Confidential Information to the Staff who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information, and shall ensure that such Staff are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.
- E4.4 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that the Staff do not, use any of the Authority's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of this Contract.
- E4.5 At the written request of the Authority, the Contractor shall procure that members of Staff or such professional advisors or consultants identified by the Authority give a confidentiality undertaking before commencing any work in accordance with this Contract.
- E4.6 Nothing in this Contract shall prevent the Authority from disclosing the Contractor's Confidential Information:
- a) to any government department, any part of the Crown, or any other Contracting Body. All government departments, any part of the Crown or Contracting Bodies receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to other government departments, other parts of the Crown or other Contracting Bodies on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third party which is not part of any government department, the Crown or any Contracting Body;
 - b) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
 - c) to the extent that the Authority (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;
 - d) to any consultant, professional adviser, contractor, supplier or other person engaged by the Authority or any person conducting a Cabinet Office gateway review;
 - e) on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under the agreement, including (but not limited to) for auditing purposes (Clause E9), to a body to novate, assign or dispose of its rights under the Agreement (Clause F1.8), to a replacement Contractor (Clause H6.2) and for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts; or
 - f) for any examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.
- E4.7 The Authority shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any government department, part of the Crown, Contracting Body, employee, third party or Sub-contractor to whom the Contractor's Confidential Information is

disclosed pursuant to clause E4 is made aware of the Authority's obligations of confidentiality.

- E4.8 Nothing in this clause E4 shall prevent either Party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of the Contract in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the other Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.
- E4.9 In the event that the Contractor fails to comply with clauses E4.1-3, the Authority reserves the right to terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.
- E4.10 Clauses E4.1-6 are without prejudice to the application of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 to any Confidential Information.
- E4.11 The Parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of this Contract is not Confidential Information. The Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA.
- E4.12 Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Contractor hereby gives consent for the Authority to publish the Contract in its entirety (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted), including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract, to the general public.

E5 Freedom of Information

- E5.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations and shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.
- E5.2 The Contractor shall and shall procure that its Sub-contractors shall;
- a) transfer to the Authority all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within two (2) Working Days of receiving a Request for Information;
 - b) provide the Authority with a copy of all Information in its possession or power in the form that the Authority requires within [five (5)] Working Days (or such other period as the Authority may specify) of the Authority's request; and
 - c) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Authority to enable the Authority to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.

- E5.3 The Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations.
- E5.4 In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Authority.
- E5.5 The Contractor acknowledges that (notwithstanding the provisions of clause E5) the Authority may, acting in accordance with the Department for Constitutional Affairs' Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Code"), be obliged under the FOIA, or the Environmental Information Regulations to disclose information concerning the Contractor or the Services;
- a) in certain circumstances without consulting the Contractor; or
 - b) following consultation with the Contractor and having taken their views into account;
- provided always that where E5.5 (a) applies the Authority shall, in accordance with any recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Contractor advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Contractor's attention after any such disclosure.
- E5.6 The Contractor shall ensure that all Information is retained for disclosure and shall permit the Authority to inspect such records as requested from time to time.
- E5.7 The Contractor acknowledges that the Commercially Sensitive Information listed in the Commercially Sensitive Information Schedule is of indicative value only and that the Authority may be obliged to disclose it in accordance with clause E5.5.

E6 Publicity, Media and Official Enquiries

- E6.1 The Contractor shall not:
- a) make any press announcements or publicise this Contract or its contents in any way; or
 - b) use the Authority's name or brand in any promotion or marketing or announcement of orders;
- without the written consent of the Authority, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- E6.2 Both Parties shall take reasonable steps to ensure that their servants, employees, agents, Sub-contractors, suppliers, professional advisors and consultants comply with clause E6.1.

- E6.3 Where applicable, each Party shall give the other advance notice of proposed visits to the Contractor's premises or any premises of its Sub-contractors (including Members of Parliament, members of the press and media) to observe the delivery of the Service(s) by the Contractor or its Sub-contractors.

E7 Security

- E7.1 The Contractor shall take all measures necessary to comply with the provisions of any enactment relating to security that may be applicable to the Contractor in the performance of the Services.
- E7.2 Whilst on the Authority's Premises, Staff shall comply with all security measures implemented by the Authority in respect of Staff and other persons attending those Premises. The Authority shall provide copies of its written security procedures to the Contractor on request and shall afford the Contractor upon request with an opportunity to inspect its physical security arrangements.
- E7.3 The Contractor shall comply, and shall procure the compliance of the Staff, with the Security Policy and the Security Plan. The Contractor shall ensure that the Security Plan fully complies with the Security Policy.
- E7.4 The Authority shall notify the Contractor of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.
- E7.5 If the Contractor believes that a change or proposed change to the Security Policy will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the Services it may request a Variation to the Contract by written notice to the Authority. In doing so, the Contractor must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate those costs. Any change to the Contract Price shall then be agreed in accordance with clause F3 (Variation).
- E7.6 Until and/or unless a change to the Contract Price is agreed by the Authority pursuant to clause E7.5 the Contractor shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with its existing obligations.

E8 Intellectual Property Rights

- E8.1 Save as granted under the Contract, neither the Authority nor the Contractor shall acquire any right, title or interest in the other's Pre-Existing Intellectual Property Rights. The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority Data is the property of the Authority and the Authority hereby reserves all Intellectual Property Rights which may subsist in the Authority Data.
- a) The Authority shall grant the Contractor a non-exclusive, revocable, no-cost licence for the Contract Period to use the Authority's Intellectual Property Rights where it is necessary for the Contractor to supply the Services. The Contractor shall have the right to sub license the Sub-Contractor's use of the Authority's Intellectual Property Rights. At the end of the Contract Period the Contractor shall cease use, and shall

procure that any Sub-Contractor ceases use, of the Authority's Intellectual Property Rights.

- b) The Contractor shall grant the Authority a non-exclusive, revocable, no-cost licence for the Contract Period to use the Contractor's Intellectual Property Rights where it is necessary for the Authority in the provision of the Services. At the end of the Contract Period the Authority shall cease use of the Contractor's Intellectual Property Rights.

E8.2 All Intellectual Property Rights in any guidance, specifications, instructions, toolkits, plans, data, drawings, databases, patents, patterns, models, designs or other material:

- a) furnished to or made available to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Authority shall remain the property of the Authority; or
- b) prepared by or for the Contractor on behalf of the Authority for use, or intended use, in relation to the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract shall belong to the Authority;

and the Contractor shall not, and shall ensure that the Staff shall not, (except when necessary for the performance of the Contract) without prior Approval, use or disclose any such Intellectual Property Rights.

E8.3 The Contractor shall obtain approval before using any material, in relation to the performance of its obligations under the Contract which is or may be subject to any third party Intellectual Property Rights. The Contractor shall ensure that the owner of the rights grants to the Authority a non-exclusive licence, or if itself a licensee of those rights, shall grant to the Authority an authorised sub-licence, to use, reproduce, modify, develop and maintain the material. Such licence or sub-licence shall be non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free and irrevocable and shall include the right for the Authority to sub-license, transfer, novate or assign to other Contracting Bodies, the Replacement Contractor or to any other third party supplying services to the Authority.

E8.4 The Contractor shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party in supplying the Services and the Contractor shall, during and after the Contract Period, indemnify and keep indemnified and hold the Authority and the Crown harmless from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the Authority or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this clause, except where any such claim arises from;

- a) items or materials based upon designs supplied by the Authority; or
- b) the use of data supplied by the Authority which is not required to be verified by the Contractor under any provision of the Contract.

E8.5 The Authority shall notify the Contractor in writing of any claim or demand brought against the Authority for infringement or alleged infringement of any

Intellectual Property Right in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor. The Contractor shall at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with any claim for breach of Intellectual Property Rights in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor, provided always that the Contractor:

- a) shall consult the Authority on all substantive issues which arise during the conduct of such litigation and negotiations;
- b) shall take due and proper account of the interests of the Authority; and
- c) shall not settle or compromise any claim without the Authority's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

E8.6 The Authority shall at the request of the Contractor afford to the Contractor all reasonable assistance for the purpose of contesting any claim or demand made or action brought against the Authority or the Contractor for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right in connection with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract and the Contractor shall indemnify the Authority for all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, legal costs and disbursements) incurred in doing so. Such costs and expenses shall not be repaid where they are incurred in relation to a claim, demand or action which relates to the matters in clause E8.4 (a) or (b).

E8.7 The Authority shall not make any admissions which may be prejudicial to the defence or settlement of any claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right by the Authority or the Contractor in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

E8.8 If a claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right is made in connection with the Contract or in the reasonable opinion of the Contractor is likely to be made, the Contractor shall notify the Authority and, at its own expense and subject to the consent of the Authority (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), use its best endeavours to:

- a) modify any or all of the Services without reducing the performance or functionality of the same, or substitute alternative Services of equivalent performance and functionality, so as to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, provided that the provisions herein shall apply mutates mutandis to such modified Services or to the substitute Services; or
- b) procure a licence to use and supply the Services, which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on Terms which are acceptable to the Authority;

and in the event that the Contractor is unable to comply with clauses E8.8 (a) or (b) within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the Contractor's notification the Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

E9 Audit and the National Audit Office

- E9.1 The Contractor shall keep and maintain until six (6) years after the end of the Contract Period, or as long a period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Contract including the Services supplied under it, all expenditure reimbursed by the Authority, and all payments made by the Authority. The Contractor shall on request afford the Authority or the Authority's representatives such access to those records as may be requested by the Authority in connection with the Contract.
- E9.2 The Contractor (and its agents) shall permit the Comptroller and Auditor General (and his appointed representatives) access free of charge during normal business hours on reasonable notice to all such documents (including computerised documents and data) and other information as the Comptroller and Auditor General may reasonably require for the purpose of his financial audit of the Authority and for carrying out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the authority has used its resources. The Contractor shall provide such explanations as are reasonably required for these purposes. This clause does not constitute a requirement or agreement for the examination, certification or inspection of the accounts of the Contractor under Section 6(3) (d) and (5) of the National Audit Act 1983.
- E9.3 Except where an audit is imposed on the Authority by a Regulatory body, the Authority may at any time during the Contract Period and for a period of 12 months after the Contract Period, conduct an audit for the following purposes:
- (a) to verify the accuracy of any charges that become due and payable by the Authority to the Contractor in respect of the Services (and proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract), or the costs of all suppliers (including Sub-Contractors) of the Services;
 - (b) to review the integrity, confidentiality and security of the Authority Data;
 - (c) to review the Contractor's compliance with the DPA, FOIA and other Law applicable to the Services;
 - (d) to review the Contractor's compliance with its obligations under the Contract;
 - (e) to review any records created during the provision of the Services;
 - (f) to review any books of account kept by the Contractor in connection with the provision of the Services;
 - (g) to carry out the audit and certification of the Authority's accounts;
 - (h) to carry out an examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources; and

- (i) to verify the accuracy and completeness of any management information delivered or required by this agreement.
- E9.4 The Authority shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conduct of each audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Contractor or delay the provision of the Services.
- E9.5 Subject to the Authority's obligations of confidentiality, the Contractor shall on demand provide the Authority, the Comptroller and Auditor General and any relevant Regulatory Body (and/or their agents or representatives) with all reasonable co-operation, access and assistance in relation to each audit, including:
 - (a) all Information requested within the permitted scope of the audit;
 - (b) reasonable access to any Premises or sites controlled by the Contractor and to any equipment used (whether exclusively or non-exclusively) in the performance of the Services;
 - (c) access to the Staff;
 - (d) access to the Contractor Software and ICT Environment; and
 - (e) accommodation (including desks) at the Premises as reasonably required to conduct the audit.
- E9.6 The Authority shall endeavour to (but is not obliged to) provide at least [15] calendar days notice of its intention to conduct an audit.
- E9.7 If an audit identifies that:
 - (a) the Contractor has committed a material Default, the Contractor shall correct such Default as soon as reasonably practicable and implement a remedial plan;
 - (b) the Authority has overpaid any charges that become due and payable by the Authority to the Contractor in respect of the Services, the Contractor shall pay to the Authority the amount overpaid within 20 Working Days. The Authority may deduct the relevant amount from the charges if the Contractor fails to make this payment; and
 - (c) the Authority has underpaid any charges that become due and payable by the Authority to the Contractor in respect of the Services, the Authority shall pay to the Contractor the amount of the under-payment less the cost of audit incurred by the Authority if this was due to a Default by the Contractor within 20 Working Days.

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- E9.8 The Contractor shall appoint, with the prior Approval of the Authority (such Approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), an

external auditor to prepare a Type 2 Report (in accordance with ISAE 3402) on the description, design and operational effectiveness of the controls associated with the Services. The control objectives contained within the Type 2 Report shall be agreed with the Authority prior to commencement.

E9.9 The Contractor shall:

(a) no later than 15 February each year, deliver to the Authority an interim Type 2 Report, prepared by the auditor, which covers the first nine (9) months of the relevant Accounting Year. The Authority shall be entitled to make recommendations to the Contractor relative to the contents of the interim Type 2 Report and the Contractor shall implement those recommendations before the end of the relevant Accounting Year; and

(b) no later than five (5) working days after the end of each Accounting Year, deliver to the Authority a final Type 2 Report for the relevant Accounting Year.

E9.10 If a Type 2 Report triggers a Default, the Contractor shall procure that the auditor who authored that Type 2 Report assess whether the remedial activities undertaken by the Contractor now permit the auditor to issue an unqualified Type 2 Report. If the auditor issues a modified Type 2 Report which triggers a further Default, the Contractor shall prepare a further remedial plan and then repeat the process set out in this Clause.

E9.11 Unless the Commencement Date is between 1 April and 15 August inclusive, the Authority will not require a Type 2 Report for the first Accounting Year of the Contract.

E9.12 The Authority may decide, at its absolute discretion that a Type 2 Report is not required for the Accounting Year in which the Contract Period ends. The Authority is likely to require a Type 2 Report for the Accounting Year in which the Contract Period ends where the Authority terminates the Contract (particularly where termination is due to a material Default of the Contractor) or where the Initial Contract Period is likely to be extended).

Exceptional Audits

E9.13 The Contractor shall permit the Authority and/or its appointed representatives access to conduct an audit (an "Exceptional Audit") of the Contractor in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) actual or suspected impropriety or Fraud;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to suspect that:
 - (i) the Contractor is in Default under the Contract;
 - (ii) the Guarantor may be in default of the Guarantee;

(iii) the Contractor is in financial distress or at risk of insolvency or bankruptcy, or any fact, circumstance or matter which is reasonably likely to cause the Contractor financial distress and result in a risk of the Contractor becoming insolvent or bankrupt has occurred; or

(iv) a breach of the Security Policy or the Security Plan has occurred under the Contract,

(each an **"Exceptional Circumstance"**).

E9.14 If the Authority notifies the **Contractor** of an Exceptional Circumstance and that it wishes to conduct an Exceptional Audit, the Contractor shall provide access in accordance with Clause E9.5 as soon as reasonably practicable after such request and in any event within forty eight (48) hours.

Audit Costs

E9.15 The Parties agree that they shall bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with their obligations under Clauses E9.3 to E9.14, unless an audit identifies a material Default by the Contractor in which case the Contractor shall reimburse:

(a) the Authority for all the Authority's identifiable, reasonable costs and expenses properly incurred in the course of the audit; and

(b) where the Authority, a Regulatory Body, or the Comptroller and Auditor General appoint another Contracting Body to conduct an audit under this Clause, the Authority shall be able to recover on demand from the Contractor the identifiable, reasonable and properly incurred costs and expenses of the relevant Contracting Body.

E10 Malicious Software

E10.1 The Contractor shall, as an enduring obligation throughout the Contract Period, use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions available from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor to check for and delete Malicious Software from the ICT Environment.

E10.2 Notwithstanding clause E10.1, if Malicious Software is found, the Parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Authority Data, assist each other to mitigate any losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.

E10.3 Any cost arising out of the actions of the Parties taken in compliance with the provisions of clause E10.2 shall be borne by the Parties as follows:

a) by the Contractor where the Malicious Software originates from the Contractor Software, the Third Party Software or the Authority Data (whilst the Authority Data was under the control of the Contractor); and

- b) by the Authority if the Malicious Software originates from the Authority Software, the Third Party Software or the Authority Data (whilst the Authority Data was under the control of the Authority).

F. CONTROL OF THE CONTRACT

F1 Transfer and Sub-Contracting

- F1.1 Except where F1.4 and F1.5 applies, the Contractor shall not assign, sub-contract or in any other way dispose of the Contract or any part of it without prior Approval. Sub-contracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations or duties under the Contract.
- F1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its Sub-contractors as though they are its own.
- F1.3 Where the Authority has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, copies of each sub-contract shall, at the request of the Authority, be sent by the Contractor to the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable.
- F1.4 Notwithstanding clause F1.1, the Contractor may assign to a third party (“**the Assignee**”) the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Contractor under this Contract (including any interest which the Authority incurs under clause C2.6). Any assignment under this clause F1.4 shall be subject to:
 - a) reduction of any sums in respect of which the Authority exercises its right of recovery under clause C3 (Recovery of Sums Due);
 - b) all related rights of the Authority under the Contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid; and
 - c) the Authority receiving notification under both clauses F1.5 and F1.6.
- F1.5 In the event that the Contractor assigns the right to receive the Contract Price under clause F1.4, the Contractor or the Assignee shall notify the Authority in writing of the assignment and the date upon which the assignment becomes effective.
- F1.6 The Contractor shall ensure that the Assignee notifies the Authority of the Assignee’s contact information and bank account details to which the Authority shall make payment.
- F1.7 The provisions of clause C2 (Payment and VAT) shall continue to apply in all other respects after the assignment and shall not be amended without the Approval of the Authority.
- F1.8 Subject to clause F1.10, the Authority may assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof to;
 - a) any Contracting Body;

- b) any other body established by the Crown or under statute in order substantially to perform any of the functions that had previously been performed by the Authority; or
- c) any private sector body which substantially performs the functions of the Authority,

provided that any such assignment, novation or other disposal shall not increase the burden of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

F1.9 Any change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Contracting Body shall not, subject to clause F1.8, affect the validity of the Contract. In such circumstances, the Contract shall bind and inure to the benefit of any successor body to the Authority.

F1.10 If the rights and obligations under the Contract are assigned, novated or otherwise disposed of pursuant to clause F1.8 to a body which is not a Contracting Body or if there is a change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Contracting Body (in the remainder of this clause both such bodies being referred to as the "**Transferee**"):

- a) the rights of termination of the Authority in clauses H1 (Termination on Insolvency and Change of Control) and H2 (Termination on Default) shall be available to the Contractor in the event of respectively, the bankruptcy or insolvency, or Default of the Transferee; and
- b) the Transferee shall only be able to assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof with the prior consent in writing of the Contractor.

F1.11 The Authority may disclose to any Transferee any Confidential Information of the Contractor which relates to the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract. In such circumstances the Authority shall authorise the Transferee to use such Confidential Information only for purposes relating to the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract and for no other purpose and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Transferee gives a confidentiality undertaking in relation to such Confidential Information.

F1.12 Each Party shall at its own cost and expense carry out, or use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the carrying out of, whatever further actions (including the execution of further documents) the other Party reasonably requires from time to time for the purpose of giving that other party the full benefit of the provisions of the Contract.

F2 Waiver

F2.1 The failure of either Party to insist upon strict performance of any provision of the Contract, or the failure of either Party to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy and shall not cause a diminution of the obligations established by the Contract.

F2.2 No waiver shall be effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and communicated to the other Party in writing in accordance with clause A5 (Notices).

F2.3 A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of the Contract shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other or subsequent breach of the Contract.

F3 Variation

F3.1 The Authority may from time to time during the Contract Period, by written notice to the Contractor, request a variation of the Contract provided that such variation does not amount to a material change to it. Such a change is hereinafter called a "Variation".

F3.2 Following such notice, the Authority and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations (for a period of not more than thirty (30) Working Days from the date thereof or where, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, the Variation is necessary as a matter of urgency due to circumstances outside the Parties' control, such shorter period as the Authority shall direct) to agree the Variation and any variation in the Contract Price that, in all the circumstances, properly and fairly reflects the nature and extent of the proposed Variation. If the Parties are unable to agree such matters within such period, the Authority shall by written notice to the Contractor:

- a) agree that the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under the Contract without the Variation; or
- b) terminate the Contract with immediate effect.

F3.3 If the Parties agree the Variation and any variation in the Contract Price within the relevant period set out in clause F3.1, the Contractor shall carry out such Variation and be bound by the same provisions so far as is applicable, as though such Variation was stated in the Contract.

F3.4 If the Parties, acting reasonably, are unable to agree the variation in the Contract Price referred to in clause F3.3, the matter shall be referred to dispute resolution under clause I.2. Pending resolution of the matter the Contractor shall nonetheless implement and comply with the Variation.

F3.5 Any such Variation shall be communicated in writing by the Authority to the Contractor in accordance with clause A5 (Notices). All Variations shall form an addendum to the Contract.

F4 Severability

If any provision of the Contract is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and the remainder of the provisions of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect as if the Contract had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

F5 Remedies in the Event of Inadequate Performance

- F5.1 Where a complaint is received about the standard of Services or about the manner in which any Services have been supplied or work has been performed or about the materials or procedures used or about any other matter connected with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, without prejudice to clauses B3.5-B3.7 then the Authority shall take all reasonable steps to investigate the complaint. Without prejudice to its other rights and remedies under the Contract, the Authority may, in its sole discretion, uphold the complaint and take further action in accordance with clause F5.2 or clause H2 (Termination on Default) of the Contract.
- F5.2 In the event that the Authority is of the reasonable opinion that there has been a Default which is a material breach of the Contract by the Contractor, then the Authority may, without prejudice to its rights and remedies under the Contract including under clause H2 (Termination on Default), do any of the following:
- a) require the Contractor to submit a performance improvement plan detailing why the breach has occurred and how it will be remedied within ten (10) Working Days or such other period of time as the Authority may direct;
 - b) without terminating the Contract, itself supply or procure the supply of all or part of the Services until such time as the Contractor shall have demonstrated to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority that the Contractor will once more be able to supply all or such part of the Services in accordance with the Contract;
 - c) without terminating the whole of the Contract, terminate the Contract in respect of part of the Services only (whereupon a corresponding reduction in the Contract Price shall be made) and thereafter itself supply or procure a third party to supply such part of the Services; and/or
 - d) terminate, in accordance with clause H2 (Termination on Default), the whole of the Contract.
- F5.3 Without prejudice to its rights under clause C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), the Authority may charge the Contractor for any costs reasonably incurred and any reasonable administration costs in respect of the supply of any part of the Services by the Authority or a third party to the extent that such costs exceed the payment which would otherwise have been payable to the Contractor for such part of the Services and provided that the Authority uses its reasonable endeavours to mitigate any additional expenditure in obtaining replacement Services.
- F5.4 If the Contractor fails to supply any of the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and such failure is capable of remedy, then the Authority shall instruct the Contractor to remedy the failure and the Contractor shall at its own cost and expense remedy such failure (and any damage resulting from such failure) within ten (10) Working Days or such other period of time as the Authority may direct.

F5.5 In the event that:

- a) the Contractor fails to comply with clause F5.4 above and the failure is materially adverse to the interests of the Authority or prevents the Authority from discharging a statutory duty; or
- b) the Contractor persistently fails to comply with clause F5.4 above,

the Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

F6 Remedies Cumulative

Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Contract, all remedies available to either Party for breach of the Contract are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.

F7 Monitoring of Contract Performance

The Contractor shall comply with the monitoring arrangements set out in the Monitoring Requirements Schedule including, but not limited to, providing such data and information as the Contractor may be required to produce under the Contract.

F8 Extension of Initial Contract Period

The Authority may, by giving written notice to the Contractor not less than **six (6)** Month(s) prior to the last day of the Initial Contract Period, extend the Contract for a further period of up to two (2) years on a one (1) plus one (1) basis. The provisions of the Contract will apply (subject to any Variation or adjustment to the Contract Price pursuant to clause C4 (Price adjustment on extension of the Initial Contract Period)) throughout any such extended period.

F9 Entire Agreement

- F9.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the matters dealt with therein. The Contract supersedes all prior negotiations between the Parties and all representations and undertakings made by one Party to the other, whether written or oral, except that this clause shall not exclude liability in respect of any Fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.
- F9.2 Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that in entering into the Contract it does not rely on, and shall have no remedy in respect of, any statement, representation, warranty or undertaking (whether negligently or innocently made) other than as expressly set out in the Contract. The only remedy available to either Party for any such statements, representation, warranty or understanding shall be for breach of contract under the terms of the Contract.
- F9.3 In the event of, and only to the extent of, any conflict between the clauses of the Contract, any document referred to in those clauses and the Schedules,

the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:

- 1) the clauses of the Contract;
- 2) the Schedules; and
- 3) any other document(s) referred to in the clauses of the Contract.

F10 Counterparts

The Contract may be executed in counterparts each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original but all counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

G. LIABILITIES

G1 Liability, Indemnity and Insurance

G1.1 Neither Party excludes or limits liability to the other Party for:

- a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence; or
- b) fraud; or
- c) fraudulent misrepresentation; or
- d) any breach of any obligations implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

G1.2 Subject to clause G1.3, the Contractor shall indemnify the Authority and keep the Authority indemnified fully

- a) in respect of any personal injury or loss of or damage to tangible property incurred by the Authority or its employees and agents to the extent that such personal injury or loss of property is directly caused by any Default of the Contractor, its employees, agents or Sub-contractors or by circumstances within its or their control in connection with the performance or purported performance of the Contract; and
- b) against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, costs, expenses (including but not limited to legal costs and disbursements on a solicitor and client basis) and any other liabilities in respect of any personal injury or damage arising from or incurred by reason of the use of the Services by any Participant; and
- c) against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, costs, expenses (including but not limited to legal costs and disbursements on a solicitor and client basis) which may arise out of, or in consequence of, the supply, or the late or purported supply, of the Services or the performance or non-performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract or the presence of the Contractor or any Staff on the Premises, including financial loss arising from any advice given or

omitted to be given by the Contractor, or any other loss which is caused directly or indirectly by any act or omission of the Contractor.

- G1.3 The Contractor shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, cost or expense if and to the extent that it is caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Authority or by breach by the Authority of its obligations under the Contract.
- G1.4 Responsibility for the control, management and supervision of all Participants shall rest entirely with the Contractor subject to the Participant complying with all reasonable instructions and directions which the Contractor may issue to the Participant from time to time. The Authority shall not be liable for any personal injury, disease or death, or loss or damage whatsoever caused, by any act or omission of a Participant, except to the extent (if any) that it was also caused or contributed to by the negligent act or omission or wilful Default of some other person acting as a servant or agent of the Authority.
- G1.5 Subject always to clause G1.1, the liability of either Party for Defaults shall be subject to the following financial limits; the aggregate liability of either Party for all Defaults resulting in direct loss of or damage to the property of the other under or in connection with the Contract shall in no event exceed the Contract price.
- G1.6 Subject always to clause **[E2.3]**, G1.1 and G2, in no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any:
- a) loss of profits, business, revenue or goodwill; and/or
 - b) loss of savings (whether anticipated or otherwise); and/or
 - c) indirect or consequential loss or damage.
- G1.7 The Contractor shall effect and maintain with a reputable insurance company a policy or policies of insurance providing an adequate level of cover in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Contractor, arising out of the Contractor's performance of its obligations under the Contract, including death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property or any other loss. Such policies shall include cover in respect of any financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor. Such insurance shall be maintained for the duration of the Contract Period [and for a minimum of six (6) years following the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract].
- G1.8 The Contractor shall hold employer's liability insurance in respect of Staff in accordance with any legal requirement from time to time in force.
- G1.9 The Contractor shall give the Authority, on request, copies of all insurance policies referred to in this clause or a broker's verification of insurance to demonstrate that the appropriate cover is in place, together with receipts or other evidence of payment of the latest premiums due under those policies.

G1.10 If, for whatever reason, the Contractor fails to give effect to and maintain the insurances required by the provisions of the Contract the Authority may make alternative arrangements to protect its interests and may recover the costs of such arrangements from the Contractor.

G1.11 The provisions of any insurance or the amount of cover shall not relieve the Contractor of any liabilities under the Contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the amount of insurance cover that will be adequate to enable the Contractor to satisfy any liability referred to in clause G1.2.

G2 Professional Indemnity

Clause removed as not applicable for this agreement

G3 Warranties and Representations

The Contractor warrants and represents that:

- a) it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents (including where its procedures so require, the consent of its parent company) to enter into and perform its obligations under the Contract and that the Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of the Contractor;
- b) in entering the Contract it has not committed any Fraud;
- c) as at the Commencement Date, all information contained in the Tender remains true, accurate and not misleading, save as may have been specifically disclosed in writing to the Authority prior to execution of the Contract;
- d) no claim is being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is presently in progress or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, pending or threatened against it or any of its assets which will or might have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- e) it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- f) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Contractor or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Contractor's assets or revenue;
- g) it owns, has obtained or is able to obtain, valid licences for all Intellectual Property Rights that are necessary for the performance of its obligations under the Contract;

- h) in the three (3) years prior to the date of the Contract:
 - i) it has conducted all financial accounting and reporting activities in compliance in all material respects with the generally accepted accounting principles that apply to it in any country where it files accounts;
 - ii) it has been in full compliance with all applicable securities and tax laws and regulations in the jurisdiction in which it is established; and
- i) it has not done or omitted to do anything which could have a material adverse effect on its assets, financial condition or position as an ongoing business concern or its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Contract.

G4 Parent Company Guarantee

G4.1 Removed

H. DEFAULT, DISRUPTION AND TERMINATION

H1 Termination on Insolvency and Change of Control

H1.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is a company and in respect of the Contractor:

- a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or
- b) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation); or
- c) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within fourteen (14) days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- d) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or
- e) an application order is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given; or
- f) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

- g) being a "small company" within the meaning of section 382(3) of the Companies Act 2006, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- h) any event similar to those listed in H1.1 (a)-(g) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction.

H1.2 The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is an individual and:

- a) an application for an interim order is made pursuant to Sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, the Contractor's creditors; or
- b) a petition is presented and not dismissed within fourteen (14) days or order made for the Contractor's bankruptcy; or
- c) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of the Contractor's assets or a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver, or similar officer over the whole or any part of his assets; or
- d) the Contractor is unable to pay his debts or has no reasonable prospect of doing so, in either case within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- e) a creditor or encumbrancer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of the Contractor's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within fourteen (14) days; or
- f) he dies or is adjudged incapable of managing his affairs within the meaning of Part VII of the Mental Health Act 1983; or
- g) he suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of the business.

H1.3 The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately if the Contractor undergoes a change of control within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 ("Change of Control"). The Authority may terminate the Contract by notice in writing with immediate effect within six (6) Months of:

- a) being notified that a change of control has occurred; or
- b) where no notification has been made, the date that the Authority becomes aware of the change of control;

but shall not be permitted to terminate where an Approval was granted prior to the change of control.

H2 Termination on Default

H2.1 The Authority may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor with immediate effect if the Contractor commits a Default and if:

- a) the Contractor has not remedied the Default to the satisfaction of the Authority within twenty five (25) Working Days, or such other period as may be specified by the Authority, after issue of a written notice specifying the Default and requesting it to be remedied; or
- b) the Default is not, in the opinion of the Authority, capable of remedy.

H2.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of clause H1 or H2.1, where the Authority considers that the Contractor has committed a Persistent Breach in relation to the Contract or any part thereof (including any part of the Services), the Authority shall be entitled to serve a written notice (a "Formal Warning Notice") on the Contractor:

- a) specifying that it is a Formal Warning Notice;
- b) giving reasonable details of the Persistent Breach; and
- c) stating that if the Persistent Breach recurs two or more times within a six (6) Month period after the date of service of the Formal Warning Notice, this may result in a termination of the Contract or that part of the Services affected by such Persistent Breach.

H2.3 If:

- a) twenty (20) Working Days after service of a Formal Warning Notice, the Contractor has failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Authority that the Persistent Breach specified has not continued and that the Contractor has put in place measures to ensure that such Persistent Breach does not recur; or
- b) within a six (6) Month period after the date of service of the Formal Warning Notice, the Contractor has failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Authority that the Persistent Breach specified has not recurred [two] or more times within such six (6) month period and that the Contractor has put in place measures to ensure that such Persistent Breach does not recur;

then the Authority may deem such failure shall be a Default which is a material breach of the Contract not capable of remedy for the purposes of clause H2.1 (b).

H2.4 In the event that through any Default of the Contractor, data transmitted or processed in connection with the Contract is either lost or sufficiently degraded as to be unusable, the Contractor shall be liable for the cost of reconstitution of that data and shall reimburse the Authority in respect of any charge levied for its transmission and any other costs charged in connection with such Default.

H2.5 If the Authority fails to pay the Contractor undisputed sums of money when due, the Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing of such failure to pay. If the Authority fails to pay such undisputed sums within ninety (90) Working Days of the date of such written notice, the Contractor may terminate the Contract in writing with immediate effect, save that such right of termination shall not apply where the failure to pay is due to the Authority exercising its rights under clause C3.1 (Recovery of Sums Due).

H3 Break

H3.1 The Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract at any time by giving three (3) Months' written notice to the Contractor. The Authority may extend the period of notice at any time before it expires, subject to agreement on the level of Services to be provided by the Contractor during the period of extension.

H3.2 On the expiry or termination of this Contract or any part thereof:

- a) the Contractor shall repay forthwith to the Authority any moneys paid up to and including such date of termination other than moneys in respect of the Service(s) or part thereof properly performed in accordance with this Contract;
- b) the Contractor shall cease all use of all the Authority Intellectual Property Rights, generated Intellectual Property Rights, and any trade mark and shall return or destroy as the Authority requires, all documents and materials (including those in electronic format) incorporating or referring to the same.

H4 Consequences of Expiry or Termination

H4.1 Where the Authority terminates the Contract under clause F5.5 (Remedies in the Event of Inadequate Performance) or clause H2 (Termination on Default) and then makes other arrangements for the supply of Services, the Authority may recover from the Contractor the cost reasonably incurred of making those other arrangements and any additional expenditure incurred by the Authority throughout the remainder of the Contract Period. The Authority shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate such additional expenditure. Where the Contract is terminated under clause F5.5 or clause H2 (Termination on Default), no further payments shall be payable by the Authority to the Contractor until the Authority has established the final cost of making those other arrangements.

H4.2 Subject to clause H4.3, where the Authority terminates the Contract under clause H3 (Break), the Authority shall indemnify the Contractor against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract, provided that the Contractor takes all reasonable steps to mitigate such loss. Where the Contractor holds insurance, the Contractor shall reduce its unavoidable costs by any insurance sums available. The Contractor shall submit a fully itemised and costed list of such loss, with supporting evidence, of losses reasonably and actually incurred by the Contractor as a result of termination under clause H3 (Break). Any payment paid by the Authority in accordance with this clause H4.2 shall be in full and final settlement of any

claim, demand and/or proceedings of the Contractor in relation to any termination by the Authority pursuant to clause H3 (Break), and the Contractor shall be excluded from all other rights and remedies it would otherwise have been in respect of any such termination.

H4.3 The Authority shall not be liable under clause H4.2 to pay any sum which:

- a) was claimable under insurance held by the Contractor, and the Contractor has failed to make a claim on its insurance, or has failed to make a claim in accordance with the procedural requirements of the insurance policy; or
- b) when added to any sums paid or due to the Contractor under the Contract, exceeds the total sum that would have been payable to the Contractor if the Contract had not been terminated prior to the expiry of the Contract Period.

H4.4 On the expiry or termination of this Contract or any part thereof:

- a) the Contractor shall repay forthwith to the Authority any moneys paid up to and including such date of termination other than moneys in respect of the Service(s) or part thereof properly performed in accordance with this Contract;
- b) the Contractor shall cease all use of all the Authority's Intellectual Property Rights, generated Intellectual Property Rights, and any trade mark and shall return or destroy as the Authority requires, all documents and materials (including those in electronic format) incorporating or referring to the same.

H4.5 Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract:

- a) termination or expiry of the Contract shall be without prejudice to any rights, remedies or obligations accrued under the Contract prior to termination or expiration and nothing in the Contract shall prejudice the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at such termination or expiry; and
- b) termination of the Contract shall not affect the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Authority or the Contractor under clauses C2 (Payment and VAT), C3 (Recovery of Sums Due), D1 (Prevention of Bribery and Corruption), E1 (Authority Data), E2 (Protection of Personal Data), E3 (Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989), E4 (Confidential Information), E5 (Freedom of Information), E8 (Intellectual Property Rights), E9 (Audit and National Audit Office), F6 Remedies Cumulative), G1 (Liability, Indemnity and Insurance), G2 (Professional Indemnity), H4 (Consequences of Expiry or Termination), H6 (Recovery upon Expiry or Termination) and I1 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction).

H5 Disruption

- H5.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under the Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Authority, its employees or any other contractor employed by the Authority.
- H5.2 The Contractor shall immediately inform the Authority of any actual or potential industrial action, whether such action be by their own employees or others, which affects or might affect its ability at any time to perform its obligations under the Contract.
- H5.3 In the event of industrial action by the Staff, the Contractor shall seek Approval to its proposals to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract.
- H5.4 If the Contractor's proposals referred to in clause H5.3 are considered insufficient or unacceptable by the Authority acting reasonably, then the Contract may be terminated with immediate effect by the Authority by notice in writing.
- H5.5 If the Contractor is temporarily unable to fulfil the requirements of the Contract owing to disruption of normal business by direction of the Authority, an appropriate allowance by way of extension of time will be approved by the Authority. In addition, the Authority will reimburse any additional expense reasonably incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of such disruption.
- H5.6 The Contractor shall have a Business Continuity Plan in place, agreed with the Authority, to ensure that the Service to the Authority will be maintained in the event of disruption (including, but not limited to, disruption to information technology systems) to the Contractor's operations, and those of Sub-contractors to the Contractor, however caused. Such contingency plans shall be available for the Authority to inspect and to practically test at any reasonable time, and shall be subject to regular updating and revision throughout the Contract Period.

H6 Recovery upon Termination

- H6.1 At the expiry or earlier termination of the Contract Period (howsoever arising) the Contractor shall immediately deliver to the Authority or as directed upon request all Property (including materials, documents, information and access keys) used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract in its possession or under its control or in the possession or under the control of any permitted suppliers or Sub-contractors and in the event the Contractor fails to do so, the Authority may recover possession thereof and the Contractor grants a licence to the Authority or its appointed agents to enter (for the purposes of such recovery) any premises of the Contractor or its permitted suppliers or Sub-contractors where any such items may be held.
- H6.2 At the expiry or early termination of the Contract Period (howsoever arising) and/or after the Contract Period the Contractor shall provide assistance to the Authority and the Replacement Contractor in order to ensure an effective handover of all work then in progress. Where the end of the Contract Period arises due to the Contractor's Default, the Contractor shall provide such assistance at nil charge. Where the contract ends for other reasons the Authority shall pay the Contractor's reasonable costs of providing the

assistance and the Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate such costs.

H7 Force Majeure

- H7.1 Neither Party, shall be liable to the other Party for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, its obligations under the Contract (other than a payment of money) to the extent that such delay or failure is a result of Force Majeure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party shall use all reasonable endeavours to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract for the duration of such Force Majeure. However, if such Force Majeure prevents either Party from performing its material obligations under the Contract for a period in excess of six (6) Months, either Party may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.
- H7.2 Any failure or delay by the Contractor in performing its obligations under the Contract which results from any failure or delay by an agent, Sub-contractor or supplier shall be regarded as due to Force Majeure only if that agent, Sub-contractor or supplier is itself impeded by Force Majeure from complying with an obligation to the Contractor.
- H7.3 If either Party becomes aware of Force Majeure which gives rise to, or is likely to give rise to, any failure or delay on its part as described in clause H7.1 it shall immediately notify the other Party by the most expeditious method then available and shall inform the other of the period for which it is estimated that such failure or delay shall continue.

I. DISPUTES AND LAW

I 1 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and the Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts. Each Party irrevocably waives any objection which it might at any time have to the courts of England being nominated as the forum to hear and decide any proceedings and to settle any disputes and agrees not to claim that the courts of England are not a convenient or appropriate forum.

I 2 Dispute Resolution

- I 2.1 The Parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with the Contract within twenty (20) Working Days of either Party notifying the other of the dispute and such efforts shall involve the escalation of the dispute ultimately to the Commercial Director (or such other person as he may direct) of each Party.
- I 2.2 Nothing in this dispute resolution procedure shall prevent the Parties from seeking from any court of competent jurisdiction an interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.
- I 2.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties pursuant to clause I 2.1 the Parties shall refer it to mediation pursuant to the procedure set out in clause I 2.5 unless (a) the Authority considers that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation; or (b) the Contractor does not agree to mediation.

- I 2.4 The obligations of the Parties under the Contract shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation (or arbitration) and the Contractor and its Staff shall comply fully with the requirements of the Contract at all times.
- I 2.5 The procedure for mediation and consequential provisions relating to mediation are as follows:
- a) a neutral adviser or mediator (the “Mediator”) shall be chosen by agreement between the Parties, or if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within ten (10) Working Days after a request by one Party to the other or if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party shall within ten (10) Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator, or within ten (10) Working Days of notice to either Party that he is unable or unwilling to act, apply to a mediation provider to appoint a Mediator.
 - b) The Parties shall within ten (10) Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet with him in order to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure to be adopted for negotiations to be held. If considered appropriate, the Parties may at any stage seek assistance from a mediation provider to provide guidance on a suitable procedure.
 - c) Unless otherwise agreed, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it shall be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any future proceedings.
 - d) If the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement shall be recorded in writing and shall be binding on the Parties once it is signed by their duly authorised representatives.
 - e) Failing agreement, either of the Parties may invite the Mediator to provide a non-binding but informative written opinion. Such an opinion shall be provided on a without prejudice basis and shall not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to the Contract without the prior written consent of both Parties.
 - f) If the Parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within sixty (60) Working Days of the Mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed by the Parties, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the Courts unless the dispute is referred to arbitration pursuant to the procedures set out in clause I 2.6.
- I 2.6 Subject to clause I 2.2, the Parties shall not institute court proceedings until the procedures set out in clauses I 2.1 and I 2.3 have been completed save that:

- a) the Authority may at any time before court proceedings are commenced, serve a notice on the Contractor requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I 2.7
- b) if the Contractor intends to commence court proceedings, it shall serve written notice on the Authority of its intentions and the Authority shall have twenty one (21) days following receipt of such notice to serve a reply on the Contractor requiring the dispute to be referred to and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I 2.7
- c) the Contractor may request by notice in writing to the Authority that any dispute be referred and resolved by arbitration in accordance with clause I 2.7, to which the Authority may consent as it sees fit.

I 2.7 In the event that any arbitration proceedings are commenced pursuant to clause I 2.6:

- a) the arbitration shall be governed by the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1996;
- b) the Authority shall give a written notice of arbitration to the Contractor (the “**Arbitration Notice**”) stating:
 - i) that the dispute is referred to arbitration; and
 - ii) providing details of the issues to be resolved;
- c) the London Court of International Arbitration (“LCIA”) procedural rules in force at the date that the dispute was referred to arbitration in accordance with I 2.7 (b) shall be applied and are deemed to be incorporated by reference to the Contract and the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the Parties in the absence of any material failure to comply with such rules;
- d) the tribunal shall consist of a sole arbitrator to be agreed by the Parties;
- e) if the Parties fail to agree the appointment of the arbitrator within ten (10) days of the Arbitration Notice being issued by the Authority under clause I 2.7 (b) or if the person appointed is unable or unwilling to act, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the LCIA;
- f) the arbitration proceedings shall take place in London and in the English language; and
- g) the arbitration proceedings shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, English law.

FORM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of it.

SIGNED for and on behalf of

SIGNED for and on behalf of

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (the “Authority”) acting as part of the Crown.

Argos Business Solutions

Name [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED]

Position Employment Category

Position [REDACTED]

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

SCHEDULE 1 – THE SERVICES

1 General

The following additional documents shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Contract;

Document	Dated
Specification	24 th July 2014
Contractors Tenders	2 nd September 2014
Bid Clarification	21 st October 2014 and 26 th November 2014
HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard – a Guide for DWP Contractors	Version 5 30 th October 2014

2 Plan To Set Up and Mobilise Operations

In order to commence full operations the Contractor must complete the following activities by the required dates;

Activity	Date
As per implementation plan	2 nd September 2014
[REDACTED]	

3 Performance Requirements

- 3.1 In delivering the Services the Contractor acknowledges that it shall be under an obligation to meet the following performance targets and furthermore that failure to meet all or any of the defined such targets, shall entitle the Authority to serve notice to terminate on the Contractor.
- 3.2 Contractors will produce monthly MI reporting and other reports when appropriate to the named CD contract manager. Formal performance reviews with contractors will be completed regularly with documented improvement plans agreed, if necessary, covering both operational issues and adherence to key contractual requirements, for example, on data security.
- 3.3. Contractors will provide Management Information on a monthly basis to the named CD contract manager, which will include but is not limited to;
- Dates of transactions;
 - Value and description of goods purchased;
 - Store / Region where purchases made;
 - Variance between JCP award and payment;
 - Complaints;
 - Details of fund to which the payment relates
- 3.4 At yearly intervals CD will review;
- Performance of the Contract and agree performance report;

- Diversity and Equality Plan;
- Contractors security Plan;
- Assurance check of effective audit system.

3.5 Suppliers are required to ensure that all orders are processed correctly and submitted to the Authority in a timely fashion

3.6 Suppliers are required to ensure that all customers are treated fairly and not disadvantaged or stigmatised.

4 Working Hours

4.1 The Services shall be carried out during normal store trading hours that prevail during the Contract Period and as a minimum Monday to Friday 9:00-17:00

4.2 The Contractor shall not be expected to provide the Services on the following bank /public holidays or the stipulated ad-hoc Government holiday;

New Year's Day	Spring Bank Holiday
Good Friday	August Bank Holiday
Easter Monday	Christmas Day
May Day	Boxing Day

A day other than a Saturday or Sunday which falls within the Christmas holiday period.	
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5 Recruitment Through Jobcentre Plus

- 5.1 One of the key objectives of the Department for Work and Pensions is to move people from welfare into work. DWP has a Great Britain-wide network of Jobcentre Plus offices that provide job broking services for unemployed people. The Contractor is therefore required to notify Jobcentre Plus when recruiting staff for any entry-level job vacancies located within Great Britain, which may arise from the delivery of their contract to the Authority.
- 5.2 The Contractor is also encouraged to notify Jobcentre Plus of any other vacancies that may arise. The Contractor may in addition use other recruitment methods.

6 Appendices

The following appendices form part of this schedule;

Appendix A – List of Authority's Property

Appendix B – Contractor's Anticipated Resource Structure

Appendix C – List of Management Information Requirements

Appendix A – List of Authority's Property



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And store locations set out at www.argos.co.uk

Appendix B – Contractor’s Anticipated Resource Structure



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Appendix C – Management Information (MI) Requirements

The Contractor shall supply information listed below relevant to the delivery of the Services to the Authority, using formats and to timescales as specified by the Authority, covering areas such as (but not limited to);

Management Information Required	Frequency/Date Required
Submit copy of Board Minutes for Parent Company where PCG has been signed	Date as outlined in clause G4.4
Full and final Security Plan in accordance with Schedule [6]	Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Commencement Date and reviewed at least annually thereafter.
Sustainable Development Policy Statement & Sustainable Development Plan in accordance with Schedule [7]	Within six (6) Months of contract start date and at least annually thereafter.
Diversity & Equality Delivery Plan in accordance with Schedule [8]	Within six (6) Months of contract start date and at least annually thereafter.
Workforce Monitoring Data Template – Appendix 3 of the Diversity and Equality Guidance for Contractors document, in accordance with Schedule [8]	Within six (6) Months of contract start date and at least annually thereafter.
Apprenticeships & Skills Report in accordance with Schedule [10]	Within six (6) Months of the contract start date and written updates on a quarterly] basis thereafter.
Supply chain expenditure with SMEs (Quarterly return)	The contractor, and where applicable, its sub-contractors shall identify the volume of expenditure they undertake with SMEs in the delivery of this contract and submit this information to the Authority on a quarterly basis.
HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard - Contractor's Declaration see HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard - A Guide for DWP Contractors	Within four (4) weeks of contract start date and submitted for each calendar year thereafter within one Month of the end of each calendar year (i.e. by 31 st January for year ending 31 st December)

SCHEDULE 2 – ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1 Authority's Authorisation

- 1.1 The following person is the Authority's Representative and is authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on all matters relating to the Contract. Contact details are shown in clause A5.3.

Name: [REDACTED]
Title: Authority's Representative

- 1.2 The Authority's Representative may approve deputy Authority's Representatives to exercise on his/her behalf such powers as are contained in this Contract.

2 Contractor's Authorisation

- 2.1 The following person is the Contractor's Representative and is authorised to act on behalf of the Contractor on all matters relating to the Contract. Contact details are shown in clause A5.3.

Name: [REDACTED]
Title: Key Clients Account Manager

3 Payment Information

- 3.1 The Authority and the Contractor shall exchange all invoices, claims and payments via electronic methods
- 3.2 All RM interface files must be submitted to the DWP's Shared Services provider - Shared Services Connected Ltd (SSCL) at the dedicated SSCL email address by the 8th of each month.
- 3.3 Full details of the format of the RM interface file are provided in the RM Supplier Adoption Pack embedded.

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4 Disputed Claims

- 4.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 4.5 of this Schedule, payment by the Authority of all or any part of any invoice rendered or other claim for payment by the Contractor shall not signify approval of such invoice/claim. The Authority reserves the right to verify invoices/claims after the date of payment and subsequently to recover any sums which have been overpaid.
- 4.2 If any part of a claim rendered by the Contractor is disputed or subject to question by the Authority either before or after payment then the Authority may call for the Contractor to provide such further documentary and oral evidence as it may reasonably require to verify its liability to pay the amount which is disputed or subject to question and the Contractor shall promptly provide such evidence in a form satisfactory to the Authority.
- 4.3 If any part of a claim rendered by the Contractor is disputed or subject to question by the Authority, the Authority shall not withhold payment of the remainder.

- 4.4 If any invoice rendered by the Contractor is paid but any part of it is disputed or subject to question by the Authority and such part is subsequently agreed or determined not to have been properly payable then the Contractor shall forthwith repay such part to the Authority.
- 4.5 The Authority shall be entitled to deduct from sums due to the Contractor by way of set-off any amounts owed to it or which are in dispute or subject to question either in respect of the invoice for which payment is being made or any previous invoice.
- 5 Final Claims**
- 5.1 Provided all previous claims have been paid, the authority shall have no further liability to make payment of any kind to the contractor once the final claims have been paid.

SCHEDULE 3 – MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

This Schedule sets out the contract management requirements which are applicable to the delivery of the Services.

1 Reviewing Contract Performance

- 1.1 The Contractor shall work with the Authority to establish and maintain an effective and beneficial working relationship to ensure the Contract is delivered to at least the minimum required standard as specified in the Schedule (The Services).
- 1.2 The Contractor shall work with the Authority to establish suitable administrative arrangements for the effective management and performance monitoring of the Contract and shall provide information as requested to monitor and evaluate the success of the Contract and the Contractor's management and delivery of it.
- 1.3 The Contractor shall supply information requested relevant to the delivery of the Services to the Authority, using formats and to timescales specified by the Authority in Schedule 1, Appendix G.
- 1.4 The Authority intends, wherever it can, to capture and collate information through its IT system(s). However, the Authority does reserve the right to make reasonable requests for information (at no additional charge) from the Contractor including ad-hoc requests for information from time to time.
- 1.5 Any additional requests for information shall be considered in consultation with the Contractor as shall the process of defining the methods of collection.
- 1.6 Where an ongoing, short-term or one-off requirement is agreed, both Parties agree that it shall be included, or deemed to be included within this Schedule.
- 1.7 Review meetings between the Authority and the Contractor shall also cover, as appropriate, resolving disputes and/or dealing with contractual breaches in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. Roles and responsibilities will be documented and the personnel involved in managing the relationship identified and suitably empowered.
- 1.8 The Authority may undertake spot checks at any time to ensure that the Contractor is complying with its obligations under this Contract and the Contractor shall co-operate fully, at its own cost, with the Authority..
- 1.9 The Contractor will be expected to continuously improve the quality of the provision. Where quality falls below acceptable levels the Contractor will be expected to have suitable escalation procedures in place and, in respect of sub-contracted provision, take action where necessary to terminate the contract.
- 1.10 The purpose of the Contractor performance reviews is to encourage an open and regular dialogue between the Parties with the purpose of ensuring that the Services, including the standards and outputs specified, are being delivered appropriately and to drive up the performance and quality of the Services.

They will encourage the Parties to review performance, discuss opportunities for continuous improvement and raise and address any complaints or persistent problems encountered with the Contract. Where issues cannot be immediately addressed, the Authority and the Contractor will follow the dispute resolution process detailed in the Dispute Resolution clause.

- 1.11 Contractor performance reviews may be undertaken formally or informally. The Contractor will be expected to provide any additional management information required by the Authority to facilitate the reviews and arrange where necessary access to any of its delivery locations.

2 Access

- 2.1 In all instances, the Contractor shall co-operate and provide such reasonable assistance as may be necessary to facilitate such monitoring. Failure to provide such reasonable assistance shall be deemed a "Serious Breach" for the purposes of clause H2 (Termination on Default).

3 Sustainable Development

- 3.1 The Authority will review the Contractor's Sustainable Development Policy Statement and Sustainable Development Plan submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Schedule (Sustainable Development Requirements) and then at least annually thereafter.
- 3.2 Sustainable Procurement Risk Assessment Methodology (SPRAM) is a tool used by the Authority to identify and mitigate any potential risks to sustainability in contracts. The process requires that each Contract be assessed for its potential social, economic and environmental risks, throughout the various stages of its lifetime. Where risks are identified, appropriate mitigation action is required to reduce or eliminate the risk to sustainability. The Authority may at times require input from the Contractor in order to ensure that this process is given the required levels of consideration.

4 Diversity and Equality

- 4.1 The Authority will review the Contractor's Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan and completed workforce monitoring data template when submitted in accordance with the Schedule (Diversity and Equality Requirements) and then annually thereafter. The Authority can request full policy/procedure documents at any time throughout the Contract.

5 Security Requirements

- 5.1 The Authority will review the Contractor's Security Plan when submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Schedule (Security Requirements and Plan) and at least annually thereafter.

6 HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standards

- 6.1 The authority will review the Contractor's HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standards Declaration in accordance with HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard – A Guide For DWP Contractors.



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7 Health and Safety Responsibilities of the Authority Visiting Officers

- 7.1 The Authority representatives visit Contractors and its Sub-contractors for a variety of reasons. In the course of their normal duties such representatives of the Authority shall adopt an 'eyes and ears' approach to monitoring health and safety. In doing this the Authority representatives shall not be conducting a health and safety inspection, nor shall they be in a position to offer advice on whether something is safe or not. Instead they shall approach this from the position of any lay person. If, however, the Authority representative does notice something on which they require assurance or clarification, they shall raise this with the Contractor or the Contractor's Sub-contractor's representative at the location where they are visiting. In no event are the Authority representatives to be seen as offering professional advice on health and safety matters and as such, shall not be liable for any advice or comments or otherwise given to the Contractor or its Sub-contractors or any omission to give such advice, comments or otherwise.

Appendix A – Contractor’s Performance Review Table

The following definitions shall be used to determine the standard rating scale for the Performance Index rating in the Contractor’s Performance Review Table: -

4	High Standard	• Sometimes exceed and consistently achieves the required standard • Very few weaknesses • Limited management support needed.
3	Acceptable Standard	• Meets required standard • Few weaknesses • Some management support needed.
2	Below Standard	• Usually meets, but sometimes fails to meet required standard • Some weaknesses • Considerable management support needed.
1	Failure	• Cannot meet required standard without excessive management support • Many weaknesses.

Contractor’s Performance Review Table

Date			
Description		Score	Remarks
TOTAL			
Comments			
Signed for the Authority		Date	
Signed for the Contractor		Date	

Appendix B – Annual Financial Assurance Declaration

Where the Contractor has more than one contract with the Department the information and returns detailed in this section will only be required at an organisational level not contract level.

1 Financial information required on an ongoing basis and annual basis

- 1.1 The Contractor is required to disclose material changes to the organisation that impact on the ongoing financial viability including details of the revenue replacement strategy and impact awareness on the organisation's profitability and stability where significant contracts are due to end.
- 1.2 The Contractor is required to notify the Authority immediately of proposed changes to the organisational control or group structure, proposed mergers or acquisitions or proposed changes to the Contractor's financial viability.
- 1.3 The Contractor confirms its compliance with clauses 1.1 and 1.2 by completing and returning the Annual Assurance Declaration (Annex 2) to: CDFINANCE.FVRA@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK

2 Financial Assurance Documents

- 2.1 The Contractor is required to provide the documents detailed at 2.2.1 – 2.2.5 if requested by The Authority.
- 2.2 If requested so by The Authority, where a Parent Company Guarantee has been provided, the Contractor is required to provide the documents detailed below (2.2.1 – 2.2.5) for the Parent Company, including a translation and conversion (Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and key Balance Sheet Notes) into £GB if necessary, stating the conversion rate used.
 - 2.2.1 **Annual Accounts** – A copy of the final audited financial statements including Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Accounts with associated accounting policies and notes to the accounts within the 10 Months of the end of the accounting period, as per the deadline imposed by Companies House, for Contractors registered in the UK. Where Contractors are not registered with Companies House, they must forward the information detailed in Annex 1. Where Annual Accounts are not signed off, we may request a copy of the latest Financial Year Draft Accounts prior to Annual Accounts being signed off. The draft accounts should include Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account with associated accounting policies and notes to the Accounts.
 - 2.2.2 **Annual Return** – A copy of the Annual Return form AR01 submitted to Companies House for Contractors registered in the UK. Where Contractors are not registered with Companies House, they must forward the information detailed in Annex 1.

- 2.2.3 **Forecast Accounts** - A copy of the latest Forecast Accounts including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account with associated accounting policies and notes to the accounts for the year following the accounts submitted in 1 above.
- 2.2.4 **Current Borrowing** – A statement of current borrowing against lending limits and terms including review and renewal dates (including overdrafts, loans and mortgages). Disclosure of any material changes to the borrowing potential of the organisation, bank overdraft facility etc.
- 2.2.5 **Supply Chain Monitoring** - A copy of the supply chain monitoring process, which should include details of the process for monitoring the financial viability of the supply chain (including timing), together with any known risks to supply chain stability and material changes to the supply chain. This should include extracts from Board level meetings, risk registers etc where any of the above items have been discussed.

Annex 1

1 Information from Contractors who are not required to submit form AR01 to Companies House

1.1 Where Contractors are not required to submit form AR01 to Companies House, on request by The Authority, The Contractor is required to provide a copy of the Annual Accounts as appropriate for the Country in which they are registered, including Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Accounts with associated accounting policies and notes to the accounts, together with the following information:

- Organisation name in full
- Registered Company number (if any)
- Annual Return made up date
- Principal Business Activities – give a brief description of your business activities
- Company Type e.g. Public or Private
- Registered Office Address of the Organisation
- The address where the organisation keeps company records if not at the Registered Office
- The name and address of the company secretary, where applicable
- For all Company Directors provide details including name, country/state of residence, nationality, date of birth and business occupation of all the company's directors

1.2 If the company has share capital, the return must also contain:

- Information about the issued share capital; and
- Details of the shareholders.

Annex 2

Annual Contractor Financial Assurance Declaration

Contractor's name.....Argos Business Solutions.....

**Contractor's address... 489-499 Avebury Boulevard
Milton Keynes
MK9 2NW**

1. We have declared to DWP any proposed changes to the control or structure of the Organisation, proposed mergers or acquisitions, or any changes to the Organisation's Financial Viability. We have disclosed any material changes to borrowing potential / overdraft facility. We have disclosed to DWP our supply chain monitoring process and any material changes to our supply chain.

Signed.....[REDACTED]

Name.....[REDACTED]

Position in Organisation.....[REDACTED]

On behalf of.....[REDACTED]

Date.....

SCHEDULE 4 – PRICES AND RATES

Lot 3 Work Tools and Equipment

General

For the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall be paid the Contract Price calculated using the prices and rates entered in this Schedule 4.

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Schedule, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

“Appendix” means an appendix to this Schedule 4 unless expressly indicated to the contrary;

“Delivery & Additional Charges” means the costs submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in relation to postage, delivery or assembly of goods;

“Discount” means the percentage discount offered, where applicable, and submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in response to the requirements for the same set out in the Invitation to Tender and supporting documentation;

“Lot 1” means Ladies and Gentlemen’s clothing;

“Lot 2” means Work Wear;

“Lot 3” means Work Tools & Equipment;

“Lot 4” means Bicycles and Accessories;

“Lot 5” means Laptops and Mobiles;

“Financial Model” means the Pricing Schedule submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in response to the requirements for the same set out in the Invitation to Tender;

“Open Book Data” means complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Authority to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Contract Period, including details and all assumptions relating to:

- (a) the Supplier’s costs broken down against each element of the Service and/or each deliverable under the Contract, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all hardware and software;
- (b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Service including an analysis showing:

- (i) the unit costs and quantity of consumables and bought-in services;
- (ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;
- (iii) a list of costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier's profit margin; and
- (iv) reimbursable expenses (such as reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence expenses properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Service);
- (c) overheads;
- (d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Service;
- (e) the Supplier's profit achieved over the Contract Period and on an annual basis;
- (f) confirmation that all methods of cost apportionment and overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier; and
- (g) An explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Services, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency.

“Paragraph” means a paragraph of this Schedule 4 unless expressly indicated to the contrary;

2. Applicable Pricing Methodology

2.1 General

For the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall be paid the Contract Price calculated using the prices and rates entered in this Schedule 4.

For each Lot there is a list of prices, as shown in paragraphs 6 – 7. This list is not exhaustive and additional items may be required for which the Contractor shall apply the agreed discount rate (if applicable) as shown in paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule 4.

All subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Contract.

The Authority expects to be able to take advantage of any promotional / sales offers that are offered to the general public which results in the ticket price being less than the price tendered in this schedule.

2.2 Discount Rate Applicable

2.2.1 [REDACTED]

- 2.3 The prices in each Lot will be applicable from the commencement of the contract, 1st December 2014 with the final payment being made 30th November 2016 – subject to any extension period agreed as detailed in clause F8.

3. Change Control

The Authority has the right to propose variations to the Contract (including a request by the Authority for the Contractor to cease any part of the Services) in accordance with Clause F3.

Without prejudice to the generality of Authority's right to vary the Contract, such variations may include the following:-

- (a) cessation of any part of the Services
- (b) additions to any part of the Services;
- (c) change of the Authority's business or policies imposed by Her Majesty's Government;
- (d) quality of the Services; and/or
- (e) change or addition to any Contractor Guidance, the Staff Vetting Procedures or any other guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Contracting Body.

-Open Book

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of this paragraph 3 are designed to facilitate - and the Contractor shall at its own cost and co-operate with the Authority in order to achieve - transparency, certainty and value for money in addressing the pricing and cost implications of any Change.

Without prejudice to any other provision of this Contract regarding the financial records to be kept by the Contractor and the Authority's (or any auditor's) access to such records, the Contractor shall maintain and disclose and make available to the Authority (or its auditors) on request the Open Book Data in respect of any Change or proposed Change.

4. INDEXATION

Indexation shall not apply to the Charges under this Contract.

5. FINAL CLAIMS

Provided all previous claims have been paid, the Authority shall have no further liability to make payment of any kind to the Contractor once the final claims have been paid

6. Table 1 – Work Tools & Equipment

The following Unit Cost Prices shall apply during the Contract:

Work Tools & Equipment	Minimum unit price £	% discount	Minimum unit price (after discount) £	Number of Product Variations Available
Socket set	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Tool box	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Hammer	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3 way extension ladders	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Step ladders	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Corded Drill	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Screw drivers	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cordless Drill	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Hammer	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Saw	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Corded Power Screwdriver	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cordless Power Screwdriver	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Electric Sander	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Tile saw	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Bricklaying trowel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Wood chisel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Plane	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Wrench	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Nail Gun	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Chamois leather, scrim, bucket and associated window cleaning equipment	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Pipe cutter	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Blow torch	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Work Bench	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Electricians tape	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Pasting table	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Paint brushes	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Wallpapering scissors	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Drill bits	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Torch	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Plumbers cement	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Sandpaper	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Hawk	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Derby	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Chef's knives	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

7. Table 2 – Delivery & Additional Charges

[REDACTED]

Appendix 1 – Finance Template for Changes to the Charges

[REDACTED]

Appendix Two -

[REDACTED]

Lot 4 – Bicycles and Accessories

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“Lot 1” means Ladies and Gentlemen’s clothing;

“Lot 2” means Work Wear;

“Lot 3” means Work Tools & Equipment;

“Lot 4” means Bicycles and Accessories;

“Lot 5” means Laptops and Mobiles;

“Financial Model” means the Pricing Schedule submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in response to the requirements for the same set out in the Invitation to Tender;

“Open Book Data” means complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Authority to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Contract Period, including details and all assumptions relating to:

- (h) the Supplier’s costs broken down against each element of the Service and/or each deliverable under the Contract, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all hardware and software;
- (i) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Service including an analysis showing:
 - (i) the unit costs and quantity of consumables and bought-in services;

- (ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;
 - (iii) a list of costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier's profit margin; and
 - (iv) reimbursable expenses (such as reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence expenses properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Service);
- (j) overheads;
- (k) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Service;
- (l) the Supplier's profit achieved over the Contract Period and on an annual basis;
- (m) confirmation that all methods of cost apportionment and overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier; and
- (n) An explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Services, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency.

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4. Applicable Pricing Methodology

2.1 General

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For each Lot there is a list of prices, as shown in paragraphs 6 – 7. This list is not exhaustive and additional items may be required for which the Contractor shall apply the agreed discount rate (if applicable) as shown in paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule 4.

All subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Contract.

The Authority expects to be able to take advantage of any promotional / sales offers that are offered to the general public which results in the ticket price being less than the price tendered in this schedule.

2.2 Discount Rate Applicable

2.2.1 [REDACTED]

- 2.3 The prices in each Lot will be applicable from the commencement of the contract, 1st December 2014 with the final payment being made 30th November 2016 – subject to any extension period agreed as detailed in clause F8.

3. Change Control

The Authority has the right to propose variations to the Contract (including a request by the Authority for the Contractor to cease any part of the Services) in accordance with Clause F3.

Without prejudice to the generality of Authority's right to vary the Contract, such variations may include the following:-

- (e) cessation of any part of the Services
- (f) additions to any part of the Services;
- (g) change of the Authority's business or policies imposed by Her Majesty's Government;
- (h) quality of the Services; and/or
- (e) change or addition to any Contractor Guidance, the Staff Vetting Procedures or any other guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Contracting Body.

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Without prejudice to any other provision of this Contract regarding the financial records to be kept by the Contractor and the Authority's (or any auditor's) access to such records, the Contractor shall maintain and disclose and make available to the Authority (or its auditors) on request the Open Book Data in respect of any Change or proposed Change.

4. INDEXATION

Indexation shall not apply to the Charges under this Contract.

5. FINAL CLAIMS

Provided all previous claims have been paid, the Authority shall have no further liability to make payment of any kind to the Contractor once the final claims have been paid

6. Table 1 – Bicycles and Accessories

The following Unit Cost Prices shall apply during the Contract:

Bicycles and Accessories	Minimum unit price £	% discount	Minimum unit price (after discount) £	Number of Product Variations Available
Ladies Bicycle	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Gents Bicycle	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Coil Lock	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Front Light	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Rear Light	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Ladies Helmet	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Gents Helmet	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Front Mudguard	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Rear Mudguard	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Bicycle Pump	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Bicycle repair kit	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Water Bottle	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Waterproof Cape	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

7. Table 2 – Delivery & Additional Charges

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Appendix 1 – Finance Template for Changes to the Charges

[REDACTED]

Appendix Two -

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Lot 5 – Laptops, Tablets and Mobiles

General

For the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall be paid the Contract Price calculated using the prices and rates entered in this Schedule 4.

5. DEFINITIONS

In this Schedule, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

“Appendix” means an appendix to this Schedule 4 unless expressly indicated to the contrary;

“Delivery & Additional Charges” means the costs submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in relation to postage, delivery or assembly of goods;

“Discount” means the percentage discount offered, where applicable, and submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in response to the requirements for the same set out in the Invitation to Tender and supporting documentation;

“Lot 1” means Ladies and Gentlemen’s clothing;

“Lot 2” means Work Wear;

“Lot 3” means Work Tools & Equipment;

“Lot 4” means Bicycles and Accessories;

“Lot 5” means Laptops, Tablets and Mobiles;

“Financial Model” means the Pricing Schedule submitted by the Supplier with its Tender in response to the requirements for the same set out in the Invitation to Tender;

“Open Book Data” means complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Authority to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Contract Period, including details and all assumptions relating to:

- (o) the Supplier’s costs broken down against each element of the Service and/or each deliverable under the Contract, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all hardware and software;
- (p) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Service including an analysis showing:
 - (i) the unit costs and quantity of consumables and bought-in services;

- (ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;
 - (iii) a list of costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier's profit margin; and
 - (iv) reimbursable expenses (such as reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence expenses properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Service);
- (q) overheads;
- (r) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Service;
- (s) the Supplier's profit achieved over the Contract Period and on an annual basis;
- (t) confirmation that all methods of cost apportionment and overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier; and
- (u) An explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Services, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency.

“Paragraph” means a paragraph of this Schedule 4 unless expressly indicated to the contrary;

6. Applicable Pricing Methodology

2.1 General

For the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall be paid the Contract Price calculated using the prices and rates entered in this Schedule 4.

For each Lot there is a list of prices, as shown in paragraphs 6 – 7. This list is not exhaustive and additional items may be required for which the Contractor shall apply the agreed discount rate (if applicable) as shown in paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule 4.

All subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Contract.

The Authority expects to be able to take advantage of any promotional / sales offers that are offered to the general public which results in the ticket price being less than the price tendered in this schedule.

2.2 Discount Rate Applicable

2.2.1 [REDACTED]

- 2.3 The prices in each Lot will be applicable from the commencement of the contract, 1st December 2014 with the final payment being made 30th November 2016 – subject to any extension period agreed as detailed in clause F8.

3. Change Control

The Authority has the right to propose variations to the Contract (including a request by the Authority for the Contractor to cease any part of the Services) in accordance with Clause F3.

Without prejudice to the generality of Authority's right to vary the Contract, such variations may include the following:-

- (i) cessation of any part of the Services
- (j) additions to any part of the Services;
- (k) change of the Authority's business or policies imposed by Her Majesty's Government;
- (l) quality of the Services; and/or
- (e) change or addition to any Contractor Guidance, the Staff Vetting Procedures or any other guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Contracting Body.

Open Book

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of this paragraph 3 are designed to facilitate - and the Contractor shall at its own cost and co-operate with the Authority in order to achieve - transparency, certainty and value for money in addressing the pricing and cost implications of any Change.

Without prejudice to any other provision of this Contract regarding the financial records to be kept by the Contractor and the Authority's (or any auditor's) access to such records, the Contractor shall maintain and disclose and make available to the Authority (or its auditors) on request the Open Book Data in respect of any Change or proposed Change.

4. INDEXATION

Indexation shall not apply to the Charges under this Contract.

5. FINAL CLAIMS

Provided all previous claims have been paid, the Authority shall have no further liability to make payment of any kind to the Contractor once the final claims have been paid.

6. Table 1 – Laptops and Mobiles

The following Unit Cost Prices shall apply during the Contract:

Laptops and Mobile Phones	Minimum unit price £	% discount	Minimum unit price (after discount) £	Number of Product Variations Available
Laptop – Minimum requirements: 1GHz, or faster, 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor 1GB RAM DDR2 RAM (32 bit) or 2 GB DDR2 RAM (64-bit) 160GB 7200RPM SATA hard disk drive DirectX 9 graphics device with WDDM 1.0 or higher driver 14” Screen Integrate graphics Two (2) USB 2.0 ports Integrated Ethernet interface (10/100/1000) Audio 802.11b/g/n Wireless Card	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Mobile phone – Minimum requirements: Basic “Pay as you Go” mobile phone capable of making and receiving phone calls and sending and receiving text messages.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

7. Table 2 – Delivery & Additional Charges

[REDACTED]

Appendix 1 – Finance Template for Changes to the Charges

[REDACTED]

Appendix Two -

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SCHEDULE 5 – COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

- 1 The Authority acknowledges that the Contractor has requested that the following information be treated as Commercially Sensitive Information;

Document	Page Number	Section	Condition paragraph number	Explanation of harm which may result from disclosure and time period applicable to any sensitivity
		Lot pricing		Would impact our ability to be competitive in the market place

- 2 The Authority will consult with the Contractor on any request for information, identified as Commercially Sensitive, under the FOIA.
- 3 The Authority reserves the right to disclose any Commercially Sensitive Information held within this Contract in response to a request under the FOIA as set out at clause E5 of this Contract.
- 4 The Authority will automatically publish all information provided by the Contractor **not** identified in this Schedule as constituting Commercially Sensitive Information provided that it satisfies the requirements of the FOIA.
- 5 The Authority reserves the right to determine whether any information provided in this Schedule does constitute Commercially Sensitive Information prior to publication.

SCHEDULE 6 – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND PLAN

1 Introduction

1.1 This schedule covers;

- a) Principles of security for the Contractor ICT System, derived from the Security Policy, including without limitation principles of physical and information security;
- b) The creation of the Security Plan;
- c) Audit and testing of the Security Plan;
- d) Conformance to ISO/IEC:27002 (Information Security Code of Practice) and ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Requirements Specification) (Standard Specification); and
- e) Breaches of Security.

2 Principles of Security

2.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority places great emphasis on confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and consequently on the security of the Premises and the security for the Contractor System. The Contractor also acknowledges the confidentiality of the Authority's Data.

2.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the security of the Contractor System and shall at all times provide a level of security which;

- a) is in accordance with Good Industry Practice and Law;
- b) complies with the Security Policy;
- c) meets any specific security threats to the Contractor System; and
- d) complies with ISO/IEC27002 and ISO/IEC27001 in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Schedule.

2.3 Without limiting paragraph 2.2, the Contractor shall at all times ensure that the level of security employed in the provision of the Services is appropriate to minimise the following risks:

- a) loss of integrity of Authority Data;
- b) loss of confidentiality of Authority Data;
- c) unauthorised access to, use of, or interference with Authority Data by any person or organisation;
- d) unauthorised access to network elements and buildings;

- e) use of the Contractor System or Services by any third party in order to gain unauthorised access to any computer resource or Authority Data; and
- f) loss of availability of Authority Data due to any failure or compromise of the Services.

3 Security Plan

Introduction

- 3.1 The Contractor shall develop, implement and maintain a Security Plan to apply during the Contract Period, which will be approved by the Authority, tested, periodically updated and audited in accordance with this Schedule.
- 3.2 A draft Security Plan provided by the Contractor as part of its bid is set out in Appendix B.

Development

- 3.3 Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Commencement Date and in accordance with paragraphs 3.10 to 3.12 (Amendment and Revision), the Contractor will prepare and deliver to the Authority for approval the full and final Security Plan which will be based on the draft Security Plan set out in Appendix B.
- 3.4 If the Security Plan is approved by the Authority it will be adopted immediately. If the Security Plan is not approved by the Authority the Contractor shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Authority and re-submit to the Authority for approval. The Parties will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days (or such other period as the Parties may agree in writing) from the date of its first submission to the Authority. If the Authority does not approve the Security Plan following its resubmission, the matter will be resolved in accordance with clause 12 Dispute Resolution. No approval to be given by the Authority pursuant to this paragraph 3.4 of this schedule may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure to approve the Security Plan on the grounds that it does not comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.9 shall be deemed to be reasonable.

Content

- 3.5 The Security Plan will set out the security measures to be implemented and maintained by the Contractor in relation to all aspects of the Services and all processes associated with the delivery of the Services and shall at all times comply with and specify security measures and procedures which are sufficient to ensure that the Services comply with:
 - a) the provisions of this contract; this schedule (including the principles set out in paragraph 2);
 - b) the provisions of Schedule 1 relating to security;
 - c) ISO/IEC27002 and ISO/IEC27001;

- d) the data protection compliance guidance produced by the Authority.
- 3.6 The references to standards, guidance and policies set out in paragraph 3.5 shall be deemed to be references to such items as developed and updated and to any successor to or replacement for such standards, guidance and policies, from time to time.
- 3.7 In the event of any inconsistency in the provisions of the above standards, guidance and policies, the Contractor should notify the Authority's Representative of such inconsistency immediately upon becoming aware of the same, and the Authority's Representative shall, as soon as practicable, advise the Contractor which provision the Contractor shall be required to comply with.
- 3.8 The Security Plan will be structured in accordance with ISO/IEC27002 and ISO/IEC27001.
- 3.9 Where the Security Plan references any document which is not in the possession of the Authority, a copy of the document will be made available to the Authority upon request. The Security Plan shall be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Contractor and the Authority engaged in the Services and shall not reference any other documents which are not either in the possession of the Authority or otherwise specified in this schedule.

Amendment and Revision

- 3.10 The Security Plan will be fully reviewed and updated by the Contractor annually, or from time to time to reflect:
 - a) emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
 - b) any change or proposed change to the Contractor ICT System, the Services and/or associated processes; and
 - c) any new perceived or changed threats to the Contractor ICT System.
 - d) a reasonable request by the Authority.
- 3.11 The Contractor will provide the Authority with the results of such reviews as soon as reasonably practicable after their completion and amend the Security Plan at no additional cost to the Authority.
- 3.12 Any change or amendment which the Contractor proposes to make to the Security Plan as a result of an Authority request or change to the Schedule 1 or otherwise shall be subject to the change control procedure and shall not be implemented until approved in writing by the Authority.

4 Audit and Testing

- 4.1 The Contractor shall conduct tests of the processes and countermeasures contained in the Security Plan ("Security Tests") on an annual basis or as

otherwise agreed by the Parties. The date, timing, content and conduct of such Security Tests shall be agreed in advance with the Authority.

- 4.2 The Authority shall be entitled to send a representative to witness the conduct of the Security Tests. The Contractor shall provide the Authority with the results of such tests (in a form approved by the Authority in advance) as soon as practicable after completion of each Security Test.
- 4.3 Without prejudice to any other right of audit or access granted to the Authority pursuant to this Contract, the Authority shall be entitled at any time and without giving notice to the Contractor to carry out such tests (including penetration tests) as it may deem necessary in relation to the Security Plan and the Contractor's compliance with and implementation of the Security Plan. The Authority may notify the Contractor of the results of such tests after completion of each such test. Security Tests shall be designed and implemented so as to minimise the impact on the delivery Services. If such tests impact adversely on its ability to deliver the Services to the agreed Service Levels, the Contractor shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the tests.
- 4.4 Where any Security Test carried out pursuant to paragraphs 4.2 or 4.3 above reveals any actual or potential security failure or weaknesses, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority of any changes to the Security Plan (and the implementation thereof) which the Contractor proposes to make in order to correct such failure or weakness. Subject to the Authority's approval in accordance with paragraph 3.12, the Contractor shall implement such changes to the Security Plan in accordance with the timetable agreed with the Authority or, otherwise, as soon as reasonably possible. For the avoidance of doubt, where the change to the Security Plan to address a non-compliance with the Security Policy or security requirements, the change to the Security Plan shall be at no additional cost to the Authority. For the purposes of this paragraph 4, a weakness means a vulnerability in security and a potential security failure means a possible breach of the Security Plan or security requirements.

5 Compliance With ISO/IEC 27001

5.1 Removed – not applicable

5.2 Removed – not applicable

6 Breach of Security

6.1 Either party shall notify the other immediately upon becoming aware of any Breach of Security including, but not limited to an actual, potential or attempted breach, or threat to, the Security Plan.

6.2 Upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in paragraph 6.1, the Contractor shall;

- a) immediately take all reasonable steps necessary to;
 - i) remedy such breach or protect the Contractor ICT System against any such potential or attempted breach or threat; and

- ii) prevent an equivalent breach in the future.

Such steps shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Authority. In the event that such action is taken in response to a breach that is determined by the Authority acting reasonably not to be covered by the obligations of the Contractor under this Contract, then the Contractor shall be entitled to refer the matter to the change control procedure in clause F3 (Variation).

- b) as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Authority full details (using such reporting mechanism as may be specified by the Authority from time to time) of such actual, potential or attempted breach and of the steps taken in respect thereof.

Appendix A – Security Policy for Contractors

1. The Department for Work and Pensions treats its information as a valuable asset and considers that it is essential that information must be protected, together with the systems, equipment and processes which support its use. These information assets may include data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds in electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, together with any Personal Data for which the Department for Work and Pensions is the Data Controller.
2. In order to protect Departmental information appropriately, our Contractors must provide the security measures and safeguards appropriate to the nature and use of the information. All Contractors of services to the Department for Work and Pensions must comply, and be able to demonstrate compliance, with the Department's relevant policies and standards.
3. The Chief Executive or other suitable senior official of each supplier must agree in writing to comply with these policies and standards. Each Contractor must also appoint a named officer who will act as a first point of contact with the Department for security issues. In addition all staff working for the Contractor and where relevant Sub-contractors, with access to Departmental IT Systems, Services or Departmental information must be made aware of these requirements and must comply with them.
4. All Contractors must comply with the relevant DWP Security standards and policies. The Standards are based on and follow the same format as International Standard 27001, but with specific reference to the Department's use.
5. The following are key requirements and all Contractors must comply with relevant DWP policies concerning:
 - 6. Personnel Security**
 - 6.1 Staff recruitment in accordance with government requirements for pre-employment checks;
 - 6.2 Staff training and awareness of Departmental security and any specific contract requirements.
 - 7. Secure Information Handling and Transfers**
 - 7.1 Physical and electronic handling, processing and transferring of DWP Data, including secure access to systems and the use of encryption where appropriate.
 - 8. Portable Media**
 - 8.1 The use of encrypted laptops and encrypted storage devices and other removable media when handling Departmental information.
 - 9. Offshoring**
 - 9.1 The Department's Data must not be processed outside the United Kingdom without the prior written consent of DWP and must at all times comply with the Data Protection Act 1998.

10. Premises Security

10.1 Security of premises and control of access.

11. Security Incidents

11.1 Includes identification, managing and agreed reporting procedures for actual or suspected security breaches.

12. All Contractors must implement appropriate arrangements which ensure that the Department's information and any other Departmental assets are protected in accordance with prevailing statutory and central government requirements. These arrangements will clearly vary according to the size of the organisation.

13. It is the Contractor's responsibility to monitor compliance of any Sub-contractors and provide assurance to DWP.

14. Failure to comply with any of these Policies or Standards could result in termination of current contract.

Appendix B – Draft Security Plan

As provided by Contractor as part of its bid and Business Continuity Plan

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SCHEDULE 7 – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

This schedule sets out the Sustainable Development Requirements which are applicable to the provision of the Services.

1. General

1.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority must at all times be seen to be actively promoting Sustainable Development through its environmental, social and economic responsibilities.

1.2 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors assist and cooperate with the Authority, by fully complying with the requirements of this Schedule.

2. Compliance

2.1 The Contractor shall produce a Sustainable Development Policy Statement and Sustainable Development Plan in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of this Schedule, within 6 (six) months of the Commencement Date and annually thereafter. The Sustainable Development Policy Statement and Sustainable Development Plan must be specific to the Contract and include all Sub-contractors involved in delivery of the Contract. The Contractor must obtain the required information from Sub-contractors and then collate and submit as stated above.

2.2 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall prepare a Sustainable Development Policy Statement giving, for each organisation involved in delivery of the contract an overarching commitment to:

- a) dispose of contract waste in a legal manner (i.e. waste is disposed of via a registered waste collector, the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations are adhered to where relevant);
- b) reduce energy consumption;
- c) promote waste management including recycling;
- d) promote green or public transport;
- e) promote Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- f) the Sustainable Development Policy and that of continuous improvement which should be signed and dated by senior management.

2.3 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall prepare and deliver a Sustainable Development Plan which should be used to turn the commitment shown in the Sustainable Development Policy into action and which as a minimum, detail how each organisation involved in delivery of the contract will:

- a) Reduce their **Environmental** footprint of this contract through:
 - Minimising the use of energy, water and materials;
 - Minimising waste and increasing recycling levels;
 - Utilising recycled goods within operations;
 - Providing efficient low carbon delivery methods;
 - Promoting the use of green or public transport.

- b) Contribute to **Social** sustainability of this contract through:
 - Purchasing goods and services that are produced and delivered in line with International Labour Organisation principles in respect to human rights and conditions of employment;
 - Supporting a diverse supply chain by cultivating opportunities for Minority Owned Businesses;
 - Providing adequate training opportunities for all employees.
- c) Drive **Economic** sustainability of this contract through:
 - Supporting job creation both locally and nationally;
 - Facilitating opportunities for Minority Owned Businesses and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

2.4 To aid the department in monitoring the progress of each organisation the following information should also be included in your plan:

- a) a baseline assessment of current position in terms of waste minimisation, recycling and energy consumption (energy consumption only required if current energy usage is available to organisations);
- b) annual estimates of the progress of Sustainable Development actions;
- c) details of how Staff awareness of Sustainability will be increased in line with the Sustainable Development Plan.

SCHEDULE 8 – DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS (Feb 2014)

1. General

- 1.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority has a 'duty to promote' equality and must at all times be seen to be actively promoting equality of opportunity for, and good relations between, all persons from the protected characteristic groups covered by the Equality Act: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation. The Contractor must ensure that each of its Sub-contractors involved in delivery of the contract are aware of, and acknowledge, that the Authority has a 'duty to promote' equality.
- 1.2 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors, assist and cooperate with the Authority in satisfying Equality duties by fully complying with the requirements of this Schedule.

2. Compliance

- 2.1 The Contractor acknowledges the provisions of the equality legislation set out in clause D2 (Discrimination).
- 2.2 The Contractor shall produce a Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan in accordance with paragraph 2.5 (and sub paragraphs) and paragraph 2.6 (and sub paragraphs) of this Schedule, within six (6) Months of the Commencement Date, and annually thereafter. The Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan must be specific to the Contract and include details for all Sub-contractors involved in delivery of the Contract.
- 2.3 The Contractor will provide workforce monitoring data in accordance with paragraph 3 (and sub paragraphs) of this Schedule, within six (6) Months of the Commencement Date and annually thereafter.
- 2.4 The Authority will consider and agree the submissions made by the Contractor when complying with paragraph 2 (and sub paragraphs of paragraph 2) and paragraph 3 (and sub paragraphs of paragraph 3) of this Schedule. Any issues will be raised with the Contractor by the Contract Manager acting on behalf of the Authority. If an issue relates to a Sub-contractor, the Contractor must raise and resolve the issue with the Sub-contractor. Once submissions are agreed by the Authority the Contractor will formally review, revise and resubmit all information required in paragraph 2.2 and paragraph 2.3 on an annual basis. Diversity and Equality aspects will also be discussed jointly by the Authority and the Contractor as an ongoing item at the Contract review meetings.
- 2.5 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall prepare the Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan which as a minimum includes:
- a) an overview of Contractor and any Sub-contractor's policy/policies and procedures for preventing unlawful discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity in respect of:
 - i) Age;
 - ii) Disability;

- iii) Gender reassignment;
 - iv) Marriage and civil partnership;
 - v) Pregnancy and maternity;
 - vi) Race;
 - vii) Religion or Belief;
 - viii) Sex; and
 - ix) Sexual orientation.
- b) An overview of Contractor and any Sub-contractor's policy/policies and procedures covering:
 - i) Harassment
 - ii) Bullying
 - iii) Victimisation
 - iv) Recruitment procedures
 - v) Staff training and development

Full policy documents must be made available to the Authority on request;
- c) Details of the way in which the above policy/policies and procedures are, or will be (and by when), communicated to the Staff;
- d) Details of what general diversity and equality related training has been, or will be delivered (and by when), to Staff;
- e) Details of what structure is already in place, or will be in place (and by when) and what resources are, or will be (and by when), directed towards diversity and equality within the Contractor and any Sub-contractor's organisation; and
- f) Details of any diversity and equality cases and tribunals (including volumes and outcomes) relating to the Contractor and any Sub-contractors.

2.6 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall provide evidence, as required below, within the Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan as detailed at paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule:

- a) Where a Contractor is delivering Services to customers on behalf of the Authority or Services to the Authority's staff, the Contractor must provide written evidence that:
 - i) Equality Analysis has been carried out in conjunction with the Authority prior to the Services being delivered and will be carried out in the event of any changes to the Services, in accordance with equality legislation;
 - ii) reasonable adjustments are made, as required by equality legislation to make those Services accessible to disabled people and that in the case of Information Technology services, those services are in accordance with the Authority's standards;
 - iii) all Staff have had appropriate training so that they understand the duties required by equality legislation, and where Services are being delivered on behalf of the Authority, the Contractor shall provide evidence that Staff understand the duties not to discriminate and to promote equality, in accordance with equality legislation.

- 2.7 The Authority may request further information and assurance relating to Diversity & Equality at any point during the duration of the Contract.

3. Monitoring and Reporting

- 3.1 The Contractor shall provide workforce monitoring data as detailed in Appendix 3 (Workforce Monitoring Data Template) of the Diversity and Equality Guidance for Contractors document which is a supporting document to this ITT, or can be provided by the Authority on request. Completed templates for the Contractor and each Sub-contractor will be submitted by the Contractor with the Diversity and Equality Delivery Plan within six (6) Months of the Commencement Date and annually thereafter. Contractors are required to provide workforce monitoring data for the workforce involved in delivery of the Contract. Data relating to the wider Contractor workforce and wider Sub-contractors workforce would however be well received by the Authority. Contractors and any Sub-contractors are required to submit percentage figures only in response to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the template.
- 3.2 The Contractor and any Sub-contractors will compare their figures, in all categories listed in paragraphs (a) & (b) of the template, and provide (where possible) comparisons against any official national/regional statistics that are publicly available. (In the Diversity & Equality guidance for contractor's document there are links to a number of data collection sources but it must be stressed this is not a full exhaustive list and other sources will be available). The Department acknowledges that there are regional variations in terms of population demographics and some data categories and coverage may not be complete or fully align, however, it should enable high level analysis and identification of trends.
- 3.3 The Contractor and any Sub-contractors will provide evidence of activities undertaken, or planned, in order to try and improve their current position in the categories detailed in paragraphs (a) & (b) of the template.
- 3.4 The Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors will ensure at all times that they comply with the requirements of the DPA in the collection and reporting of the information to the Authority.

SCHEDULE 9 – WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME

NOT USED FOR THIS SERVICE

SCHEDULE 10 – APPRENTICESHIPS AND SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

1. General

- 1.1 Government is committed to addressing skills issues and promoting training opportunities through procurement, to maximise the potential for improvements provided by its considerable spend.
- 1.2 Supporting apprenticeships, skills and the fight against youth unemployment will support and drive economic growth.
- 1.3 The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority is required to support the apprenticeships and skills aims and targets.
- 1.4 In delivering the Services, the Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors assist and cooperate with the Authority by fully complying with the requirements of this Schedule.

2. Compliance

During the delivery of the Services:

- 2.1 The Contractor shall and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors take all reasonable steps to employ apprentices, and report to the Authority the numbers of apprentices employed and wider skills training provided.
- 2.2 The Contractor shall and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that five percent (5%) of their employees are on a formal apprenticeship programme. This can include administration and support staff.
- 2.3 The Contractor shall and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors make available to employees information about the Government's Apprenticeship Programme and wider skills opportunities.
- 2.4 The Contractor shall and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors provide any appropriate further skills training opportunities for employees.

3. Monitoring and reporting

- 3.1 The Contractor shall provide an Apprenticeships and Skills Report within six (6) Months of the Commencement Date and annually thereafter. The Apprenticeships and Skills Report must be specific to the Contract and include details for all Sub-contractors. The Contractor must obtain the required information from Sub-contractors and collate and submit an Apprenticeships and Skills Report.

In the delivery of the contract, the Apprenticeships and Skills Report will include:

- a) the number of Staff during the reporting period, including administration and support staff;

- b) the number of existing apprentices involved;
- c) the number of new starts on apprenticeships initiated as a result of delivering the Contract;
- d) if applicable, a robust explanation as to why it is not possible to meet the five percent (5%) target. (It may be that use of apprentices is not possible or appropriate in delivery of the Services);
- e) action being taken to improve the take up of apprenticeships. These could include issuing leaflets on apprenticeships to eligible existing staff, advertising apprenticeship vacancies with local Jobcentre Plus, schools and colleges, offering apprenticeships in administration/support roles or seeking advice from the National Apprenticeship Service; and
- f) other training/skills development being undertaken by staff:
 - i) Work experience placements for 14 to 16 year olds
 - ii) Work experience/work trial placements for other ages
 - iii) Student sandwich/gap year placements
 - iv) Graduate placements
 - v) Vocational training
 - vi) Basic skills training
 - vii) On site training provision/facilities.

3.2 The Contractor shall, and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors will ensure at all times that they comply with the requirements of the DPA in the collection and reporting of the information to the Authority.