Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

1 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0ET

Recipient Name / Organisation

Address line 1

Address Line 2

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City / County / Postcode

Date

Dear XXX

**Conflict of Interest**

DESNZ is committed to ensuring the highest standards of conduct in all that it does. As part of our continued approach to transparency, it is important we capture and mitigate any Conflict of Interests that can impact the important work we are doing. This will remove any question of improper conduct and drive continued transparency within DESNZ.

Please find enclosed within this correspondence a Supplier Conflict of Interest Declaration for your organisation, which I would ask is reviewed and completed with any appropriate responses together with planned mitigation and returned to us in response to AW3.2. This information will then be considered, recorded and then followed up appropriately should this be required.

For clarity, this request relates specifically to the concept of Conflicts of Interest that could cover any situation or members of your organisation where directly or indirectly, a financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the context of a procurement process or contract.

**Supplier Code of Conduct Policy**

I would also like to draw to your attention to the Supply Code of Conduct Policy, as set out by the Government Commercial Function. This policy document sets out the expectations of positive joint working and the responsibilities both from government and suppliers in how we operate fairly, openly and within the standards and behaviours required.

Please could I ask you to review and share appropriately within your organisation so that this important information is widely understood.

[Supplier Code of Conduct](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supplier-code-of-conduct)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the work with DESNZ.

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**Supplier Conflict of Interest Declaration**

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| Contract name(s) |  |
| Supplier name |  |
| Supplier contact details |  |
| Position |  |
| Email address |  |
| Contact Telephone number |  |
| Registered Company address |  |

Please complete and sign the below declaration by selecting and completing Option 1 or Option 2. Please see Annex 1 for an explanation of the term “**Conflicts of Interest**”.

Please identify any actual or perceived Conflict of Interest and explain how these Conflicts of Interest would be managed / mitigated. If you have any doubts as to whether there exists an interest which may give rise to a conflict, these doubts must also be disclosed.

DESNZ will consider whether the Conflict of Interest causes concern and what action (if any) should be taken. A declaration of a Conflict of Interest may prevent an individual or organisation from working on a contract(s). However, a declaration of a Conflict of Interest will not automatically mean that an individual or organisation cannot work on the contract(s). It is vital that any interest or conflict is declared so it can be considered openly and managed in the most appropriate manner.

If the situation changes for your company or an individual directly related to the delivery of the contract(s) in terms of Conflicts of Interest, you must notify DESNZ straight away.

# Option 1 – No Conflict of Interest

We *(Name of Company)* have nothing to declare with respect to any actual or perceived Conflict of Interest which exists at present or which may arise during the lifetime of this contract(s).

We also declare that ESNZ will be informed immediately, should any circumstances change in any way that effects this declaration.

**Signed by on behalf of**

**Company Name:**

**Signature**..........................................................................................................

**Name**………………………………………...........................................................

**Position**…………………………………..............................................................

**Date**……………………………………………………...........................................

# Option 2 – Conflict of Interest

We *(Name of Company)* are aware of a Conflict of Interest relating to our involvement in this contract(s). The nature of this Conflict of Interest is described below together with an explanation of how the Conflict(s) of Interest would be managed / mitigated.

## Details of Conflict of Interest

We wish to declare the following Conflict(s) of Interest:

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| **Name of Individual**  **(if appropriate)** | **Nature of Conflict of Interest** | **Proposed Mitigating Actions** |
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Where a Conflict of Interest has been declared, please clearly outline the role which this individual or organisation will play in the proposed contract(s) and how any conflict of interest would be managed/mitigated.

**Signed by on behalf of**

**Company Name:**

**Signature**..........................................................................................................

**Name**………………………………………...........................................................

**Position**…………………………………..............................................................

**Date**……………………………………………………...........................................

**Annex 1**

## Conflicts of Interest

**Conflicts of Interest include any:**

* any actual or perceived Conflict of Interest.
* Conflicts of Interest which exist at present, or which may arise during the lifetime of this contract(s).

Relevant Organisations and individuals to be considered as part of this Conflict of Interest Declaration include: Subcontractors, Tenderers and Advisers/Consultants as defined below.

* Suppliers means any company (incorporated or unincorporated), partnership, business or individual that is or may be a supplier or potential supplier of services or goods to ESNZ;
* Subcontractors means any company (incorporated or unincorporated), partnership, business or individual that is or may be subcontracted to deliver the services or goods to ESNZ;
* Tenderers means any company (incorporated or unincorporated), partnership, business or individual that is or may be interested in participating or participates in in the procurement process(es) undertaken by ESNZ as part of the contract(s). This includes tendering as prime contractor, subcontractor or as part of a consortium or other group of economic operators.
* Advisers/Consultants means any adviser or other related parties of Suppliers, Subcontractors and/or Tenderers.