

Invitation to Quote (ITQ) on behalf of Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)

**Subject Study to Understand Motivations for Citizen Science on behalf of UK EOF** 

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# Section 1 – About UK Shared Business Services

Putting the business into shared services

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) brings a commercial attitude to the public sector; helping our customers improve efficiency, generate savings and modernise.

It is our vision to become the leading provider for our customers of shared business services in the UK public sector, continuously reducing cost and improving quality of business services for Government and the public sector.

Our broad range of expert services is shared by our customers. This allows our customers the freedom to focus resources on core activities; innovating and transforming their own organisations.

Core services include Procurement, Finance, Grants Admissions, Human Resources, Payroll, ISS, and Property Asset Management all underpinned by our Service Delivery and Contact Centre teams.

UK SBS is a people rather than task focused business. It's what makes us different to the traditional transactional shared services centre. What is more, being a not-for-profit organisation owned by its customers, UK SBS' goals are aligned with the public sector and delivering best value for the UK taxpayer.

UK Shared Business Services Ltd changed its name from RCUK Shared Services Centre Ltd in March 2013.

#### **Our Customers**

Growing from a foundation of supporting the Research Councils, 2012/13 saw Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) transition their procurement to UK SBS and Crown Commercial Service (CCS – previously Government Procurement Service) agree a Memorandum of Understanding with UK SBS to deliver two major procurement categories (construction and research) across Government.

UK SBS currently manages £700m expenditure for its Customers, our growth projections anticipate this will rise to £1bn in 2013/14.

Our Customers who have access to our services and Contracts are detailed here.

### **Our achievements**

In 2012/13 the Company grew in turnover from £44.7m to £52.4m, within that growth we:

- Reduced the Research Councils' 'back office' expenditure from £32m to £31.3m
- Saved £33m for the Research Councils in verified procurement savings, being greater than the entire cost of the services we provided to them
- Grew our customers from 7 to 22 (this will likely grow by a further 10 in 2013/14)
- Grew our customer base from 11,000 to 18,000 and will likely expand to 23,000+ in 2013/14
- Achieved an annual spend with SMEs that stands out across Central Government as a leading light at 32% (that's over £104.5M) against the 25% Government target

#### **Our Procurement ambition**

Our vision is to be recognised as a centre of excellence and deliver a broad range of procurement services across the public sector; to maintain and grow a procurement service unrivalled in public sector.

Procurement is a market-shaping function. Industry derived benchmarks indicate that UK SBS is already performing at or above "best in class" in at least three key measures (percentage savings, compliant spend, spend under management) and compare well against most other measures.

Over the next five years, it is the function's ambition to lead a cultural change in procurement in the public sector. The natural extension of category management is to bring about a fundamental change in the attitude to supplier relationship management.

Our philosophy sees the supplier as an asset to the business and the route to maximising value from supply. This is not a new concept in procurement generally, but it is not a philosophy which is widely employed in the public sector.

We are ideally positioned to "lead the charge" in the government's initiative to reform procurement in the public sector.

UK SBS Procurement's unique selling points are:

- Focus on the full procurement cycle
- Leaders in category management in common and specialised areas
- Expertise in the delivery of major commercial projects
- That we are leaders in procurement to support research
- Use of cutting edge technologies which are superior to those used generally used across the public sector.
- Use of market leading analytical tools to provide comprehensive Business Intelligence
- Active customer and supplier management

'UK SBS' contribution to the Government Procurement Agenda has been impressive. Through innovation and leadership UK SBS has built an attractive portfolio of procurement services from P2P to Strategy Category Management.'

John Collington

Former Government Chief Procurement Officer

## Section 2 – About Our Customer

#### **Natural Environment Research Council**

NERC is the UK's main agency for funding and managing research, training and knowledge exchange in the environmental sciences.

NERC's work covers the full range of atmospheric, Earth, biological, terrestrial and aquatic science, from the deep oceans to the upper atmosphere and from the poles to the equator.

The organisation coordinates some of the world's most exciting research projects, tackling major issues such as climate change, environmental influences on human health, the genetic make-up of life on Earth, and much more.

Working internationally, NERC have bases at some of the most hostile places on the planet; running a fleet of research ships and aircraft and investing in satellite technology to monitor gradual environmental change on a global scale. NERC provide forewarning of, and solutions to, the key environmental challenges facing society.

### **Examples of funded research**

- Showing the importance of mature tropical forests to the global climate.
- Developing a safer and cleaner way to mine gold by reducing the use of mercury.
- Studying the hole in the ozone layer discovered by our British Antarctic Survey and monitoring climate change.
- Playing a major role in the International Census of Marine Life that monitors our oceans.

### NERC also runs six organisations of world renown:

- British Antarctic Survey, in Cambridge.
- British Geological Survey, in Nottingham.
- National Oceanography Centre, in Southampton.
- Centre for Ecology & Hydrolog, in Oxfordshire.
- National Centre for Atmospheric Science, in Leeds.
- National Centre for Earth Observation, Swindon.

www.nerc.ac.uk

# **Section 3 - Working with UK Shared Business Services Ltd.**

In this section you will find details of your Procurement contact point and the timescales relating to this opportunity.

Section	on 3 – Contact details	
3.1	Customer Name and address	Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
3.2	Buyer name	UK Shared Business Services
3.3	Buyer contact details	Research@uksbs.co.uk
3.4	Estimated value of the Opportunity	£27,000 to £33,000.00
3.5	Process for the submission of	All correspondence shall be submitted within the
	clarifications and Bids	Emptoris e-sourcing tool. Guidance Notes to
		support the use of Emptoris is available here.
		Please note submission of a Bid to any email
		address including the Buyer will result in the Bid
		not being considered.

Sectio	Section 3 - Timescales		
3.6	Date of Issue of Contract Advert and location of original Advert	21/07/2015 Contracts Finder	
3.7	Latest date/time ITQ clarification questions should be received through Emptoris messaging system	24/07/2015 14.00	
3.8	Latest date/time ITQ clarification answers should be sent to all potential Bidders by the Buyer through Emptoris	27/07/2015 14.00	
3.9	Latest date/time ITQ Bid shall be submitted through Emptoris	10/08/2015 14.00	
3.11	Anticipated rejection of unsuccessful Bids date	14/08/2015 14.00	
3.12	Anticipated Award date	14/08/2015	
3.13	Anticipated Contract Start date	19/08/2015	
3.14	Anticipated Contract End date	March 2016	
3.15	Bid Validity Period	60 Days	

# Section 4 – Specification

#### **Background**

UKEOF is a partnership, of mainly government organisations involved in collecting, managing and using environmental evidence. Some of the partner organisations have a long track record of successfully using citizen science to deliver important data at local to national scales; others have started to use citizen science to some extent, or are considering doing so. The partnership has an active working group on Citizen Science which has published guidance on the topic<sup>1</sup>.

Any actions around citizen science are currently being taken against a background of public sector austerity and should therefore make best use of new technologies including sensors, online support, interoperability, cloud storage, open or shared access and big-data analytics. These pressures and opportunities have led to an expectation of continued development and expansion. However the working group has identified a risk that, without an understanding of why and how people participate in citizen science, some initiatives could miss their mark and fail to provide the expected benefits.

The social drivers and impacts of evidence-gathering by non-professionals are often overlooked in favour of discussions around the need for and quality of the resulting data. UKEOF wants to balance this with an approach based on social science so that we can understand the personal needs, motivations, benefits and barriers which affect participation in citizen science (both in terms of the volunteers themselves and also other involved parties such as the scientists, policymakers and data users), and move beyond anecdotal to evidence-based knowledge.

The working group also identified a need to develop ways to evaluate the success of citizen science initiatives, in the context of the motivations of and benefits to all those involved. Although this research will focus on motivation, the need to identify parameters to evaluate should be born in mind at all stages, so that the final report can make recommendations for further investigations to develop evaluation methods, including metrics and performance indicators.

#### Aims of the Study

Improve our understanding of motivation and participation in citizen science, so that new initiatives can be designed to take these factors into account, making them more likely to succeed, and easier to evaluate.

#### Questions to be addressed

- Who participates in citizen science, and who chooses not to? (Both in terms of volunteers and other stakeholder groups.)
- Why do they participate, or not?
- What extrinsic or intrinsic motives are operating?
- Do volunteer motivations match those of other stakeholders?
- What makes it more likely they will participate, and what less?
- How is the experience for participants?
- How do they benefit from participation?
- How do the benefits match expectations?
- How does participation vary across the UK or across seasons or years?
- What would encourage citizens to participate, for the first time or again?

<sup>1</sup> http://www.ukeof.org.uk/our-work/citizen-science

• What aspects might be most useful to consider in order to evaluate the success of a citizen science initiative?

#### Scope

The study will cover people participating in citizen science, including highly skilled and unskilled volunteers, but also other stakeholders, such as professional scientists, policymakers, practitioners and data users.

The working group considers that, to deliver the most useful knowledge for the available resources, the work may need to focus on some types of citizen science rather than trying to cover the entire sector. This could be by theme (eg water environments; biodiversity; weather; air quality; invasive species), although it is important that a full range of stakeholders, as suggested above, is covered. We are open on this issue to the expertise and ideas of potential contractors, who are asked to show clearly in their tender what aspects they would focus on, to deliver the outputs within the available budget of £27,000 - £33,000 (exc VAT), and to explain why this approach is likely to succeed.

#### Objectives/methods

- 1. Carry out a brief, desk-based review of existing literature on motivations and evaluation for citizen science, to avoid duplication and learn from good practice
- 2. Liaise with the UKEOF Citizen Science Working Group to access other sources of information or contacts, such as SEWeb's Project Finder<sup>2</sup>, to incorporate into the review if relevant
- 3. Design and carry out an online survey of the motivations of both existing and potential citizen scientists and stakeholders
- 4. Analyse the survey results to reveal the main motivations, both extrinsic and intrinsic, of participants of different types and at different stages of engagement, how well their expectations are met, and what sociological factors lead to successful citizen science. This should include an investigation of important overlaps/differences in motivation types between stakeholders as a way of understanding the opportunities/barriers to collaboration and mutually beneficial projects.
- 5. Make recommendations for future studies, especially to explore methods of project evaluation in more detail
- 6. Provide frequent reports to the Project Steering Group, including final reports and material for the UKEOF website

The audience for the research is wide and includes:

- scientists already engaged in environmental science
- informed citizens
- users of data
- practitioners such as Government agencies carrying out environmental monitoring on the ground
- policymakers
- social scientists
- educators

Representatives of any of the above groups should be able to find useful and comprehensible information in the materials from this work and see the valuable contribution of social science methods.

#### **Outputs**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://apps.environment.scotland.gov.uk/project-finder/ (LIFE+ project)

• UK-wide survey, with database of raw results as well as analysis

Plus the following, in a form suitable to publish on the UKEOF website:

- Review of existing literature and good practice, including methods of evaluation (stand alone or embedded in the main final report)
- Report on findings and their implications for developing citizen science, avoiding sociological
  or statistical jargon wherever possible, and with explanation in plain English and glossary
  where jargon cannot be avoided. Should include a discussion of the broad potential to use
  the results to inform the development and evaluation of citizen science initiatives, and
  recommendations for future work to develop evaluation methodologies.
- Two page headline document setting out the key messages from the study
- Draft content for UKEOF website (text and graphics/images), including links to appropriate evaluation methodologies.

### **Desired Outcomes**

- Better understanding of the human aspect in citizen science
- Increased participation in citizen science
- Wider understanding, amongst the UKEOF and its stakeholders, of the potential of social science to improve our work

#### **Project Timeline**

The project is expected to start in Summer 2015 and needs to be completed by the end of March 2016. See the outline timetable below.

#### Weeks 1-2

- Project start-up meeting between contractors and Project Steering Group (PSG)
- Liaise with holders of key information to inform desk study

## By end of week 6

- Draft of desk study submitted to PSG
- Draft survey method agreed with Steering Group (can be agreed by email exchange)

## By end of week 22

Survey complete

## By end of week 30

• Drafts of final report, headline report and web text submitted to Steering Group

## By end of week 32

• Steering Group returns comments on drafts

## By end of week 33

- Final drafts delivered
- Raw data made available to UKEOF in format to be agreed

Monthly progress updates will be sent to the UKEOF project officer in form of an email summarising latest key events. In addition to the start-up meeting, two other meetings (which could be by teleconference) will be held with the PSG, at times to be agreed.

The contractor will alert the UKEOF project officer immediately of any significant risks.

# Section 5 - Evaluation model

The evaluation model below shall be used for this ITQ, which will be determined to two decimal places.

Where a question is 'for information only' it will not be scored.

The evaluation team may comprise staff from UK SBS, the Customer and any specific external stakeholders UK SBS deem required. After evaluation the scores will be finalised by performing a calculation to identify (at question level) the mean average of all evaluators (Example – a question is scored by three evaluators and judged as scoring 5, 5 and 6. These scores will be added together and divided by the number of evaluators to produce the final score of 5.33 ( $5+5+6=16\div 3=5.33$ )

Pass / fail criteria			
Questionnaire	Q No.	Question subject	
Commercial	FOI1.1	Freedom of Information Exemptions	
Commercial	AW1.1	Form of Bid	
Commercial	AW1.3	Certificate of Bona Fide Bid	
Commercial	AW3.1	Validation check	
Commercial	AW4.1	Contract Terms	
Price	AW5.5	E Invoicing	
Price	AW5.6	Implementation of E-Invoicing	
Quality	AW6.1	Compliance to the Specification	
-	-	Invitation to Quote – received on time within e-sourcing tool	

# Scoring criteria

#### **Evaluation Justification Statement**

In consideration of this particular requirement UK SBS has decided to evaluate Potential Providers by adopting the weightings/scoring mechanism detailed within this ITQ. UK SBS considers these weightings to be in line with existing best practice for a requirement of this type.

Questionnaire	Q No.	Question subject	Maximum Marks
Price	AW5.2	Price	05.00%
Price	AW5.3	Value for Money	05.00%
Quality	AW6.2	Understanding The Requirements	30.00%
Quality	AW6.3	Proposed methodology & Objectives	30.00%
Quality	AW6.4	Project Management & Contingencies	10.00%
Quality	AW6.5	Project Team	10.00%
Quality	AW6.7	Risk Assessment	10.00%

### **Evaluation of criteria**

#### **Non-Price elements**

Each question will be judged on a score from 0 to 100, which shall be subjected to a multiplier to reflect the percentage of the evaluation criteria allocated to that question.

Where an evaluation criterion is worth 20% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 20.

**Example** if a Bidder scores 60 from the available 100 points this will equate to 12% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points available multiplied by 20  $(60/100 \times 20 = 12)$ 

Where an evaluation criterion is worth 10% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 10.

**Example** if a Bidder scores 60 from the available 100 points this will equate to 6% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points available multiplied by 10  $(60/100 \times 10 = 6)$ 

The same logic will be applied to groups of questions which equate to a single evaluation criterion.

The 0-100 score shall be based on (unless otherwise stated within the question):

0	The Question is not answered or the response is completely unacceptable.
10	Extremely poor response – they have completely missed the point of the question.
20	Very poor response and not wholly acceptable. Requires major revision to the response
	to make it acceptable. Only partially answers the requirement, with major deficiencies
	and little relevant detail proposed.
40	Poor response only partially satisfying the selection question requirements with
	deficiencies apparent. Some useful evidence provided but response falls well short of
	expectations. Low probability of being a capable supplier.
60	Response is acceptable but remains basic and could have been expanded upon.
	Response is sufficient but does not inspire.
80	Good response which describes their capabilities in detail which provides high levels of
	assurance consistent with a quality provider. The response includes a full description of
	techniques and measurements currently employed.
100	Response is exceptional and clearly demonstrates they are capable of meeting the
	requirement. No significant weaknesses noted. The response is compelling in its
	description of techniques and measurements currently employed, providing full
	assurance consistent with a quality provider.

All questions will be scored based on the above mechanism. Please be aware that the final score returned may be different as there may be multiple evaluators and their individual scores will be averaged (mean) to determine your final score.

### **Example**

Evaluator 1 scored your bid as 60

Evaluator 2 scored your bid as 60

Evaluator 3 scored your bid as 50

Evaluator 4 scored your bid as 50

Your final score will  $(60+60+50+50) \div 4 = 55$ 

**Price elements** will be judged on the following criteria.

The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100.

All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.

For example - Bid 1 £100,000 scores 100.

Bid 2 £120,000 differential of £20,000 or 20% remove 20% from price scores 80

Bid 3 £150,000 differential £50,000 remove 50% from price scores 50.

Bid 4 £175,000 differential £75,000 remove 75% from price scores 25.

Bid 5 £200,000 differential £100,000 remove 100% from price scores 0.

Bid 6 £300,000 differential £200,000 remove 100% from price scores 0.

Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50.

In the example if a supplier scores 80 from the available 100 points this will equate to 40% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points multiplied by  $50 (80/100 \times 50 = 40)$ 

The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.

# Section 6 – Evaluation questionnaire

Bidders should note that the evaluation questionnaire is located within the **e-sourcing questionnaire**.

Guidance on completion of the questionnaire is available at <a href="http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx">http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx</a>

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

## Section 7 – General Information

## What makes a good bid – some simple do's ☺

#### DO:

- 7.1 Do comply with Procurement document instructions. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.
- 7.2 Do provide the Bid on time, and in the required format. Remember that the date/time given for a response is the last date that it can be accepted; we are legally bound to disqualify late submissions.
- 7.3 Do ensure you have read all the training materials to utilise e-sourcing tool prior to responding to this Bid. If you send your Bid by email or post it will be rejected.
- 7.4 Do use Microsoft Word, PowerPoint Excel 97-03 or compatible formats, or PDF unless agreed in writing by the Buyer. If you use another file format without our written permission we may reject your Bid.
- 7.5 Do ensure you utilise the Emptoris messaging system to raise any clarifications to our ITQ. You should note that typically we will release the answer to the question to all bidders and where we suspect the question contains confidential information we may modify the content of the question to protect the anonymity of the Bidder or their proposed solution
- 7.6 Do answer the question, it is not enough simply to cross-reference to a 'policy', web page or another part of your Bid, the evaluation team have limited time to assess bids and if they can't find the answer, they can't score it.
- 7.7 Do consider who your customer is and what they want a generic answer does not necessarily meet every customer's needs.
- 7.8 Do reference your documents correctly, specifically where supporting documentation is requested e.g. referencing the question/s they apply to.
- 7.9 Do provide clear and concise contact details; telephone numbers, e-mails and fax details.
- 7.10 Do complete all questions in the questionnaire or we may reject your Bid.
- 7.11 Do check and recheck your Bid before dispatch.

# What makes a good bid – some simple do not's ⊗

#### DO NOT

- 7.12 Do not cut and paste from a previous document and forget to change the previous details such as the previous buyer's name.
- 7.13 Do not attach 'glossy' brochures that have not been requested, they will not be read unless we have asked for them. Only send what has been requested and only send supplementary information if we have offered the opportunity so to do.
- 7.14 Do not share the Procurement documents, they are confidential and should not be shared with anyone without the Buyers written permission.
- 7.15 Do not seek to influence the procurement process by requesting meetings or contacting UK SBS or the Customer to discuss your Bid. If your Bid requires clarification the Buyer will contact you.
- 7.16 Do not contact any UK SBS staff or Customer staff without the Buyers written permission or we may reject your Bid.
- 7.17 Do not collude to fix or adjust the price or withdraw your Bid with another Party as we will reject your Bid.
- 7.18 Do not offer UK SBS or Customer staff any inducement or we will reject your Bid.
- 7.19 Do not seek changes to the Bid after responses have been submitted and the deadline for Bids to be submitted has passed.
- 7.20 Do not cross reference answers to external websites or other parts of your Bid, the cross references and website links will not be considered.
- 7.21 Do not exceed word counts, the additional words will not be considered.
- 7.22 Do not make your Bid conditional on acceptance of your own Terms of Contract, as your Bid will be rejected.

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- 7.23 All enquiries with respect to access to the e-sourcing tool and problems with functionality within the tool may be submitted to Crown Commercial Service (previously Government Procurement Service), Telephone 0345 010 3503.
- 7.24 Bidders will be specifically advised where attachments are permissible to support a question response within the e-sourcing tool. Where they are not permissible any attachments submitted will not be considered.
- 7.25 Question numbering is not sequential and all questions which require submission are included in the Section 6 Evaluation Questionnaire.
- 7.26 Any Contract offered may not guarantee any volume of work or any exclusivity of supply.
- 7.27 We do not guarantee to award any Contract as a result of this procurement
- 7.28 All documents issued or received in relation to this procurement shall be the property of UK SBS.
- 7.29 We can amend any part of the procurement documents at any time prior to the latest date / time Bids shall be submitted through Emptoris.
- 7.30 If you are a Consortium you must provide details of the Consortiums structure.
- 7.31 Bidders will be expected to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or your Bid will be rejected.
- 7.32 Bidders should note the Government's transparency agenda requires your Bid and any Contract entered into to be published on a designated, publicly searchable web site. By submitting a response to this ITQ Bidders are agreeing that their Bid and Contract may be made public
- 7.33 Your bid will be valid for 60 days or your Bid will be rejected.
- 7.34 Bidders may only amend the Contract terms if you can demonstrate there is a legal or statutory reason why you cannot accept them. If you request changes to the Contract and UK SBS fail to accept your legal or statutory reason is reasonably justified we may reject your Bid.
- 7.35 We will let you know the outcome of your Bid evaluation and where requested will provide a written debrief of the relative strengths and weaknesses of your Bid.

- 7.36 If you fail mandatory pass / fail criteria we will reject your Bid.
- 7.37 Bidders are required to use IE8, IE9, Chrome or Firefox in order to access the functionality of the Emptoris e-sourcing tool.
- 7.38 Bidders should note that if they are successful with their proposal UK SBS reserves the right to ask additional compliancy checks prior to the award of any Contract. In the event of a Bidder failing to meet one of the compliancy checks UK SBS may decline to proceed with the award of the Contract to the successful Bidder.
- 7.39 All timescales are set using a 24 hour clock and are based on British Summer Time or Greenwich Mean Time, depending on which applies at the point when Date and Time Bids shall be submitted through Emptoris.
- 7.40 All Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies are subject to control and reporting within Government. In particular, they report to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury for all expenditure. Further, the Cabinet Office has a cross-Government role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement including ensuring value for money and related aspects of good procurement practice.
  - For these purposes, UK SBS may disclose within Government any of the Bidders documentation/information (including any that the Bidder considers to be confidential and/or commercially sensitive such as specific bid information) submitted by the Bidder to UK SBS during this Procurement. The information will not be disclosed outside Government. Bidders taking part in this ITQ consent to these terms as part of the competition process.
- 7.41 From 2nd April 2014 the Government is introducing its new Government Security Classifications (GSC) classification scheme to replace the current Government Protective Marking System (GPMS). A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All Bidders are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes and identify any potential impacts in their Bid, as the protective marking and applicable protection of any material passed to, or generated by, you during the procurement process or pursuant to any Contract awarded to you as a result of this tender process will be subject to the new GSC from 2nd April 2014. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC:

## https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications

UK SBS reserves the right to amend any security related term or condition of the draft contract accompanying this ITQ to reflect any changes introduced by the GSC. In particular where this ITQ is accompanied by any instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter) as a result of any changes stemming from the new GSC, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise. This may relate to the instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter) as they apply to the procurement as they apply to the procurement process and/or any contracts awarded to you as a result of the procurement process.

# **USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS**

- Emptoris Training Guide
- Emptoris e-sourcing tool
- Contracts Finder
- <u>Tenders Electronic Daily</u>
- Equalities Act introduction
- Bribery Act introduction
- Freedom of information Act