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|  | Your Reference: |
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|  | Our Reference: 705564451 |
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|  | Date: 3rd August 2023 |
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation To: Tender Reference Number 705564451- Higher Education Institute Provision for Level 5 & 6 Accredited Courses

1. You are invited to tender for Higher Education Institute Provision for Level 5 & 6 Accredited Courses in competition in accordance with the attached documentation.
2. The requirement is for elements of the DCTT career courses to lead to the award of equivalent civilian accreditation. There is a particular requirement for courses at Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) Levels 5 and 6 to be accredited as Higher Education (HE) qualifications with sufficient credibility to satisfy the academic standards for Professional Engineering Institution (PEI) recognition towards IEng and CEng status.
3. The anticipated date for the contract award decision is September 2023, please note that this is an indicative date and may change.
4. You must submit your Tender to the Defence Sourcing Portal by 7th September 2023 23:55 (GMT).
5. Please be advised that in order to assist with tendering for this requirement a virtual Tenderer’s Conference has been arranged at 10.00 am on the 9th August 2023. Below is a timetable of the event for your information.

Yours faithfully

JM Harris

Julie Harris

Procure Team DCTT Lead Manager

Air Commercial

Programme for Tenderer’s Conference Higher Education Institute Provision for Level 5 & 6 Accredited Courses

| **SER** | **TIME** | **EVENT** |  **PRESENTER**  | **COMMENTS** |
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| **(a)** | **(b)** | **€** | **(d)** | **(e)** |
| 1 | 0930-0945  | Tenderer’s dial in to Team call for welcome address and introductions  |  Julie Harris | Dial in details REDACTED |
| 2 | 1005 | Housekeeping  |  Julie Harris |   |
| 3 | 1005 -1100 | Presentation from the customer  | David Haigh/Tony Brogdan-Ward Peter Jones |  |
| 4 | 1100 | Presentation “How to Bid” - Air Commercial  |  Julie Harris |  |
| 5 | 1115 | Questions |  Julie Harris |  |

 **Invited Suppliers**

|  **Supplier Name** | **Supplier Address** |  **Contact Name** |  **Contact Email** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Coventry University | Alan Berry BuildingPriory StreetCoventry CV1 5FB | Melanie Ward  | MWard@cusltd.co.uk  |
| Staffordshire University  | College RoadStoke-on-TrentST4 2DE | Francesca Bowbrick | Francesca.bowbrick@staffs.ac.uk  |
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This Invitation to Tender sets out the requirements that Tenderers must meet to submit a valid Tender. It also contains the draft Contract, further related documents and forms and sets out the Authority’s position with respect to the competition.

This invitation consists of the following documentation:

· DEFFORM 47 – Invitation To Tender.The DEFFORM 47 sets out the key requirements that Tenderers must meet to submit a valid Tender. It also sets out the conditions relating to this competition. For ease it is broken into:

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· Contract Documents (As per the contents table in the Terms and Conditions)

o Terms & Conditions which includes the Schedule of Requirements and any additional Schedules, Annexes and/or Appendices

· DEFFORM 111 – Appendix to Contract - Addresses and Other Information

· DEFFORM 539A – Tenderer’s Sensitive Information (or SC1B Schedule 4 or SC2 Schedule 5)

**Section A - Introduction**

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**DEFFORM 47 Definitions**

In this ITT the following words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them below:

A1. “The Authority” means the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, acting as part of the Crown.

A2. “Compliance Regime” is a legally enforceable set of rules, procedures, physical barriers and controls that, together, act to prevent the flow of sensitive or protected information to parties to whom it may give an unfair advantage.

A3. “Conditions of Tendering” means the conditions set out in this DEFFORM 47 that govern the competition.

A4. A “Consortium Arrangement” means two or more economic operators who have come together specifically for the purpose of bidding for this Contract and who establish a consortium agreement or special purpose vehicle to contract with the Authority.

A5. “Contract” means a Contract entered into between the successful Tenderer or consortium members and the Authority, should the Authority award a Contract as a result of this competition.

A6. “Contract Terms & Conditions” means the attached conditions including any schedules, annexes and appendices that will govern the Contract entered into between the successful Tenderer and the Authority, should the Authority award a Contract as a result of this competition.

A7. “Contractor Deliverables” means the works, goods and/or the services, including packaging (and Certificate(s) of Conformity and supplied in accordance with any Quality Assurance (QA) requirements if specified) which the Contractor is required to provide under the Contract.

A8. “Cyber Security Model” means the model defined in DEFCON 658.

A9. “Defence Sourcing Portal” means the electronic platform in which Tenders are submitted to the Authority.

A10. “Government Furnished Information” means information or data issued or made available to the Tenderer in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority..

A11. “ITT Documentation” means this ITT and any information in any medium or form (for example drawings, handbooks, manuals, instructions, specifications and notes of pre-tender clarification meetings), issued to you, or to which you have been granted access by the Authority, for the purposes of responding to this ITT

A12. “ITT Material” means any other material (including patterns and samples), equipment or software, in any medium or form issued to you, or to which you have been granted access, by the Authority for the purposes of responding to this ITT.

A13. “Schedule of Requirements” (Section 1 in Terms and Conditions, Schedule 2 in Standardised Contracting Template 1B (SC1B) or Schedule 2 in Standardised Contracting Template 2 (SC2)) means that part of the Contract which identifies, either directly or by reference, the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied or carried out, the quantities involved and the price or pricing terms in relation to each Contractor Deliverable.

A14. The “Statement of Requirement” means that part of the Contract which details the technical requirements and acceptance criteria of the Contractor Deliverables.

A15. A ‘Sub-Contractor’ means any party engaged or intended to be engaged by the Contractor at any level of sub-contracting to provide Contractor Deliverables for the purpose of performing this Contract.

A16. A “Sub-Contracting Arrangement” means a group of economic operators who have come together specifically for the purpose of bidding for this Contract, where one of their number will be the party to the Contract with the Authority, the remaining members of that group being Sub-Contractors to the lead economic operator.

A17. A “Tender” is the offer that you are making to the Authority.

A18. “Tenderer” means the economic operator submitting a response to this Invitation to Tender. Where “you” is used this means an action on you the Tenderer.

A19. A “Third Party” is any person (including a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality)), other than the Authority, the Tenderer or their respective employees.

**Purpose**

A20. The purpose of this ITT is to invite you to submit a Tender, in accordance with the instructions set out in this ITT, to propose a solution and best price to meet the Authority’s requirement. This documentation explains and sets out the:

a. timetable for the next stages of the procurement;

b.     instructions, conditions and processes that governs this competition;

c.     information you must include in your Tender and the required format;

d.     administrative arrangements for the receipt and evaluation of Tenders;

e.     criteria and methodology for the evaluation of Tenders; and

f. Contract Terms & Conditions

A21.   The sections in this ITT and associated documents are structured in line with a generic tendering process and do not indicate importance / precedence.

A22. This Requirement was published on the Defence Souring Portal and on the Find a Tender Service portal under the following reference 2023/S 0000-014954.

A23.   This procurement is in accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

A24.   This ITT has either been issued to all potential Tenderers chosen during the Tender selection stage listed on page 2 of this DEFFORM 47.

A25. Tenderers can be found on the Contract Bidders Notice as advertised on the DSP.

A26. Funding has been approved.

**ITT Documentation and ITT Material**

A27. ITT Documentation, ITT Material and any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in them shall remain the property of the Authority or other Third-Party owners and is released solely for the purposes of enabling you to submit a Tender. You must:

a.     take responsibility for the safe custody of the ITT Documentation and ITT Material and for all loss and damage sustained to it while in your care;

b.    not copy or disclose the ITT Documentation or any part of it to anyone other than the bid team

involved in preparing your Tender, and not use it except for the purpose of responding to this ITT;

c.     seek written approval from the Authority if you need to provide access to any ITT Documentation or ITT Material to any Third Party;

d.     abide by any reasonable conditions imposed by the Authority in giving its approval under sub-paragraph A27.c, which at a minimum will require you to ensure any disclosure to a Third Party is made by you in confidence.  Alternatively, due to IPR issues for example, the disclosure may be made, in confidence, directly by the Authority;

e.     accept that any further disclosure of ITT Documentation or ITT Material (or use beyond the original purpose), or further use of ITT Documentation or ITT Material, without the Authority’s written approval may make you liable for a claim for breach of confidence and / or infringement of IPR, a remedy which may involve a claim for compensation;

f.      inform the named Commercial Officer if you decide not to submit a Tender;

g.     immediately confirm destruction of (or in the case of software, that it is beyond use) all ITT Documentation, ITT Material and derived information of an unmarked nature, should you decide not to respond to this ITT, or you are notified by the Authority that your Tender has been unsuccessful; and

h.     consult the named Commercial Officer to agree the appropriate destruction process if you are in receipt of ITT Documentation and ITT Material marked ‘OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE’ or ‘SECRET’.

A28.  Some or all of the ITT Documentation and ITT Material may be subject to one or more confidentiality agreements made between you and either the Authority or a Third Party, for example a confidentiality agreement established in the form of DEFFORM 94.  The obligations contained in any such agreement will be in addition to, and not derogate from, your obligations under paragraph A27 above.

**Tender Expenses**

A29. You will bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting your Tender. The Authority will not be liable for the costs of any Tender, work or effort incurred by you participating in this tender process, including where the tender process is terminated or amended by the Authority, where the Authority decides not to award a Contract or where you withdraw from the tender process either directly or indirectly as costs under any other Contract with the Authority.

**Consortia and Sub-Contracting Arrangements**

A30. The Authority requires all Tenderers to identify whether any and/or which Consortium Arrangements or Sub-Contracting Arrangements will apply in the case of their Tender, and in particular specify the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement entity or both and their workshare. In the case of a Sub-Contracting Arrangement, the Authority requires all Tenderers to identify the entity that will be the party to the Contract with the Authority.

**Material Change of Control**

A31. You must inform the Authority in writing as soon as you become aware of:

a. any material changes to any of the information, representations or other matters of fact communicated to the Authority as part of your PQQ response or in connection with the submission of your PQQ response;

b. any material adverse change in your circumstances which may affect the truth, completeness or accuracy of any information provided as part of your PQQ response or in connection with the submission of your PQQ response or in your financial health or that of any Consortium Arrangement member or Sub-Contracting Arrangement member; or

c. any material changes to your financial health or that of a party to the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement; and

d. any material changes to the makeup of the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement, including:

i. the form of legal arrangement by which the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement will be structured;

ii. the identity of Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement;

iii. the intended division or allocation of work or responsibilities within or between the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement; and

iv. any change of control of any Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement.

A32. If a change described in paragraph A31 occurs, the Authority may reassess you against the PQQ selection criteria. The Authority reserves the right to require you to submit an updated/amended PQQ response (or parts thereof) to reflect the revised circumstances so that the Authority can make a further assessment by applying the published selection criteria to the new information provided. The outcome of this further assessment may affect your suitability to proceed with the procurement.

A33. In relation to a change described in paragraph A31, as far as is reasonably practicable, you must discuss any such proposed changes with the Authority before they occur and you must additionally highlight any changes from your PQQ response relating to any change in the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement or any change relating to conflicts of interest following a change, directly or indirectly in your ownership or control or of any Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement

A34. The Authority reserves the right, at its sole discretion to disqualify any Tenderer who makes any material change to any aspects of its responses to the PQQ if:

a. it fails to re-submit to the Authority the updated relevant section of its PQQ response providing details of such change in accordance with paragraph A33 as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event no later than business days following request from the Authority; or

b. having notified the Authority of such change, the Authority considers that the effect of the change is such that on the basis of the evaluation undertaken by the Authority for the purpose of selecting potential providers to participate in the procurement, the Tenderer would not have pre-qualified.

**Contract Terms &Conditions**

A35. The Contract Terms & Conditions include all attachments listed in the contents of the Terms & Conditions, such as the Schedule of Requirements, any additional Schedules, Annexes and/or Appendices. The full text of Defence Conditions (DEFCONs) and Defence Forms (DEFFORMS) are available electronically via the [Knowledge in Defence (KiD) website.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knowledge-in-defence-kid)

A36. The Contract Terms & Conditions are attached.

**Other Information**

A37. **The Armed Forces Covenant**

a. The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation to those who serve, or who have served, and their families, to ensure that they are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged in their day to day lives, as a result of their service.

b. The Covenant is based on two principles:

i. That the Armed Forces community would not face disadvantages when compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services; and

ii. That special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the injured and the bereaved.

The Authority encourages all Tenderers, and their suppliers, to sign the Armed Forces Covenant, declaring their support for the Armed Forces community by displaying the values and behaviours set out therein.

c. The Armed Forces Covenant provides guidance on the various ways you can demonstrate your support through your Covenant pledges and how by engaging with the Covenant and Armed Forces, such as employing Reservists, a company or organisation can also see real benefits in their business.

d. If you wish to register your support you can provide a point of contact for your company on this issue to the Armed Forces Covenant Team at the address below, so that the Authority can alert you to any events or initiatives in which you may wish to participate. The Covenant Team can also provide any information you require in addition to that included on the website.

Email address: employerrelations@rfca.mod.uk

Address: Defence Relationship Management

 Ministry of Defence

 Holderness House

 51-61 Clifton Street

 London

 EC2A 4EY

e. Paragraph A37 a to d above are not a condition of working with the Authority now or in the future, nor will this issue form any part of the Tender evaluation, Contract award procedure or any resulting Contract. However, the Authority very much hopes you will want to provide your support.

A38.  Not Applicable.

**Section B - Key Tendering Activities**

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The key dates for this procurement are currently anticipated to be as follows:

| **Stage** | **Date and Time**  | **Initiated By** | **Submit to:** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Invitation to Tenderers’ Conference | 9th August 2023 | The Authority | All Tenderers |
| Date for Confirmation of attendance at Tenderers’ Conference | 8th August 2023 | Tenderers |  |
| Final date for Clarification Questions / Requests for additional information | 18th August 2023  | Tenderers | Defence Sourcing Portal |
| The Authority issues Final Clarification Answers  | 21st August 2023 | The Authority | All Tenderers |
| Tender Return | 7th September 2023 | Tenderers | Defence Sourcing Portal |
| Tender Evaluation | September 2023 | The Authority | N/A |
| Negotiations | N/A | The Authority | N/A |
| Reverse Auction(See Annex B for more information on the conduct of the Reverse Auction) | N/A | The Authority | N/A |
| Trials / Testing | N/A | The Authority  | N/A |

**Notes**

**Tenderers Conference**

B1. A Tenderers Conference is being held as indicated in the table above, it enables the Authority to present the requirement to all Tenderers at the same time. It also provides Tenderers the opportunity to ask questions about the requirement. The Tenderer must provide the name(s) of those who wish to attend the Tenderers Conference to the abovenamed contact, no later than close of play on Tuesday the 8th August. Whilst TEAMS allows for numerous attendees a maximum of 5 attendees will be permitted. A copy of the presentation along with any questions raised and answers will be issued to all Tenderers regardless of attendance at the Tenderer’s Conference.

**Clarification Questions**

B2. The Authority will automatically copy clarification questions and answers to all Tenderers, removing the names of those who have raised the clarification questions. If you wish the Authority to treat the clarification as confidential and not issue the response to all Tenderers, you must state this when submitting the clarification question and provide justification. If in the opinion of the Authority, the clarification is not confidential, the Authority will inform the Tenderer, who will have an opportunity to withdraw the question. If the clarification question is not withdrawn, the response will be issued to all Tenderers.

**Tender Return**

B3. The Authority may, in its own absolute discretion extend the deadline for receipt of tenders and in such circumstances the Authority will notify all Tenderers of any change.

**Negotiations**

B4.        Negotiations do not apply to this tender process.

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**Section C - Instructions on Preparing Tenders**

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**Construction of Tenders**

C1. Your Tender must be written in English, using Arial font size 11. Prices must be in exVAT. Prices must be Firm. A price breakdown in the Tender.

C2. To assist the Authority’s evaluation, you must set out your Tender response in accordance with Section D (Tender Evaluation).

**Validity**

C3. Your Tender must be valid and open for acceptance for 90 days from the Tender return date. In addition, the winning Tender must be open for acceptance for a further thirty (30) calendar days once the Authority announces its decision to award the Contract. In the event that legal proceedings challenging the award of the Contract are instituted, before entry into Contract, you must hold your Tender open for acceptance during this period, and for up to fourteen (14) calendar days after any legal proceedings have concluded.

**Section D - Tender Evaluation**

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D1. This section details how your Tender will be evaluated, the tools used to evaluate the Tender and the evaluation criteria.

D2. The Evaluation shall be divided into 4 Stages:

1. Stage 1: Commercial Compliance Evaluation
2. Stage 2: Technical (Non-cost Score)
3. Stage 3: Cost
4. Stage 4: Overall Tender Result

D3. Stages 1 shall be scored with a Pass/Fail mark.

D4. Stage 2 shall be scored

D5. Stage 2 and Stage 3 will contribute to Stage 4, the Overall Tender Result. This will be based on Weighted Value for Money Index (WVfM) Index detailed in Stage 4.

**Stage 1: Commercial Compliance Evaluation**

D6. All Tenderers must complete and submit the following documentation listed in Table 1 via the Defence Sourcing Portal:

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| **TABLE 1: STAGE 1: COMMERCIAL COMPLIANCE EVALUATION** |
| **Serial**  | **DOCUMENT** |
| A.  | Please complete, sign and return Tender Submission Document (Offer) – DEFFORM 47 Annex A |
| B.  | Please confirm you accept the unconditional acceptance of the Authority’s Terms and Conditions and Clauses; Forms and Annexes, including acceptance of the Publications and standards listed within the ITT and SOR. |
| C. | Please complete and return the Schedule 2 Pricing Schedule of Requirements |
| D. | Please sign and return Schedule 5 Commercially Sensitive information Form. |
| E. | CYBER Please complete and submit a copy of the Supplier Assurance Questionnaire (SAQ) form – (copy provided below). The Cyber Risk Profile for this requirement identified by the Cyber Risk Assessment is MODERATE reference “RAR-310798756”.<https://forms.office.com/e/gwWaExBF4w>The form is to be completed and submitted to the following email address UKStratComDD-CyDR-DCPP@mod.gov.uk . You will receive a response within 48 hours confirming your cyber rating. You must provide evidence of the outcome with your tender submission. Where you cannot demonstrate that you have achieved the proportionate security requirements associated with this requirement, a Cyber Implementation Plan (CIP) must be submitted with your tender response. Where a bidder has produced a CIP which is deemed unacceptable by the RAF Senior Information Officer (SIRO) they will be declared non-compliant for this requirement.Further information relating to Cyber can be found at the following link [Defence Cyber Protection Partnership - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defence-cyber-protection-partnership). |

D7. Tenderers shall be scored as a Pass and proceed to Stage 2 if all the documentation in the above table is submitted correctly. If the Tenderer fails to submit any of the above documentation, the Authority reserves the right to score the Tenderer as a Fail. In which case, they will not be evaluated further and will be removed from the competition.

**Stage 2: Technical Non-Cost Score**

D8. Non-Cost Score will be determined through assessment of Technical Award Criteria and social value criteria.

D9. Each Individual Criterion will be evaluated against the following Scoring Mechanism in Tables 2 and 3. Please note that each Lot will be scored using the same set of technical questions. If for example you wish to bid for all lots you must provide an answer for each question for each lot, making sure that the content is appropriate to the Lot for which you are bidding.

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| **TABLE 2: STAGE 3: NON-COST SCORING MECHANISM -Technical Criteria Only**  |
| SCORE | DESCRIPTION |
| 100 | High ConfidenceThe Tender shows **all** the following:1. The Tenderer has demonstrated that the solution is fully deliverable; evidence for this:* Clearly and comprehensively details how the capability will be delivered.
* Complies with all standards detailed in the criteria whilst recognising and mitigating all constraints.
* Shows effective and efficient use of resources.

2. Any effects on the Authority resulting from the Tenderer’s solution are acceptable. |
| 80 | Good ConfidenceThe Tender shows **all** the following:1. The Tenderer has demonstrated that the solution is fully deliverable; evidence for this:* Highly details how the capability will be delivered.
* Complies with necessary standards detailed in the criteria whilst recognising and mitigating key constraints.
* Show efficiencies in the use of resources.

2. Any effects on the Authority resulting from the Tenderer’s solution are acceptable. |
| 60 | SatisfactoryThe Tender shows **all** the following:1. The Tenderer has demonstrated that the solution is fully deliverable; evidence for this:* Details how the capability will be delivered.
* Complies with necessary standards detailed in the criteria and recognises key constraints.
* Shows limited efficiencies in the use of resources.

2. Any effects on the Authority resulting from the Tenderer’s solution are acceptable. |
| 40 | Minor ConcernsThe Tender shows **any** of the following:1. The Tenderer has only partially demonstrated that the solution is deliverable; evidence for this:* Incomplete details how the capability will be delivered.
* Only complies with necessary standards detailed in the criteria but does not recognise key constraints.
* Does not clearly show efficiencies in the use of resources.

2. Some effects on the Authority resulting from the Tenderer’s solution are undesirable. |
| 20 | Major ConcernsThe Tender shows **any** of the following:1. The Tenderer has failed, or only partially, demonstrated that the solution is deliverable; evidence for this:* Fails to detail how the capability will be delivered.
* Fails to comply with minimum necessary standards detailed in the criteria and does not recognise key constraints.
* Fails to identify any efficiency in the use of resources.

2. Any effects on the Authority resulting from the Tenderer’s solution are unacceptable. |
| 0 | FailNo response provided. |
| **TABLE 3: STAGE 3: NON-COST SCORING MECHANISM – Social Value Criteria Only**  |
|  SCORE | Criteria for awarding score |
| 100 | Excellent: (Exceeds all of the Model Award Criteria (MACs)) The response exceeds what is expected for the criteria. Leaves no doubt as to the capability and commitment to deliver what is required. The response therefore shows: * Very good understanding of the requirements.
* Excellent proposals demonstrated through relevant evidence.
* Considerable insight into the relevant issues.
* The response is also likely to propose additional value in several respects above that expected.

The response addresses the social value policy outcome and also shows in-depth market experience. |
| 70 | Very Good: (Exceeds some of the Model Award Criteria (MACs))The response meets the required standard in all material respects. There are no significant areas of concern, although there may be limited minor issues that need further exploration or attention later in the procurement process. The response therefore shows: * Good understanding of the requirements.
* Sufficient competence demonstrated through relevant evidence.
* Some insight demonstrated into the relevant issues.

The response addresses the social value policy outcome and also shows good market experience |
| 30 | Good: (Meets all of the Model Award Criteria (MACs))The response broadly meets what is expected for the criteria. There are no significant areas of concern, although there may be limited minor issues that need further exploration or attention later in the procurement process. The response therefore shows: * Good understanding of the requirements.
* Sufficient competence demonstrated through relevant evidence.
* Some insight demonstrated into the relevant issues.
* The response addresses most of the social value policy outcome and also shows general market experience.
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| 10 | Poor: (Meets some of the Model Award Criteria (MACs))The response meets elements of the requirement but gives concern in a number of significant areas. There are reservations because of one or all of the following: * There is at least one significant issue needing considerable attention.
* Proposals do not demonstrate competence or understanding.
* The response is light on detail and unconvincing.
* The response makes no reference to the applicable sector but shows some general market experience.

The response makes limited reference (naming only) to the social value policy outcome set out within the invitation |
| 0 | Fail: The response completely fails to meet the required standard or does not provide a proposal |

D10. The response to the technical elements of this ITT will be assessed by a team of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) deemed appropriate by the Authority. These SMEs will evaluate each Tender.

D11. The total for the weightings adds up to 100%. Each criterion’s score will be multiplied by the weighting applied to each question to determine a weighted criterion score. For example, a score of 60 multiplied by 20% weighting, would equal a weighted criterion score of 12.

D12. Each set of evaluator scores will be added together to ascertain the score against each of the technical criterion. The final mark for the Technical Score will be the sum of each evaluators scores will be the sum of these weighted criterion scores.

For example, a question which receives scores of 40,30,40 will equal 110. This total score of 110 multiplied by a 20% weighting will achieve a weighted criterion score of 20.

D13. The final mark for the Technical Non-Cost Score will be the sum of these weighted criterion scores. A worked example can be found below

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Technical Criterion No. | Evaluator 1 | Evaluator 2 | Evaluator 3 | Overall Criterion Score | Criterion weighting (%) | Weighted Criterion Score |
| 1 | 60 | 60 | 40 | 160 | 20 | 32 |
| 2 | 80 | 80 | 60 | 220 | 20 | 44 |
| Total Technical Non-Cost Score  | 76 |

D14. Any overall criterion score of 120 or below in the Technical Criteria section will result in the entire bid being deemed non-compliant and the Tenderer will not proceed to Stage 3.

D15. Social Value attracts a different scoring system (see above) whilst the methodology remains the same as per para D11, any overall score of 30 or below will result in the entire bid being deemed non-compliant and the Tenderer will not proceed to Stage 3.

D16. The Authority may seek clarification from Tenderers if any part of their proposal cannot be evaluated adequately.

**Moderation of Evaluations**

D17. Once all evaluators have completed their evaluations then a moderation exercise will be undertaken. The moderation will review disparities between the markings awarded by the evaluators.

D18. The moderation may result in evaluators being requested to reconsider the original mark awarded.

D19. Where the moderation determines that a Tenderer’s response is found to have areas of minor uncertainty the evaluators may request, via the relevant Commercial Officer, a Clarification Question (CQ) to be raised. On the return of the response of the CQ by the Tenderer, the evaluators will re-evaluate the relevant criteria using the response to the CQ in a reiteration of the Technical Evaluation Process detailed above.

D20. CQs will only be raised if there seems to be areas of minor misunderstanding as to the meaning of the Tender by the evaluators or where the evaluators perceive there to have been a genuine mistake by the Tenderer. Where a Tenderer has not submitted a response, omits responses to criteria, or has significant areas of non-compliance then a CQ will not be raised.

**Provision of Results to Tenderers**

D21. The Successful Tenderer(s) will not, by default, be provided with a breakdown of the technical evaluation. Such a breakdown of their results may be requested through the relevant Commercial Officer.

D22. Unsuccessful Tenderer(s) will be provided with the following level of breakdown of the technical evaluation provided in the Notification of Contract Award Decision letters issued following completion of the competition.

**Technical Evaluation Criterion**

The Technical bid will be assessed against the following criterion:

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| Criterion Number: | 1. |
| Criterion: | Please provide a detailed timeline of all stages and key decision points through your organisation’s validation and accreditation process, with a target date of completion for each course you are bidding for. |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | A.1.c, A.5.a, B.1b & c, B.2b & c,f, B.3b,d,e B.4b,c,d,e, B.5b,d,e, B.6b,d,e, B.7d , B.8b, B.8c,  |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  20% |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

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| Criterion Number: | 2. |
| Criterion: | Please explain how you would integrate the administration of our courses which are delivered at an accelerated pace and do not necessarily synchronise with the traditional academic year.  |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | SoR Annex A  |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  10 |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

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| Criterion Number: | 3. |
| Criterion: | Please explain how your organisation would validate course material and who would be responsible for doing so. This must also include how course material validated by a different awarding organisation would be considered and processed.           |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | Part B Deliverable requirements  |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  10 |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

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| Criterion Number: | 4. |
| Criterion: | Please explain what entry standards you would require for each of the courses detailed in the statement of requirement and provide details of your organisation's process for ensuring the students meet the standards prior to being accepted on to the programme of study?   |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | B.1a, B2.a, B.3a, B.4a, B.5a, B.6a, B.7a, B.8a |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  10 |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

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| Criterion Number: | 5. |
| Criterion: | How would your organisation ensure that the accreditation awarded meets the standard acceptable by the UK Engineering Council? |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference |  A.1.b & A.16.d |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  10 |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

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| Criterion Number: | 6. |
| Criterion: | Please provide details of your organisation's requirement, the process and an estimation of time in order to retrospectively register students who have already begun a course using syllabus previously validated by another awarding body. |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | A.1a |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  10 |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

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| Criterion Number: | 7. |
| Criterion: | It is anticipated that Authority personnel will deliver all course material: Please highlight any issues you may have with this arrangement and provide an explanation as to why this would not be acceptable for your organisation. Suggest alternative delivery options for cases where you cannot accept Authority delivery.  |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | A.1a |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  20 |
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| Criterion Number: | 8. |
| Criterion: | Which software/Apps used by your organisation would our trainees be expected to use. What are your collaborative partner institution opportunities for lecturers which allows opportunity for lecturers to become partner associate lecturers (PALs) and access to online library facilities and staff development opportunities? |
| Statement of Requirement(SoR) Reference | A.5a |
| Marking Method: | Scoring  |
| Weighting: |  10 |
| Tenderers Response: | Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal |

**Tender Evaluation Social Value**

D23. Social value has a lasting impact on individuals, communities, and the environment. Government has a huge opportunity and responsibility to maximise benefits effectively and comprehensively through its commercial activity. It cannot afford not to. A missed opportunity to deliver social value may lead to costs that the taxpayer has to absorb elsewhere through public procurement.

D24. A competitive and diverse supply landscape can help to deliver innovation in public services, manage risk and provide greater value for taxpayers’ money.

D25. As a result, the Social Value Model (SVM) has been created which details 5 Themes, 8 Policy Outcomes and 24 Model Award Criteria (MACs). The SVM MACs are questions which relate to Social Value. The use of the SVM is mandatory in all central government procurements using Public Contracting Regulations (PCR) 2015 and Defence and Security Public Contracting Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 above financial threshold and exempt procurements.

D26. Defence is focusing on the theme Equal Opportunity and policy outcome Tackle Workforce Inequality for this procurement.

D27. The Social Value Scoring Criteria is listed above at Table 3. Please use this and the information provided within the SVM to compile your responses to the SVM MAC and Model Evaluation Question (MEQ) asked. In compiling your answer, please refer to the SVM Quick Reference Table. Under Model Response Guidance for tenderers and evaluators examples of types of evidence the tender evaluators are looking for can be found.

D28. Alongside the Standard Reporting Metrics (SRM), Social Value Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be used within this contract. KPIs will be generated from the Potential Provider’s social value response it is therefore important that measurable commits are included in the response (both commitments against the SRMs and other metrics as may be appropriate. KPIs will be agreed between the parties and included in the contract at Contract Award.

D29. Further Social Value Guidance can be found:

a) Social Value Model (SVM), Government Commercial Function, Edition 1.1 – 3 Dec 20 <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940827/Guide-to-using-the-Social-Value-Model-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf>

b) Guide to Using the Social Value Model, Government Commercial Function, Edition 1.1 – 3 Dec 20 <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940826/Social-Value-Model-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf>

c) Social Value Model Quick Reference Table, Government Commercial Function, Edition 1.1 – 3 Dec 20 <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940828/Social-Value-Model-Quick-Reference-Table-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf>

D30. The aim of the following SVM MACs is to understand the Potential Providers Social Value Commitment that this procurement programme will provide within the geographical location(s) that is will be delivered from.

D31. In your written response you should provide convincing arguments, including suitable evidence, of What your understanding of Social Value is, in relation to this procurement, and how you will instil confidence in the Authority in your ability to deliver against the Social Value requirements for this procurement.

D32. A list of some of the key response documents that the Authority would expect you to provide are provided below. However, within the overall limit of pages you should supplement your written submission with other documents you consider will build confidence in your ability to maximise Social Value Commitments.

D33. You should provide, for each MAC MEQ:

· your ‘Method Statement,’ stating how you will achieve this and how your commitment meets the SVM Model Award Criteria (MAC), and

· a timed project plan and process, including how you will implement your commitment and by when. Also, how you will monitor, measure and report on your commitments/the impact of your proposals. You should include but not be limited to:

· timed action plan

· use of metrics

· tools/processes used to gather data

· reporting

· feedback and improvement

· transparency

· how you will influence your: staff, supply chains, 3rd party suppliers, customers, and communities through the delivery of the contract to support the Policy Outcome, e.g., engagement, co-design/creation, training, and education, partnering/collaborating, volunteering.

D34. From the information that you provide, the evaluators will assess, Qualitatively, your response, based on the information that you provide within your tender response.

D35. Alongside their Commitments against the SRMs, the successful Potential Provider’s method statement will form the basis of Key Performance Indicators and be jointly managed throughout the life of the contract.

D36. The Potential Providers must ensure that they answer the SVM MACs asked. Any additional information which is not specific to the contract being procured will not be considered.

D37. The Potential Providers responses are to set out the additional Social Value benefits that they will deliver against the Policy Outcomes for this procurement. It is not sufficient to only reference/use their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and or Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) documents.

| **Theme** | **Policy Outcome** | **Weighting** | **(As percentage of Social Value):** | **10% Out of 10%** |
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| 4. | **Equal Opportunity** | Tackle Workforce inequality | **MAC** | **6.1** | Title: Demonstrate action to identify and tackle inequality in employment, skills and pay in the contract workforce |
|  | **Model Evaluation Question (MEQ)** | Using a maximum of 4 sides of A4 describe the commitment your organisation will make to ensure that opportunities under the contract deliver the Policy Outcome and Award Criteria. Please include: ● your ‘Method Statement’, stating how you will achieve this and how your commitment meets the Award Criteria, and ● a timed project plan and process, including how you will implement your commitment and by when. Also, how you will monitor, measure and report on your commitments/the impact of your proposals. You should include but not be limited to: ○ timed action plan ○ use of metrics ○ tools/processes used to gather data○ reporting ○ feedback and improvement ○ transparency ● how you will influence staff, suppliers, customers and communities through the delivery of the contract to support the Policy Outcome, e.g. engagement, co-design/creation, training and education, partnering/collaborating, volunteering |
| **Sub-Criteria for MAC:** | Tackling workforce inequality |
| **Model Response Guidance:** | Activities that demonstrate and describe the tenderer’s existing or planned: ● Understanding of the issues affecting inequality in employment, skills and pay in the market, industry or sector relevant to the contract, and in the tenderer’s own organisation and those of its key sub-contractors. ● Measures to tackle inequality in employment, skills and pay in the contract workforce.  |
| **Illustrative examples:** | Illustrative examples: ○ Inclusive and accessible recruitment practices, and retention-focussed activities. ○ Offering a range of quality opportunities with routes of progression if appropriate, e.g. T Level industry placements, students supported into higher level apprenticeships. ○ Working conditions which promote an inclusive working environment and promote retention and progression. ○ Demonstrating how working conditions promote an inclusive working environment and promote retention and progression. ○ A time-bound action plan informed by monitoring to ensure employers have a workforce that proportionately reflects the diversity of the communities in which they operate, at every level.○ Including multiple women, or others with protected characteristics, in shortlists for recruitment and promotions. ○ Using skill-based assessment tasks in recruitment. ○ Using structured interviews for recruitment and promotions. ○ Introducing transparency to promotion, pay and reward processes. ○ Positive action schemes in place to address under-representation in certain pay grades. ○ Jobs at all levels open to flexible working from day one for all workers. ○ Collection and publication of retention rates, e.g. for pregnant women and new mothers, or for others with protected characteristics.○ Regular equal pay audits conducted |
| **Standard Reporting Metrics** | Total percentage of full-time equivalent (FTE) people from groups under-represented in the workforce employed under the contract, as a proportion of the total FTE contract workforce, by UK region. ● Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) people from groups under-represented in the workforce employed under the contract, by UK region. ● Total percentage of people from groups under-represented in the workforce on apprenticeship schemes (Level 2, 3, and 4+) under the contract, as a proportion of the all people on apprenticeship schemes (Level 2, 3, and 4+) within the contract workforce, by UK region. ● Number of people from groups under-represented in the workforce on apprenticeship schemes (Level 2, 3, and 4+) under the contract, by UK regionTotal percentage of people from groups under-represented in the workforce on other training schemes (Level 2, 3, and 4+) under the contract, as a proportion of the all people on other training schemes (Level 2, 3, and 4+) within the contract workforce, by UK region. ● Number of people from groups under-represented in the workforce on other training schemes (Level 2, 3, and 4+) under the contract, by UK region. ● Percentage of all companies in the supply chain under the contract to have committed to the five foundational principles of good work. ● Number of companies in the supply chain under the contract to have committed to the five foundational principles of good work. ● Percentage of the supply chain for which supply chain mapping has been completed to the appropriate tier or to source in order to reduce the risks of modern slavery. ● Number of people-hours devoted to supporting victims of modern slavery under the contract. |
| **Tenderer’s Response:** | *In compiling your answer, please refer to the* [*Social Value Model Quick Reference Table*](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F940828%2FSocial-Value-Model-Quick-Reference-Table-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf&data=04%7C01%7CMODDefence-SocialValue%40mod.gov.uk%7Cf20c69fa0c84425ee45b08d9db6247ed%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C0%7C637782037422817414%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=E9zgja0rO6jeZIR1xDOwQZrkV3elwZzO5P%2Fj%2FIdGNAQ%3D&reserved=0)*, under Model Response Guidance for tenderers and evaluators for examples of types of evidence the tender evaluators are looking for:*  |
| Please upload your response to the Defence Sourcing Portal. |

**Stage 4: Price Evaluation**

D38. Tenderers are required to complete the Schedule 2 – Schedule of Requirements as part of their Tender Submission. As the requirement is lotted into three separate lots please indicate which lot(s) you are bidding for by annotating Schedule 2 with your price offer or by using the phrase “NOT APPLICABLE”. Please note that in order to be considered compliant for Lot 1 you must provide a cost for each course.

D39. You are requested to provide your cost per student in the Schedule of Requirements at Schedule 2. Your rate must be firm, in GBP and exclusive of VAT.

D40. For the purposes of the tender evaluation your total tender price will be calculated as follows,

Please quote a price per student, this will be multiplied by 1 course per year, each yearly cost will be totalled and added together over the 4 years to determine the “Total Tender Price”

The worked example below for “Lot 2 Engineering Officer Aerosystems Engineering DES BEng (AV)” will be costed based on the appro student number as per Annex A of the Statement of Requirement.

*This is a worked example for illustrative purposes only and does not represent estimated or actual figures for this requirement*

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| Lot 2 - Engineering Officer Aerosystems Engineering DES BEng (AV) |  |
| No of Students  | Price per Student  | Year 1  | Year 2 | Year 3  | Year 4 | Total Yearly Cost  |
| 15 | £20.00 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | £1200 |
| 15 | £20.00 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | £1200 |
| 15  | £20.00 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | £1200 |
| 15  | £20.00 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | 15 x 20 = £300 | £1200 |
| Total Tender Cost | £4800 |

The same process will be used to calculate the Total Tender Price for all 3 Lots.

The forecasted figures provided at Annex A of the Statement of Requirement are provided for your information only. Whilst these numbers have been generated from historical course they cannot be relied upon and do not represent a commitment by the Authority of student numbers.

**Stage 5: Overall Tender Result**

D42. The Tenderer’s overall score will be determined using a Weighted Value for Money (WVfM) Index. The non-cost score/cost ratio is 60:40, equating to 60% weighting for non-cost score and 40% weighting for cost. Each bidder’s WVfM Index will be calculated using the following formula.

$$Weighted VfM Index =\frac{Non-cost score ^{\frac{60}{40}} }{cost}$$

$ender MEAT Score =\frac{Technical Score  }{Price}$D43. The highest WVfM Index (determined using the formula above to 6 decimal places) shall be declared the preferred bidder.

D44. Where two Tenders have the same WVfM Index Score (to 2 decimal places), the Tender with the highest non-cost score shall be declared the preferred bidder.

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| Table 5: Worked Example |
| Tender | Non-Cost Score | Cost (£NPV) | Weighted VFM Index | Rank |
| A | 228 ^ 60/40 = 3442.7 | £300,000 | 0.001147 | 2 |
| B | 336 ^60/40 = 6158.9 | £300,500 | 0.001759 | 1 |
| C | 180 ^60/40 = 2412.9 | £200,500 | 0.000964 | 3 |

In this scenario Tender B is the highest-ranking tenderer.

*Figures provided for illustrative purposes only*

**Section E - Instructions on Submitting Tenders**

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**Submission of your Tender**

E1. Your Tender and any ITT Documentation must be submitted electronically via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) by 7th September 2023 at 23:55 (GMT). The Authority reserves the right to reject any Tender received after the stated date and time.  Hard copy, paper or delivered digital Tenders (e.g. email, DVD) at OFFICIAL SENSITIVE classification are no longer required and will not be accepted by the Authority. Tenderers are required to submit an electronic online Tender response to 705564451- Higher Education Institute Provision for Level 5 & 6 Accredited Courses.

E2. Your priced Tender and priced ITT Documentation must only be submitted to the commercial envelope of the DSP ITT. You must ensure that there are no prices present in the technical or qualification (if applicable) envelopes of the DSP ITT. The Authority has the right to request, at its discretion, that any pricing information found in the technical or qualification (if applicable) envelopes is redacted in accordance with paragraph E3.

E3. The Authority may, in its own absolute discretion allow the Tenderer to rectify any irregularities identified in the Tender by the Authority or provide clarification after the Tender return date. For example, this may include, but is not limited to, redacting pricing information in the unpriced copy of the tender, rectifying, or providing clarification in relation to a corrupt or blank document. Tenderers will be provided with instructions via the DSP on how they can correct such irregularities which must be completed by the deadline set. The Authority will cross reference the amended Tender with the original Tender submitted to the DSP before the Tender return date to ensure that no other amendments, other than in relation to the specific irregularity/clarification communicated by the Authority, have been made. Should Tenderers make additional amendments to the Tender other than those relating to the specific irregularity/clarification communicated to the Tenderer by the Authority, this will result in a non-compliant bid.

E4. The DSP is accredited to OFFICIAL SENSITIVE. Material that is protectively marked above this classification must not be uploaded to the DSP. Please contact Julie.Harris206@mod.gov.uk if you have a requirement to submit documents above OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

E5. You must not upload any ITAR or Export Controlled information as part of your Tender or ITT documentation into the DSP. You must contact Julie.Harris206@mod.gov,uk to discuss any exchange of ITAR or Export Controlled information. You must ensure that you have the relevant permissions to transfer information to the Authority.

E6. You must ensure that your DEFFORM 47 Annex A is signed, scanned and uploaded to DSP with your Tender as a PDF (it must be a scanned original). The remainder of your Tender must be compatible with MS Word and other MS Office applications.

**Lots**

E7. This requirement has been split into lots. Further details can be found at Annex A to Section E.

**Variant Bids**

E8. The Authority will not accept variant bids

**Samples**

E9. Samples are not required.

**Annex A to Section E - Lots**

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 The requirement has been divided into the following lots:

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| **Lot** | **Course**  | **Course No**  | **Accreditation Level**  | **Accreditation title**  |
| **Lot 1**  | Art AV  | F011  | BSc  | Aeronautical Engineering Avionics  |
| LAET(M)  |    | Cert HE  | Aeronautical Engineering - Mechanical  |
| LAET(AV)  |    | Cert HE  | Aeronautical Engineering - Avionics  |
| POAETQC(AV)  |    | Fd Deg  | Aeronautical Engineering - Avionics  |
| POAETQC(M)  |    | Fd Deg  | Aeronautical Engineering - Mechanical  |
| Art Mech Eng  | D057  | Fd Deg   | Mechanical Engineering   |
| Art Elec  | E027  | BSc  | Electronic Systems Engineering   |
| **Lot 2**  | DES BEng (AV)  | 1273  | BEng   | Engineering Officer AeroSystems Engineering  |
| **Lot 3** | DES BSc (CS)  | 1274  | BSc  | Engineering Officer Communications Electronics Engineering  |

2. Tenderers are invited to tender for all or any of the lots detailed above. Each Tenderer may submit one or more Tenders in respect of one of more combination of lots showing any financial benefit accruing to the Authority if the Tenderer were to win more than one lot.

3. Each Tender must meet the Authority’s minimum requirements, operate as a standalone Tender and not be dependent upon any other Tender or any other factors external to the Tender itself, that is each Tender must be capable of being accepted by the Authority in its own right.

4. You must submit a tender for each individual lot that you wish to bid for on the Defence Sourcing Portal.

5. The Authority may award separate Contracts of each or any combination.

6. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a single Tenderer can win.

7. Details on how each lot will be evaluated can be found in Section D (Tender Evaluation).

 **Section F - Conditions of Tendering**

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F1. The issue of ITT Documentation or ITT Material is not a commitment by the Authority to place a Contract as a result of this competition or at a later stage. Neither does the issue of this ITT or subsequent Tender submission create any implied Contract between the Authority and any Tenderer and any such implied Contract is expressly excluded.

F2. The Authority reserves the right, but is not obliged to:

a. vary the terms of this ITT in accordance with applicable law;

b. seek clarification or additional documents in respect of a Tenderer’s submission during the Tender evaluation where necessary for the purpose of carrying out a fair evaluation. Tenderers are asked to respond to such requests promptly;

c. visit your site;

d. disqualify any Tenderer that submits a non-compliant Tender in accordance with the instructions or conditions of this ITT;

e. disqualify any Tenderer that is guilty of misrepresentation in relation to its Tender, expression of interest, the dynamic PQQ or the tender process;

f. re-assess your suitability to remain in the competition, for example where there is a material change in the information submitted in and relating to the PQQ response, see paragraphs A31 to A34;

g. withdraw this ITT at any time, or choose not to award any Contract as a result of this tender process, or re-invite Tenders on the same or any alternative basis;

h. re-issue this ITT on a single source basis, in the event that this procurement does not result in a ‘competitive process’ as defined in the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014, making such adjustments as would be required by the application of the Defence Reform Act 2014 and/or the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014;

i. choose not to award any Contract as a result of the current tender process;

j. where it is considered appropriate, ask for an explanation of the costs or price proposed in the Tender where the Tender appears to be abnormally low;

F3. The Contract will be effective when both parties sign the Contract. The Contract will be issued by the Authority via a DEFFORM 8, to the address you provide, on or before the end of the validity period specified in paragraph C3.

**Conforming to the Law**

F4. You must comply with all applicable UK legislation and any equivalent legislation in a third state.

F5. Your attention is drawn to legislation relating to the canvassing of a public official, collusive behaviour and bribery. If you act in breach of this legislation your Tender may be disqualified from this procurement. Disqualification will be without prejudice to any civil remedy available to the Authority or any criminal liability that your conduct may attract.

**Bid Rigging and Other Illegal Practices**

F6. You must report any bid rigging, fraud, bribery, corruption, or any other dishonest irregularity in connection to this tendering exercise to:

Defence Regulatory Reporting Cell Hotline

0800 161 3665 (UK) or

+44 1371 85 4881 (Overseas)

**Conflicts of Interest**

F7. Any attempt by Tenderers or their advisors to influence the contract award process in any way may result in the Tenderer being disqualified. Specifically, Tenderers shall not directly or indirectly at any time:

· devise or amend the content of their Tender in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person, other than in good faith with a person who is a proposed partner, supplier, consortium member or provider of finance;

· enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person as to the form or content of any other Tender, or offer to pay any sum of money or valuable consideration to any person to effect changes to the form or content of any other Tender;

· enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that has the effect of prohibiting or excluding that person from submitting a Tender;

· canvass the Authority or any employees or agents of the Authority in relation to this procurement; or

· attempt to obtain information from any of the employees or agents of the Authority or their advisors concerning another Tenderer or Tender.

F8. Where you have provided advice to the Authority in relation to this procurement procedure or otherwise have been or are involved in any way in the preparation or conduct of this procurement procedure or where any other actual or potential Conflict of Interest (COI) exists, arises or may arise or any situation arises that might give the perception of a COI at any point before the Contract award decision, you must notify the Authority immediately.

F9. Where an actual or potential COI exists or arises or any situation arises that might give the perception of a COI at any point before the Contract award decision, you must provide a proposed Compliance Regime within seven (7) calendar days of notifying the Authority of the actual, potential or perceived COI. The proposal must be of a standard which, in the Authority’s sole opinion, appropriately manages the conflict, provides sufficient separation to prevent distortion of competition and provides full details listed at F9 a to g below. Where the Contract is awarded and the COI is still relevant post-Contract award decision, your proposed Compliance Regime will become part of the Contract Terms and Conditions. As a minimum, the Compliance Regime must include:

a. the manner of operation and management;

b. roles and responsibilities;

c. standards for integrity and fair dealing;

d. levels of access to and protection of competitors’ sensitive information and Government Furnished Information;

e. confidentiality and/or non-disclosure agreements (e.g. DEFFORM 702);

f. the Authority’s rights of audit; and

g. physical and managerial separation.

F10. Tenderers are ultimately responsible for ensuring that no Conflicts of Interest exist between the Tenderer and their advisers, and the Authority and its advisers. Any Tenderer who fails to comply with the requirements described at paragraphs F7 to F10 (including where the Authority does not deem the proposed Compliance Regime to be of a standard which appropriately manages the conflict) may be disqualified from the procurement at the discretion of the Authority.

**Government Furnished Assets**

F11. Where the Authority provides Government Furnished Assets (GFA) in support of this competition, you must include details of the GFA in your Public Store Account and treat it in accordance with Def Stan 05-099. If unsuccessful in this competition, you must seek instructions for the GFA from the named Commercial Officer.

**Standstill Period**

F12. The Authority is allowing a space of ten (10) calendar days between the date of dispatch of the electronic notice of its decision to award a Contract to the successful Tenderer before entering into a Contract, known as the standstill period. The standstill period ends at 23:59 on the 10th day after the date the DEFFORM 158s are sent. If the 10th day is not a business day, the standstill period ends at 23:59 of the next business day.

**Publicity Announcements**

F13. If you wish to make an announcement regarding this procurement, you must seek approval from the named Commercial Officer and Press Office and such permission will only be given at the sole discretion of the Authority. Requests must be made in writing to the named Commercial Officer and a copy of the draft announcement provided. This shall then be forwarded to the Press Office and their contact details will be provided for further follow up.

F14. Under no circumstances should you confirm to any Third Party the Authority’s Contract award decision before the Authority’s announcement of the award of Contract.

**Sensitive Information**

F15. 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-governmental role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement, including ensuring value for money, related aspects of good procurement practice and answering Freedom of Information requests.

F16. For these purposes, the Authority may share within Government any of the Tenderer’s documentation/information (including any that the Tenderer considers to be confidential and/or commercially sensitive such as specific bid information) submitted by the Tenderer to the Authority during this procurement. Tenderers taking part in this competition must identify any Sensitive Information (as defined in DEFCON 539) in the DEFFORM 539A (or SC1B Schedule 4 or SC2 Schedule 5) and consent to these terms as part of the competition process. This allows the Authority to share information with other Government Departments while complying with our obligations to maintain confidentiality.

F17. Where required, the Authority will disclose on a confidential basis any information it receives from Tenderers during the tender process (including information identified by the Tenderer as Sensitive Information in accordance with the provisions of this ITT) to any Third Party engaged by the Authority for the specific purpose of evaluating or assisting the Authority in the evaluation of the Tenderer’s Tender. In providing such information the Tenderer consents to such disclosure.

**Reportable Requirements**

F18. Listed in the DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer) are the Mandatory Declarations. It is a Condition of Tendering that you complete and attach the returns listed in the Annex and, where you select yes, you attach the relevant information.

F19. Your Tender will be deemed non-compliant and excluded from the tender process if you fail to complete the Annex in full and attach relevant information where required.

**Specific Conditions of Tendering**

F20. As any subsequent contract will involve the handling of any UK MOD personal data, the successful tenderer will be issued with a Personal Data Aspects Letter (PDAL) at the start of the Standstill Period. The “winning supplier” will be asked to confirm by return that all measures can and will be taken to protect the personal data. No contract will come into effect until confirmation has been received.

For information only a copy of a sample PDAL can be found within the Statement of Requirement.

**DEFFORM 47 Annex A**

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**Ministry of Defence**

**Tender Submission Document (Offer) – Ref Number**

**To the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereafter called “the Authority”)**

The undersigned Tenderer, having read the ITT Documentation, offers to supply the Contractor Deliverables at the stated price(s), in accordance with any referenced drawings and / or specifications, subject to the Conditions of Tendering. It is agreed that only the Contract Conditions or any amendments issued by the Authority shall apply.

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| **Applicable Law**  |
| I agree that any contract resulting from this competition shall be subject to English Law | Yes / No |
| **Total Value of Tender (excluding VAT)** |
| £ ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… WORDS ................................................................................................................................................................................ |
| **UK Value Added Tax** |
| If registered for Value Added Tax purposes, please insert:a. Registration No ..........................................b. Total amount of Value Added Tax payable on this Tender (at current rate(s)) £........................... |
| **Location of work (town / city) where contract will be performed by Prime:**  |
| Where items which are subject of your Tender are not supplied or provided by you, state location in town / city to be performed column (continue on another page if required) |
| Tier 1 Sub-contractor Company Name | Town / city to bePerformed | Contractor Deliverables | Estimated Value | SMEYes / No |
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| **Mandatory Declarations** (further details are contained in Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer)):  | **Tenderer’s Declaration** |
| Are the Contractor Deliverables subject to Foreign Export Control and Security Restrictions? If the answer is Yes, please complete and attach DEFFORM 528. | Yes\* / No  |
| Have you completed and attached a DEFFORM 711 – Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions? | Yes\* / No  |
| Have you obtained the foreign export approval necessary to secure IP user rights in the Contractor Deliverables for the Authority, including technical data, as determined in the Contract Terms & Conditions? | Yes\* / No  |
| Have you provided details of how you willcomply with all regulations relating to the operation of the collection of custom import duties, including the proposed Customs procedure to be used and an estimate of duties to be incurred or suspended? | Yes / No |
| Have you completed a Supplier Assurance Questionnaire on the Supplier Cyber Protection Service? | Yes\* / No / N/A |
| Have you completed Form 1686 for sub-contracts? | Yes / No |
| Have you completed the compliance matrix/ matrices? | Yes / No / Not Required |
| Are you a Small Medium Sized Enterprise (SME)? | Yes / No |
| Have you and your sub-contractors registered with the Prompt Payment Code with regards to SMEs?  | Yes / No |
| Have you completed and attached Tenderer’s Sensitive Information Form?  | Yes / No |
| If you have not previously submitted a Statement Relating to Good Standing, within the last 12 months, or circumstances have changed have you attached a revised version? | Yes\* / No / N/A  |
| Do the Contractor Deliverables or any item provided in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Contract contain Asbestos, as defined by the control of Asbestos Regulations 2012? | Yes\* / No  |
| Have you completed and attached a DEFFORM 68 - Hazardous Articles, Deliverables materials or substances statement?  | Yes\* / No  |
| Do the Contractor Deliverables or any item provided in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Contract (including Packaging) use Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer,  as defined in Regulation (EC) 1005/2009, as it applies in Great Britain as retained EU law, and as it applies in Northern Ireland directly |  |
| Do the Contractor or any item provided in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Contract contain Asbestos, as defined by the control of Asbestos Regulations 2012? | Yes\* / No  |
| Where you have been informed that a Bank or Parent Company Guarantee is required, will you provide one during the standstill period, before Contract award, if you are identified as the winning Tenderer? | Yes / No / Not Required |
| Have you complied with the requirements of the Defence Safety Authority Regulatory Articles?  | Yes / No / Not Required |
| Have you completed the additional Mandatory Requirements (as per paragraph F18) stated in this ITT? | Yes / No / Not Required |
| \*If selecting Yes to any of the above questions, attach the information detailed in Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer). |
| **Tenderer’s Declaration of Compliance with Competition Law** |
| We certify that the offer made is intended to be genuinely competitive. No aspect of the price has been fixed or adjusted by any arrangement with any Third Party. Arrangement in this context includes any transaction, or agreement, private or open, or collusion, formal or informal, and whether or not legally binding. In particular:a. the offered price has not been divulged to any Third Party,b. no arrangement has been made with any Third Party that they should refrain from tendering,c. no arrangement with any Third Party has been made to the effect that we will refrain from bidding on a future occasion,d. no discussion with any Third Party has taken place concerning the details of either’s proposed price, ande. no arrangement has been made with any Third Party otherwise to limit genuine competition.We understand that any instances of illegal cartels or market sharing arrangements, or other anti-competitive practices, suspected by the Authority will be referred to the Competition and Markets Authority for investigation and may be subject to action under the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002.We understand that any misrepresentations may also be the subject of criminal investigation or used as the basis for civil action.We agree that the Authority may share the Contractor’s information / documentation (submitted to the Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes. We certify that we have identified any sensitive material in the Tenderer’s Sensitive Information Form (DEFFORM 539A). |
| **Dated this.................. day of ................................................................... Year ........................** |
| **Signature:In the capacity of** (Must be scanned original) (State official position e.g. Director, Manager, Secretary etc.) |
| **Name:** (in BLOCK CAPITALS)**duly authorised to sign this Tender for and on behalf of:**(Tenderer's Name) | **Postal Address:****Telephone No:****Registered Company Number:****Dun And Bradstreet number:** |

**Appendix 1 to Annex A (Offer)**

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**Information on Mandatory Declarations**

**IPR Restrictions**

1. You must complete and attach DEFFORM 711 (Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions) as part of your Tender. You must provide details of any information / technical data that is deliverable or delivered under the Contract where it is, or may be, subject to any IPR restrictions (or any other type of restriction which may include export restrictions) affecting the Authority’s ability to use or disclose the Information / technical data in accordance with the conditions of any resulting Contract. You must also identify any Contractor Deliverables subject to IPR which have been funded exclusively or in part by private venture, foreign investment or otherwise than by the Authority.

2. In particular, you must identify:

a.        any restriction on the provision of information to the Authority; any restriction on disclosure or the use of information by, or on behalf of, the Authority; any obligations to make payments in respect of IPR, and any Patent or Registered Design (or application for either) or other IPR (including unregistered Design Right) owned or controlled by you or a Third Party;

b.        any allegation made against you, whether by claim or otherwise, of an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights (whether a Patent, Registered Design, unregistered Design Right, Copyright or otherwise) or of a breach of confidence, which relates to the performance of any resultant Contract or subsequent use by or for the Authority of any Contractor Deliverables;

c.        the nature of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph 2.b., including any obligation to make payments in respect of the Intellectual Property Right of any confidential information; and / or

d.        any action you need to take, or the Authority is required to take to deal with the consequences of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph 2.b.

3. You must provide the Authority with details of every restriction and obligation referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2. The Authority will not acknowledge any such restriction unless so notified using DEFFORM 711 or as otherwise agreed under any resultant Contract. You must also provide, on request, any information required for authorisation to be given under Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958.

4. You should refer to the DEFFORM 711 Explanatory Notes for further information on how to complete the form.

**Notification of Foreign Export Control Restrictions**

5. If, in the performance of the Contract, you need to import into the UK or export out of the UK anything not supplied by or on behalf of the Authority and for which a UK import or export licence is required, you will be responsible for applying for the licence. The Authority will provide you with all reasonable assistance in obtaining any necessary UK import or export licence.

6. In respect of any Contractor Deliverables, likely to be required for the performance of any resultant contract, you must provide the following information in your Tender:

Whether all or part of any Contractor Deliverables are or will be subject to:

a. a non-UK export licence, authorisation or exemption; or

b. any other related transfer control that restricts or will restrict end use, end user, re-transfer or disclosure.

You must complete DEFFORM 528 (or other mutually agreed alternative format) in respect of any Contractor Deliverables identified at paragraph 6 and return it as part of your Tender. If you have previously provided this information you can provide details of the previous notification and confirm the validity.

7. You must use reasonable endeavours to obtain sufficient information from your potential supply chain to enable a full response to paragraph 6. If you are unable to obtain adequate information, you must state this in your Tender. If you become aware at any time during the competition that all or part of any proposed Contractor Deliverable is likely to become subject to a non-UK Government Control through a Government-to-Government sale only, you must inform the Authority immediately by updating your previously submitted DEFFORM 528 or completing a new DEFFORM 528.

8. This does not include any Intellectual Property specific restrictions mentioned in paragraph 2.

9. You must notify the named Commercial Officer immediately if you are unable for whatever reason to abide by any restriction of the type referred to in paragraph 6.

10. Should you propose the supply of Contractor Deliverables of US origin the export of which from the USA is subject to control under the US International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), you must include details on the DEFFORM 528. This will allow the Authority to make a decision whether the export can or cannot be made under the US-UK Defense Trade Co-operation Treaty. The Authority shall then convey its decision to the Tenderer. If the Authority decides that use of the Treaty for the export is permissible, it is your responsibility to make a final decision whether you want to use that route for the export concerned if you are awarded the contract.

**Import Duty**

11. United Kingdom (UK) legislation permits the use of various procedures to suspend customs duties.

12. For the purpose of this competition, for any deliverables not yet imported into the UK, you are required to provide details of your plans to address customs compliance, including the Customs procedures to be applied (together with the procedure code) and the estimated Import Duty to be incurred and / or suspended [see explanatory note 41].

13. You should note that it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with all regulations relating to the operation of the accounting for import duties. This includes but is not limited to obtaining the appropriate His Majesty’s Revenue & Customs (HMRC) authorisations.

**Cyber Risk**

14. Cyber risk has been considered and in accordance with the Cyber Security Model resulted in a Cyber Risk Profile of ‘MODERATE’. The Risk Assessment Reference is RAR-310798756. Tenderers are required to complete the Suppliers Assurance Questionnaire on the Supplier Cyber Protection Service and submit this as part of their Tender response, together with a Cyber Security Implementation Plan as appropriate.

**Sub-contracts Form 1686**

15. [Form 1686](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/710891/2018_May_Contractual_process.pdf) (also known as Appendix 5) is to be used in all circumstances where contractors wish to place a Sub-Contract at OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE with a contractor outside of the UK, or where the release of SECRET or above information is involved within the UK or overseas. The process will require submission of the single page document either directly to the MOD Project Team or, where specified, to the DE&S Security Advice Centre. Form 1686 and further guidance can be found in the Cabinet Office’s [Contractual Process](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/710891/2018_May_Contractual_process.pdf).

**Small and Medium Enterprises**

16. The Authority is committed to supporting the Government’s Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME)policy, and we want to encourage wider SME participation throughout our supply chain. Our goal is that 25% of the Authority’s spending should be spent with SMEs by 2022; this applies to the money which the Authority spends directly with SMEs and through the supply chain. The Authority uses the European Commission definition of SME.

17. A key aspect of the Government’s SME Policy is ensuring that its suppliers throughout the supply chain are paid promptly.  All suppliers to the Authority and their sub-contractors are encouraged to make their own commitment and register with the [Prompt Payment Code](http://www.promptpaymentcode.org.uk/).

18. Suppliers are also encouraged to work with the Authority to support the Authority’s SME initiative, however this is not a condition of working with the Authority now or in the future, nor will this issue form any part of the Tender evaluation. Information on the Authority’s purchasing arrangements, our commercial policies and our SME policy can be found at [Gov.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/procurement). and the DSP.

19. The opportunity also exists for Tenderers to advertise any sub-contract valued at over £10,000 on the Defence Sourcing Portal and further details can be obtained directly from: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/subcontract-advertising. This process is managed by the Strategic Supplier Management team who can be contacted at: DefComrclSSM-Suppliers@mod.gov.uk.

**Transparency, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations**

20. The Authority shall publish notification of the Contract and publish Contract documents where required following a request under the FOI Act except where publishing such information would hinder law enforcement; would otherwise be contrary to the public interest; would prejudice the legitimate commercial interest of any person or might prejudice fair competition between suppliers.

21. The Authority may publish the contents of any resultant Contract in line with government policy set out in the Government’s Transparency Principles and in accordance with the provisions of either DEFCON 539, SC1B Conditions of Contract Clause 5 or SC2 Conditions of Contract Clause 12.

22. Before publishing the Contract, the Authority will redact any information which is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOIA”) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (“the EIR”).

23. You must complete the attached Tenderer’s Sensitive Information Form (DEFFORM 539A, SC1B Schedule 4 or SC2 Schedule 5) explaining which parts of your Tender you consider to be Sensitive Information. This includes providing a named individual who can be contacted with regard to FOIA and EIR.

24. You should note that while your views will be taken into consideration, the ultimate decision whether to publish or disclose information lies with the Authority. You are advised to provide as much detail as possible on the form. It is highly unlikely that a Tender will be exempt from disclosure in its entirety. Should the Authority decide to publish or disclose information against your wishes, you will be given prior notification.

**Electronic Purchasing**

25. Tenderers must note that use of the [Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-contracting-purchasing-and-finance-e-procurement-system) electronic procurement tool is a mandatory requirement for any resultant contract awarded following this Tender. By submitting this Tender, you agree to electronic payment. You may consult the service provider on connectivity options. Failure to accept electronic payment will result in your Tender being non-compliant and excluded from the tender process.

**Change of Circumstances**

26. In accordance with paragraph A31, if your circumstances have changed, please select ‘Yes’ to the appropriate question on DEFFORM 47 Annex A and submit a Statement Relating to Good Standing with your Tender.

**Asbestos, Hazardous Items and Depletion of the Ozone Layer**

27. The Authority is required to report any items that use asbestos, that are hazardous or where there is an impact on the Ozone. Where any Contractor Deliverables fall into one of these categories select ‘Yes’ to the appropriate question on DEFFORM 47 Annex A and provide further details in your Tender.

**Defence Safety Authority (DSA) Requirements**[see explanatory note 42]

28. There are no DSA Requirements.

**Bank or Parent Company Guarantee**[see explanatory note 43]

29. A Bank or Parent Company Guarantee is not required.

**Standardised Contracting Terms**

**SC1B**

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**1Definitions - In the Contract:**

**Articles** means, in relation to Clause 9 and Schedule 3 only, an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition;

**The Authority** means the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (referred to in this document as "the Authority"), acting as part of the Crown;

**Business Day** means 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday, excluding public and statutory holidays;

**Contract** means the agreement concluded between the Authority and the Contractor, including all terms and conditions, , specifications, plans, drawings, schedules and other documentation, expressly made part of the agreement in accordance with Clause 2.c;

**Contractor** means the person, firm or company specified as such in the Contract. Where the Contractor is an individual or a partnership, the expression shall include the personal representatives of the individual or of the partners, as the case may be;

**Contractor Deliverables** means the goods and / or services including packaging (and supplied in accordance with any QA requirements if specified) which the Contractor is required to provide under the Contract in accordance with the schedule of requirements.

**Effective Date of Contract** means the date stated on the Contract or, if there is no such date stated, the date upon which both Parties have signed the Contract;

**Firm Price** means a price excluding Value Added Tax (VAT) which is not subject to variation;

**Government Furnished Assets (GFA)** is a generic term for any MOD asset such as equipment, information or resources issued or made available to the Contractor in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority;

**Hazardous Contractor Deliverable** means a Contractor Deliverable or a component of a Contractor Deliverable that is itself a hazardous material or substance or that may in the course of its use, maintenance, disposal, or in the event of an accident, release one or more hazardous materials or substances and each material or substance that may be so released;

**Issued Property** means any item of Government Furnished Assets (GFA), including any materiel issued or otherwise furnished to the Contractor in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority;

**Legislation** means in relation to the United Kingdom any Act of Parliament, any subordinate legislation within the meaning of section 21 of the Interpretation Act 1978, any exercise of Royal Prerogative or any enforceable community right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972.

**Mixture** means a mixture or solution composed of two or more substances;

**Notices**  means all notices, orders, or other forms of communication required to be given in writing under or in connection with the Contract;

**Parties** means the Contractor and the Authority, and Party shall be construed accordingly;

**PPT** means a tax called “plastic packaging tax” charged in accordance with Part 2 of the Finance Act 2021;

**PPT Legislation** means the legislative provisions set out in Part 2 and Schedules 9-15 of the Finance Act 2021 together with any secondary legislation made under powers contained in Part 2 of the Finance Act 2021. This includes, but is not limited to, The Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 and The Plastic Packaging Tax (General) Regulations 2022;

**Plastic Packaging Component(s)** shall have the same meaning as set out in Part 2 of the Finance Act 2021 together with any associated secondary legislation;

**Sensitive Information** means the information listed as such in Schedule 4 , being information notified by the Contractor to the Authority, which is acknowledged by the Authority as being sensitive, at the point at which the Contract is entered into or amended (as relevant) and remains sensitive information at the time of publication;

**Substance** means a chemical element and its compounds in the natural state or obtained by any manufacturing process, including any additive necessary to preserve its stability and any impurity deriving from the process used, but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition;

**Transparency Information** means the content of this Contract in its entirety, including from time to time agreed changes to this Contract, except for (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004 (EIR), which shall be determined by the Authority, and (ii) any Sensitive Information.

**2 General**

a. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Legislation, whether specifically referenced in this Contract or not.

b. Any variation to the Contract shall have no effect unless expressly agreed in writing and signed by both Parties.

c. If there is any inconsistency between these terms and conditions and the associated documents expressly referred to therein, the conflict shall be resolved according to the following descending order of priority:

(1) the terms and conditions;

(2) the schedules; and

(3) the documents expressly referred to in the agreement.

d. Neither Party shall be entitled to assign the Contract (or any part thereof) without the prior written consent of the other Party.

e. Failure or delay by either Party in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of its rights under the Contract.

f. The Parties to the Contract do not intend that any term of the Contract shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a Party to it.

g. The Contract and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law, and subject to Clause 15 and without prejudice to the dispute resolution procedure set out therein, the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. Other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this Clause 2.g and for enforcement of any judgement, order or award given under English jurisdiction.

**3 Application of Conditions**

a. These terms and conditions, schedules and the specification govern the Contract to the entire exclusion of all other terms and conditions. No other terms or conditions are implied.

b. The Contract constitutes the entire agreement and understanding and supersedes any previous agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Contract.

**4 Disclosure of Information**

Information received or in connection with the Contract shall be managed in accordance with DEFCON 531 (SC1) and Clause 5.

**5 Transparency**

a. Notwithstanding an other condition of this Contract, including 531 (SC1), the Contractor understands that the Authority may publish the Transparency Information to the general public.

b. Subject to Clause 5.c, the Authority shall publish and maintain an up-to-date version of the Transparency Information in a format readily accessible and reusable by the general public under an open licence where applicable.

c. If, in the Authority's reasonable opinion, publication of any element of the Transparency Information would be contrary to the public interest, the Authority shall be entitled to exclude such information from publication. The Authority acknowledges that it would expect the public interest by default to be best served by publication of the Transparency Information in its entirety. Accordingly, the Authority acknowledges that it shall only exclude Transparency Information from publication in exceptional circumstances and agrees that where it decides to exclude information from publication on that basis, it will provide a clear statement to the general public explaining the categories of information that have been excluded from publication and reasons for withholding that information.

d. The Contractor shall assist and co-operate with the Authority as reasonably required to enable the Authority to publish the Transparency Information, in accordance with the principles set out above. Where the Authority publishes Transparency Information, it shall:

(1) before publishing redact any information that would be exempt from disclosure if it was the subject of a request for information under the FOIA and/or the EIR, for the avoidance of doubt, including the Sensitive Information.

(2) taking into account the Sensitive Information set out in Schedule 4, consult with the Contractor where the Authority intends to publish information which has been identified as Sensitive Information. For the avoidance of doubt the Authority, acting reasonably, shall have absolute discretion to decide what information shall be published or be exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and/or the EIR; and

(3) present information in a format that assists the general public in understanding the relevance and completeness of the information being published to ensure the public obtain a fair view on how this Contract is being performed.

**6 Notices**

a. A Notice served under the Contract shall be:

(1) in writing in the English Language;

(3) sent for the attention of the other Party’s representative, and to the address set out in the Contract;

(4) marked with the number of the Contract; and

(5) delivered by hand, prepaid post (or airmail), facsimile transmission or, if agreed in the Contract, by electronic mail.

b. Notices shall be deemed to have been received:

(1) if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery if it is a Business Day in the place of receipt, and otherwise on the first Business Day in the place of receipt following the day of delivery;

(2) if sent by prepaid post, on the fourth Business Day (or the tenth Business Day in the case of airmail) after the day of posting;

(3) if sent by facsimile or electronic means:

(a) if transmitted between 09:00 and 17:00 hours on a Business Day (recipient’s time) on completion of receipt by the sender of verification of the transmission from the receiving instrument; or

(b) if transmitted at any other time, at 09:00 on the first Business Day (recipient’s time) following the completion of receipt by the sender of verification of transmission from the receiving instrument.

**7 Intellectual Property**

a. The Contractor shall as its sole liability keep the Authority fully indemnified against an infringement or alleged infringement of any intellectual property rights or a claim for Crown use of a UK patent or registered design caused by the use, manufacture or supply of the Contractor Deliverables.

b. The Authority shall promptly notify the Contractor of any infringement claim made against it relating to any Contractor Deliverable and, subject to any statutory obligation requiring the Authority to respond, shall permit the Contractor to have the right, at its sole discretion to assume, defend, settle or otherwise dispose of such claim. The Authority shall give the Contractor such assistance as it may reasonably require to dispose of the claim and will not make any statement which might be prejudicial to the settlement or defence of the claim**.**

c. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of the Contract by the Authority and placement of any contract task under it does not constitute an authorisation by the Crown under Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949. The Contractor acknowledges that any such authorisation by the Authority under its statutory powers must be expressly provided in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific intellectual property involved.

**Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions**

d. Where any of the Conditions listed below (1 to 3) have been added to these Conditions of the Contract as Project Specific DEFCONs at Clause 21, the Contractor warrants and confirms that all Intellectual Property Rights restrictions and associated export restrictions relating to the use or disclosure of the Contractor Deliverables that are notifiable under those Conditions, or of which the Contractor is or should reasonably be aware as at Effective Date of Contract, are disclosed in Schedule 5 (Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions):

(1) DEFCON 15 - including notification of any self-standing background Intellectual Property;

(2) DEFCON 90 - including copyright material supplied under clause 5;

(3) DEFCON 91 - limitations of Deliverable Software under clause 3b;

e. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority in writing if they become aware during the performance of the Contract of any required additions, inaccuracies or omissions in Schedule 5.

f. Any amendment to Schedule 5 shall be made in accordance with DEFCON 503 (SC1).

**8 Supply of Contractor Deliverables and Quality Assurance**

a. This Contract comes into effect on the Effective Date of Contract.

b. The Contractor shall supply the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority at the Firm Price stated in the Contract.

c. The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor Deliverables:

(1) correspond with the specification;

(2) are of satisfactory quality (within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979, as amended) except that fitness for purpose shall be limited to the goods being fit for the particular purpose held out expressly by or made known expressly to the Contractor and in this respect the Authority relies on the Contractor’s skill and judgement; and

(3) comply with any applicable Quality Assurance Requirements specified in the Contract.

d. The Contractor shall apply for and obtain any licences required to import any material required for the performance of the Contract in the UK. The Authority shall provide to the Contractor reasonable assistance with regard to any relevant defence or security matter arising in the application for any such licence.

**9 Supply of Hazardous Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables**

a. Nothing in this Clause 9 shall reduce or limit any statutory duty or legal obligation of the Authority or the Contractor.

b. As soon as possible and in any event within the period specified in the Contract (or if no such period is specified no later than one month prior to the delivery date), the Contractor shall provide to the Authority’s representatives in the manner and format prescribed in the Contract:

(1) confirmation as to whether or not to the best of its knowledge any of the Contractor Deliverables contain hazardous Substances, Mixtures or Articles; and

(2) for each Substance, Mixture or Article supplied in meeting the criteria of classification as hazardous in accordance with the GB Classification, Labelling and Packaging (GB CLP) a UK REACH compliant Safety Data Sheet (SDS);

(3) where Mixtures supplied do not meet the criteria for classification as hazardous according to GB CLP but contain a hazardous Substance an SDS is to be made available on request; and

(4)for each Article whether supplied on its own or part of an assembly that contains a Substance on the UK REACH Authorisation List, Restriction List and / or the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in a proportion greater than 0.1% w/w of the Article, sufficient information, available to the supplier, to allow safe use of the Article including, as a minimum, the name of that Substance.

c. For substances, Mixtures or Articles that meet the criteria list in clause 9.b above:

(1)         if the Contractor becomes aware of new information which may affect the risk management measures or new information on the hazard, the Contractor shall update the SDS/safety Information and forward it to the Authority and to the address listed in Schedule 3; and

(2)        if the Authority becomes aware of new information that might call into question the appropriateness of the risk management measures identified in the safety information supplied, shall report this information in writing to the Contractor.

d. If the Substances, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables are Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives (OME), in addition to the requirements of the GB CLP and UK REACH the Contractor shall comply with hazard reporting requirements of DEF STAN 07-085 Design Requirements for Weapons and Associated Systems.

e. If the Substances, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables, are or contain or embody a radioactive substance as defined in the Ionising Radiation Regulations SI 2017/1075, the Contractor shall additionally provide details on DEFFORM 68 of:

(1)        activity; and

(2)        the substance and form (including any isotope).

f. If the Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables have magnetic properties which emit a magnetic field, the Contractor shall additionally provide details on DEFFORM 68 of the magnetic flux density at a defined distance, for the condition in which it is packed.

g. Failure by the Contractor to comply with the requirements of this Condition shall be grounds for rejecting the affected Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables. Any withholding of information concerning hazardous Substance, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables shall be regarded as a material breach of Contract under Condition 18 (Material Breach) for which the Authority reserves the right to require the Contractor to rectify the breach immediately at no additional cost to the Authority or to terminate the Contract in accordance with Condition 18.

h. Where delivery is made to the Defence Fulfilment Centre (DFC) and / or other Team Leidos location / building, the Contractor must comply with the Logistic Commodities and Services Transformation (LCST) Supplier Manual.

**10 Delivery / Collection**

a. The Contract shall specify whether the Contractor Deliverables are to be delivered to the consignee by the Contractor or collected from the consignor by the Authority.

b. Title and risk in the Contractor Deliverables shall pass from the Contractor to the Authority on delivery or on collection in accordance with Clause 10.a.

c. The Authority shall be deemed to have accepted the Contractor Deliverables thirty (30) days after title and risk has passed to the Authority unless it has rejected the Contractor Deliverables within the same period.

**11 Marking of Contractor Deliverables**

a. Each Contractor Deliverable shall be marked in accordance with the requirements specified in Contract, or if no such requirement is specified, the Contractor shall mark each Contractor Deliverable clearly and indelibly in accordance with the requirements of the relevant DEF-STAN 05-132 as specified in the contract or specification. In the absence of such requirements, the Contractor Deliverables shall be marked with the MOD stock reference, NATO Stock Number (NSN) or alternative reference number specified in the schedule of requirements.

b. Any marking method used shall not have a detrimental effect on the strength, serviceability or corrosion resistance of the Contractor Deliverables.

c. The marking shall include any serial numbers allocated to the Contractor Deliverable.

d. Where because of its size or nature it is not possible to mark a Contractor Deliverable with the required particulars, the required information should be included on the package or carton in which the Contractor Deliverable is packed, in accordance with condition 12 (Packaging and Labelling (excluding Contractor Deliverables containing Ammunition or Explosives)).

**12 Packaging and Labelling of Contractor Deliverables (Excluding Contractor Deliverables Containing Ammunition or Explosives)**

a. The Contractor shall pack or have packed the Contractor Deliverables in accordance with any requirements specified in the Contract and Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1 and Part 6).

b. The Contractor shall establish if the Contractor Deliverables are, or contain, Dangerous Goods as defined in the Regulations set out in this Clause 12. Any that do shall be packaged for UK or worldwide shipment by all modes of transport in accordance with the following unless otherwise specified in the Contract.:

(1) the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO), IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations;

(2) the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code;

(3) the Regulations Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID); and

(4) the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR).

c. Certification markings, incorporating the UN logo, the package code and other prescribed information indicating that the package corresponds to the successfully designed type shall be marked on the packaging in accordance with the relevant regulation.

**13 Plastic Packaging Tax**

a. The Contractor shall ensure that any PPT due in relation to this Contract is paid in accordance with the PPT Legislation.

b. The Contract Price includes any PPT that may be payable by the Contractor in relation to the Contract.

c. On reasonable notice being provided by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide and make available to the Authority details of any PPT they have paid that relates to the Contract.

d. The Contractor shall notify the Authority, in writing, in the event that there is any adjustment required to the Contract Price in accordance with section 70 of the Finance Act 2021 and, on reasonable notice being provided by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide any such information that the Authority requires in relation to any such adjustment.

e. In accordance with DEFCON 609 (SC1) the Contractor (and their sub-contractors) shall maintain all records relating to PPT and make them available to the Authority when requested on reasonable notice for reasons related to the Contract.

f. Where the Contractor manufactures, purchases or imports into the UK any Plastic Packaging Component in relation to the Contract the Contractor shall, on reasonable notice being given, provide the Authority with such information and documentation that it requires to enable the Authority to carry out due diligence checks and satisfy itself that the Contractor has complied with the requirements of the PPT Legislation. This shall include, but is not limited to the Contractor providing:

 (1) confirmation of the tax status of any Plastic Packaging Component;

 (2) documents to confirm that PPT has been properly accounted for;

 (3) product specifications for the packaging components, including, but not limited to, the weight and composition of the products and any other product specifications that may be required; and

 (4) copies of any certifications or audits that have been obtained or conducted in relation to the provision of Plastic Packaging Components.

g. The Authority shall have the right, on providing reasonable notice, to physically inspect or conduct an audit on the Contractor, to ensure any information that has been provided in accordance with clause 13.f above is accurate.

h. In the event the Contractor is not required to register for PPT they (and to the extent applicable, their sub-contractors) shall provide the Authority with a statement to this effect and, to the extent reasonably required by the Authority on reasonable notice, supporting evidence for that statement.

i. The Contractor shall provide, on the Authority providing reasonable notice, any information that the Authority may require from the Contractor for the Authority to comply with any obligations it may have under the PPT Legislation.

**14Progress Monitoring, Meetings and Reports**

The Contractor shall attend progress meetings and deliver reports at the frequency or times (if any) specified in the Contract and shall ensure that its Contractor’s representatives are suitably qualified to attend such meetings. Any additional meetings reasonably required shall be at no cost to the Authority.

**15 Payment**

a. Payment for Contractor Deliverables will be made by electronic transfer and prior to submitting any claims for payment under clause 15b the Contractor will be required to register their details (Supplier on-boarding) on the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool.

b. Where the Contractor submits an invoice to the Authority in accordance with clause 15a, the Authority will consider and verify that invoice in a timely fashion.

c. The Authority shall pay the Contractor any sums due under such an invoice no later than a period of 30 days from the date on which the Authority has determined that the invoice is valid and undisputed.

d. Where the Authority fails to comply with clause 15b and there is undue delay in considering and verifying the invoice, the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purpose of clause 15c after a reasonable time has passed.

e. The approval for payment of a valid and undisputed invoice by the Authority shall not be construed as acceptance by the Authority of the performance of the Contractor’s obligations nor as a waiver of its rights and remedies under this Contract.

f. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the Authority reserves the right to set off any amount owing at any time from the Contractor to the Authority against any amount payable by the Authority to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other contract with the Authority, or with any other Government Department.

**16 Dispute Resolution**

a. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to the Contract through negotiations between the respective representatives of the Parties having authority to settle the matter, which attempts may include the use of any alternative dispute resolution procedure on which the Parties may agree.

b. In the event that the dispute or claim is not resolved pursuant to Clause 16.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration and shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996. For the purposes of the arbitration, the arbitrator shall have the power to make provisional awards pursuant to Section 39 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

c. For the avoidance of doubt it is agreed between the Parties that the arbitration process and anything said, done or produced in or in relation to the arbitration process (including any awards) shall be confidential as between the Parties, except as may be lawfully required in judicial proceedings relating to the arbitration or otherwise. No report relating to anything said, done or produced in or in relation to the arbitration process may be made beyond the tribunal, the Parties, their legal representatives and any person necessary to the conduct of the proceedings, without the concurrence of all the Parties to the arbitration.

**17 Termination for Corrupt Gifts**

The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect, without compensation, by giving written notice to the Contractor at any time after any of the following events:

a. where the Authority becomes aware that the Contractor, its employees, agents or any sub-contractor (or anyone acting on its behalf or any of its or their employees):

(1) has offered, promised or given to any Crown servant any gift or financial or other advantage of any kind as an inducement or reward;

(2) commits or has committed any prohibited act or any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 with or without the knowledge or authority of the Contractor in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Crown;

(3) has entered into this or any other contract with the Crown in connection with which commission has been paid or has been agreed to be paid by it or on its behalf, or to its knowledge, unless before the contract is made particulars of any such commission and of the terms and conditions of any such agreement for the payment thereof have been disclosed in writing to the Authority.

b. In exercising its rights or remedies to terminate the Contract under Clause 17.a. the Authority shall:

(1) act in a reasonable and proportionate manner having regard to such matters as the gravity of, and the identity of the person committing the prohibited act;

(2) give due consideration, where appropriate, to action other than termination of the Contract, including (without being limited to):

(a) requiring the Contractor to procure the termination of a subcontract where the prohibited act is that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on its or their behalf;

(b) requiring the Contractor to procure the dismissal of an employee (whether its own or that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on its behalf) where the prohibited act is that of such employee.

c. Where the Contract has been terminated under Clause 17.a.the Authority shall be entitled to purchase substitute Contractor Deliverables from elsewhere and recover from the Contractor any costs and expenses incurred by the Authority in obtaining the Contractor Deliverables in substitution from another supplier.

**18 Material Breach**

In addition to any other rights and remedies, the Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract (in whole or in part) with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Contractor where the Contractor is in material breach of their obligations under the Contract. Where the Authority has terminated the Contract under Clause 18 the Authority shall have the right to claim such damages as may have been sustained as a result of the Contractor’s material breach of the Contract.

**19 Insolvency**

The Authority shall have the right to terminate the contract if the Contractor is declared bankrupt or goes into liquidation or administration. This is without prejudice to any other rights or remedies under this Contract.

**20 Limitation of Contractor’s Liability**

a. Subject to Clause 20.b the Contractor's liability to the Authority in connection with this Contract shall be limited to £5m (five million pounds).

b. Nothing in this Contract shall operate to limit or exclude the Contractor's liability:

(1) for:

a. any liquidated damages (to the extent expressly provided for under this Contract);

b. any amount(s) which the Authority is entitled to claim, retain or withhold in relation to the Contractor’s failure to perform or under-perform its obligations under this Contract, including service credits or other deductions (to the extent expressly provided for under this Contract);

c. any interest payable in relation to the late payment of any sum due and payable by the Contractor to the Authority under this Contract;

d. any amount payable by the Contractor to the Authority in relation to TUPE or pensions to the extent expressly provided for under this Contract;

(2) under Condition 7 of the Contract (Intellectual Property), and DEFCONs 91 or 638 (SC1) where specified in the contract;

(3) for death or personal injury caused by the Contractor’s negligence or the negligence of any of its personnel, agents, consultants or sub-contractors;

(4) For fraud, fraudulent misrepresentation, wilful misconduct or negligence;

(5) in relation to the termination of this Contract on the basis of abandonment by the Contractor;

(6) for breach of the terms implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or

(7) for any other liability which cannot be limited or excluded under general (including statute and common) law.

c. The rights of the Authority under this Contract are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any rights or remedies provided by general (including statute and common) law.

**21 The project specific DEFCONs and SC variants that apply to this Contract**

DEFCON 76 (SC1) (Edn. 11/22) - Contractor's Personnel At Government Establishments

DEFCON 90 (Edn 06/21) – Copyright

DEFCON 503 (SC1) (Edn. 06/22) - Formal Amendments to the Contract

DEFCON 531 (SC1) (Edn. 09/21) - Disclosure of Information

DEFCON 532B (Edn. 12/22) - Protection Of Personal Data (Where Personal Data is being processed on behalf of the Authority)

DEFCON 534 (Edn 06/21) - Subcontracting and Prompt Payment

DEFCON 537 (Edn 12/21) - Rights of Third Parties

DEFCON 538 (Edn 06/02) - Severability

DEFCON 566 (Edn 10/20) - Change of Control of Contractor

DEFCON 602B (Edn 12/06) - Quality Assurance (Without Deliverable Quality Plan)

DEFCON 630 (SC1) (Edn. 02/18) - Framework Agreements

DEFCON 658 - Cyber Risk Profile - Moderate

Note: Further to DEFCON 658 the Cyber Risk Profile of the Contract is Moderate, as defined in Def Stan 05-138.

DEFCON 694 (SC1) (Edn. 07/21) - Accounting For Property Of The Authority

 **DEFFORM 532**

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| **Personal Data Particulars** | **DEFFORM 532**Edn 10/19 |

This Form forms part of the Contract and must be completed and attached to each Contract containing DEFCON 532B.

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| **Data Controller** | The Data Controller is the Secretary of State for Defence (the Authority).The Personal Data will be provided by:**HQ Defence College of Technical Training (DCTT), Building 380, MOD Lyneham. SN15 4XX** |
| **Data Processor** | The Data Processor is the Contractor.The Personal Data will be processed at: **All the Defence Schools (DSs) Training Wing or Admin Branch under DCTT – DSEME; DSMarE – HMS SULTAN; DSCIS; DSAE** |
| **Data Subjects** | The Personal Data to be processed under the Contract concern the following Data Subjects or categories of Data Subjects: **All enrolled Military Students of DCTT Defence Schools**  |
| **Categories of Data**  | The Personal Data to be processed under the Contract concern the following categories of data: **Service Number and Student Name**  |
| **Special Categories of data (if appropriate)** | The Personal Data to be processed under the Contract concern the following Special Categories of data: **Not Applicable** |
| **Subject matter of the processing** | The processing activities to be performed under the contract are as follows: **The contract requires the successful university to accredit the DCTT Defence School students for the Level 5 and 6 courses** |
| **Nature and the purposes of the Processing**  | The Personal Data to be processed under the Contract will be processed as follows: **As per JSP 822 Defence Direction and Guidance for Training and Education and the Data Protection Act 2018** |
| **Technical and organisational measures** | The following technical and organisational measures to safeguard the Personal Data are required for the performance of this Contract:**All information to be held on the relevant IT systems (TAFMIS and JPA) by the Authority with limited access to relevant training personnel and Business Development staff only.** |
| **Instructions for disposal of Personal Data**  | The disposal instructions for the Personal Data to be processed under the Contract are as follows (where Disposal Instructions are available at the commencement of Contract): **Data to be held whilst training is ongoing and for the duration of their military career, after which all records to be deleted from the IT system** |
| **Date from which Personal Data is to be processed** | Where the date from which the Personal Data will be processed is different from the Contract commencement date this should be specified here: **Data will be processed from Contract Award** |

The capitalised terms used in this form shall have the same meanings as in the General Data Protection Regulations.

**General Conditions**

**Third Party IPR Authorisation**

**AUTHORISATIONBY THE CROWN FOR USE OF THIRD PARTY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of the Contract by the Authority and placement of any contract task under it does not constitute an authorisation by the Crown under Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949. The Contractor acknowledges that any such authorisation by the Authority under its statutory powers must be expressly provided in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific intellectual property involved.

**Intellectual Property Rights**

**DEFCON 703**

DEFCON 703 (Edn 06/21) - Intellectual Property Rights - Vesting in the Authority

**Payment Terms**

All payments will be processed via the MOD e-payment platform CP&F and Exostar within 30 days of submission of a valid invoice after works have been completed. If the supplier does not have an Exostar account, one will be initiated on their behalf by Defence Business Services. The Exostar account will belong to the supplier and will be their responsible to manage. Invoices should be submitted on completion of the service required, an invoice will be paid in full within 30 days as long as the invoice has been submitted correctly

**Special Indemnity Conditions**

Not applicable

**22 The special conditions that apply to this Contract are**

Not applicable

**23 The processes that apply to this Contract are:**

**1 Intermediaries Regulation 35 – Off-Pay Roll Rules**

1.1 The Off-Payroll Rules (Intermediaries Legislation-IR35) for working in the Public Sector are in place to ensure that where a worker would have been an employee if they were providing their services directly, they are broadly paying the same tax and National Insurance Contributions (NICs) as an employee.

1.2 The Authority has decided that the provision of this service is out of scope of this legislation, for this requirement.

1.3 Where the worker is supplied through a contractor rather than being employed directly then the provisions of these conditions must be included in any terms between the Contractor and the Off Payroll Employee.

1.4 Periodic reviews will be implemented to re-assess determination. These will be undertaken if any part of the requirement changes from in-scope to out of scope or vice versa and prior to contract amendments being issued.

**Offer and Acceptance**

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**Contract 70556451 for the Provision of Higher Education Institute Provision for Level 5 & 6 Accredited Courses**

This Contract shall come into effect on the date of signature by both parties.

**For and on behalf of the Contractor:**

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| Name and Title |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence:**

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| Name and Title |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**SC1B Schedules**

**Schedule 1 - Additional Definitions of Contract**

Not Applicable

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| **Schedule 2 – Schedule of Requirements (Pricing)** |
| **Item No** | **Item Detail Specification** | **Accreditation Level** | **Estimated Quantity** **Per Year** | **TOTAL FIRM PRICE (£)****Year 1****Sept 23 to August 24** **(ex VAT)** | **TOTAL FIRM PRICE (£)****Year 2****Sept 24 to August 25**  **(ex VAT)** | **TOTAL FIRM PRICE (£)****Year 3** **Sept 25 to August 26** **(ex VAT)** | **TOTAL FIRM PRICE (£)****Year 4** **Sept 26 to August 27**  **(ex VAT)** |
|  | **Lot 1** |  |  | **Per Student** | **Estimated Total price** | **Per Student** | **Estimated Total price** | **Per Student** | **Estimated Total price** | **Per Student** | **Estimated Total price** |
| 1 | Aeronautical Engineering Avionics (Art Av)  | BSc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Aeronautical Engineering - Mechanical LAET (M) | Cert HE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Aeronautical Engineering - Avionics LAET (AV) | Cert HE  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Aeronautical Engineering - Avionics POAETQC (AV) | Fd Deg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Aeronautical Engineering - Mechanical POAETQC (M) | Fd Deg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Art Mech Eng  | Fd Deg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Art Elec  | BSc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lot 1 Total Tender Price £** |  |
|  | **Lot 2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Engineering Officer Aerosystems Engineering DES BEng (AV) | BEng |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lot 2 Total Tender Price £** |  |
|  | **Lot 3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Engineering Officer Communications Electronics Engineering DES BSc (CS) | BSc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lot 3 Total Tender Price £** |  |

**Schedule 3 - Contract Data Sheet**

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| **Contract Period** | Effective date of Contract TBC The Contract expiry date shall be: 4 Years from contract award  |
| **Clause 6 - Notices** | Notices served under the Contract can be transmitted by electronic mailYes Notices served under the Contract shall be sent to the following address:Authority: Julie.Harris206@mod.gov.uk Contractor: TBC  |
| **Clause 8 – Supply of Contractor Deliverables and Quality Assurance** | Is a Deliverable Quality Plan required for this Contract? (delete as appropriate) No Other Quality Requirements: See Page 76  |
| **Clause 9 – Supply of Data for Hazardous Substance, Articles and Materials in Contractor Materials** | A completed DEFFORM 68 (Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Substances, Mixtures or Articles Statement), and if applicable, UK REACH Article 31 compliant Safety Data Sheet(s) (SDS) including any related information to be supplied in compliance with the Contractor’s statutory duties under Clauses 9.b, and any information arising from the provisions of Clause 9 are to be provided by e-mail with attachments in Adobe PDF or MS WORD format to:The Authority’s Representative (Commercial)by the following date:So that the safety information can reach users without delay, the Authority shall send a copy preferably as an email with attachment(s) in Adobe PDF or MS WORD format. (1) Hard copies to be sent to:Hazardous Stores Information System (HSIS)Spruce 2C, #1260MOD Abbey Wood (South)Bristol, BS34 8JH(2) Emails to be sent to:DESEngSfty-QSEPSEP-HSISMulti@mod.gov.ukSDS which are classified above OFFICIAL including Explosive Hazard Data Sheets (EHDS) for Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives (OME) are not to be sent to HSIS and must be held by the respective Authority Delivery Team.:  |
| **Clause 10 – Delivery/Collection** | Contract Deliverables are to be:Delivered by the Contractor Special Instructions: Not ApplicableCollected by the Authority Special Instructions (including consignor address if different from Contractor’s registered address): |
| **Clause 12 – Packaging and Labelling of Contractor Deliverables** | Additional packaging requirements: Not Applicable  |
| **Clause 14 – Progress Meetings** | The Contractor shall be required to attend the following meetings:Type: Meetings will be conducted on an as and when basis. Frequency: Location:  |
| **Clause 14 – Progress Reports** | The Contractor is required to submit the following Reports:Type: TBCFrequency: Method of Delivery: Delivery Address:  |

**Schedule 4 - Contractor's Sensitive Information Form (i.a.w. Clause 5)**

This list shall be agreed in consultation with the Authority and the Contractor and may be reviewed and amended by agreement. The Authority shall review the list before publication of any information.

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| Contract No:  705564451      |
| Description of Contractor’s Sensitive Information:       |
| Cross Reference(s) to location of Sensitive Information:       |
| Explanation of Sensitivity:       |
| Details of potential harm resulting from disclosure:       |
| Period of Confidence (if applicable):       |
| Contact Details for Transparency / Freedom of Information matters:Name:      Position:      Address:      Telephone Number:      Email Address:       |

**Schedule 5 - Notification of IPR restrictions (IAW Clause 7)**

**DEFFORM 711**

DEFFORM 711 (Edn 11/22)

**Ministry of Defence**

**DEFFORM 711 – NOTIFICATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) RESTRICTIONS**

**DEFFORM 711 - PART A – Notification of IPR Restrictions**

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| 1, ITT/Contract Number |  |
| 2. ID# | 3. Unique Technical Data Reference Number / Label | 4. Unique Article(s) Identification Number / Label | 5. Statement Describing IPR Restriction | 6. Ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights |
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Please continue on additional sheets where necessary

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**DEFFORM 711 - PART B – System / Product Breakdown Structure (PBS)**

The Contractor should insert their PBS here. For Software, please provide a Modular Breakdown Structure

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**Completion Notes**

**Part A**

If any information / technical data that is deliverable or delivered under the relevant Contract conditions is, or may be, subject to any IPR restrictions (or any other type of restriction which may include export restrictions) affecting the Authority’s ability to use or disclose the information / technical data in accordance with the conditions of any resulting Contract, then the Contractor must identify this restricted information / technical data in this Part A. Otherwise, the Authority shall treat such information in accordance with the same rights under the Contract it would enjoy should no restrictions exist.

For example, any of the following must be disclosed:

a) any restriction on the provision of information / technical data to the Authority; any restriction on disclosure or the use of information by, or on behalf of, the Authority; any obligations to make payments in respect of IPR, and any patent or registered design (or application for either) or other IPR (including unregistered design right) owned or controlled by you or a third party;

b) any allegation made against the Contractor, whether by claim or otherwise, of an infringement of IPR (whether a patent, registered design, unregistered design right, copyright or otherwise) or of a breach of confidence, which relates to the performance of the Contract or subsequent use by or for the Authority of any Contract deliverables;

c) the nature of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph (b) above, including any request or obligation to make payments in respect of the IPR of any confidential information and / or;

d) action the Contractor needs to take, or the Authority is requested to take, to deal with the consequences of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph (b) above.

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| Block 1 | Enter the associated Invitation to Tender (ITT) or Contract number as appropriate.  |
| Block 2 | No action – This sequential numbering is to assist isolation and discussion of any line item |
| Block 3 | Identify a unique reference number for the information / technical data (i.e. a Contractor’s document or file reference number) including any dates and version numbers. Documents may only be grouped and listed as a single entry where they relate to the same Article and where the restrictions and IPR owner are the same.  |
| Block 4 | Identify the Article(s) associated with the information / technical data by entering a unique identification number / label for the Article(s). This may range from platform level down to sub-system level. This is to enable the Authority to quickly identify the approximate technical boundary to any user rights limitation (e.g. The RADAR or Defensive Aid Sub-System etc). This identification shall be at the lowest level of replaceability of the Article(s) or part of it to which the restrictions apply (i.e. if the restrictions apply to a sub-system the parent system should not be used to identify the restriction boundary). Any entry without a unique identifier shall be treated as a nil entry.NOTE: The Authority does not accept any IPR restrictions in respect of the physical Articles themselves. Block 4 is solely to provide an applied picture to any technical data stated under Block 3 as having IPR restrictions. |
| Block 5 | This is a freeform narrative field to allow a short explanation justifying why this information / technical data has limited rights applying to it. |
| Block 6 | Identify who is the owner of the IPR in the information / technical data (i.e. copyright, design right etc). If it is a sub-contractor or supplier, please identify this also. |

DEFFORM 711 (Edn 11/22)

**Part B**

If neither hardware nor software is proposed to be designed, developed or delivered as part of the Contract, Part B should be marked “NIL RETURN”.

Otherwise, the Contractor must include a System / Product Breakdown Structure (PBS) in a format which is consistent with ISO 21511 and / or the configuration requirements of DEFSTAN 05-057, unless an alternative format better represents your design configuration. For software, a modular breakdown structure must be provided. For reasons of clarity, it is acceptable to provide several levels of breakdown if this assists in organising the configuration of the Articles.

Details provided under Part B shall not imply any restriction of use over the Contract Articles, nor any restriction on associated technical data to be delivered under the Contract. Any restrictions of such technical data must be identified within Part A.

Against each unique item within the PBS / module breakdown, one of the following categories shall be recorded:

a) (PVF) - Private Venture Funded - where the article existed prior to the proposed Contract and its design was created through funding otherwise than from Her Majesty’s Government (HMG).

b) (PAF) - Previous Authority Funded (inc. HMG Funded) - where the article existed prior to the proposed Contract and its design was created through Previous Authority Funding.

c) (CAF) - Contract Authority Funded (inc. HMG Funded) - where the article did not exist prior to the Contract and its design will be created through Contract Authority Funding under this Contract.

d) (DNM) Design Not Mature - where the article / design configuration is not yet fixed.

In combination with one of categories (a) to (d) above, the Contractor shall further identify where an item has, or will have, foreign export control applying to it, through use of the further following category:

e) (FEX) Foreign Export Controlled

Notes:

1. During the term of the Contract the Contractor may transition any items identified as category (d) above into category (b) or (c). Transitions from category (d) into category (a) may only be made with the express written agreement of the Authority’s Senior Commercial Officer, and by following the amendment process set out in the Contract.

2. It is acceptable to specify the highest level of structure to which the category (a), (b) or (c) applies (i.e. there is no need to specify each sub-system / componentry if the entirety of the parent system was for example, Private Venture Funded). See guidance examples overleaf.

3. For the avoidance of doubt, where a parent system did not exist prior to the Contract yet makes use of Private Venture Funded Articles, it must be identified as (CAF). The Private Venture Funded sub-components / sub-systems can be identified as PVF.

4. Where items are identified as category (b), the Contractor should provide the number(s) of the previous Contract(s) under which the design was created and the Previous Authority Funding was applied.

Example PBS

The DEFFORM 711 on the Commercial Toolkit <http://aof.uwh.diif.r.mil.uk/aofcontent/tactical/toolkit/downloads/defforms/word/711_0422.doc> contains a theoretical pictorial example but it is to be noted that the configuration may equally be dealt with in a hierarchal tabularised format.

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**Appendix - Addresses and Other Information**

**1. Commercial Officer**

Name: Julie Harris

Address: RAF Cosford, Flowerdown Hall, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX

Email:   Julie.Harris206@mod.gov.uk              (( 0300 1585513

**2. Project Manager, Equipment Support Manager or PT Leader** (from whom technical information is available)

Name: To be confirmed at contract award

Address: TBC

Email: TBC      ((

**3. Packaging Design Authority** Organisation & point of contact: Not Applicable

(Where no address is shown please contact the Project Team in Box 2)

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**4. (a) Supply / Support Management Branch or Order Manager:**

**Branch/Name:**

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**(b) U.I.N.**

**5. Drawings/Specifications are available from**

**6.** **Intentionally Blank**

**7.** **Quality Assurance Representative:**

Commercial staff are reminded that all Quality Assurance requirements should be listed under the General Contract Conditions.

8. **AQAPS** and **DEF STANs** are available from UK Defence Standardization, for access to the documents and details of the helpdesk visit http://dstan.uwh.diif.r.mil.uk/  [intranet] or https://www.dstan.mod.uk/ [extranet, registration needed].

**9. Consignment Instructions** The items are to be consigned as follows:

**10. Transport.** The appropriate Ministry of Defence Transport Offices are:

**A. DSCOM**, DE&S, DSCOM, MoD Abbey Wood, Cedar 3c, Mail Point 3351, BRISTOL BS34 8JH

Air Freight Centre

IMPORTS (( 030 679 81113 / 81114 Fax 0117 913 8943

EXPORTS (( 030 679 81113 / 81114 Fax 0117 913 8943

Surface Freight Centre

IMPORTS (( 030 679 81129 / 81133 / 81138 Fax 0117 913 8946

EXPORTS (( 030 679 81129 / 81133 / 81138 Fax 0117 913 8946

**B.JSCS**

JSCS Helpdesk No. 01869 256052 (select option 2, then option 3)

JSCS Fax No. 01869 256837

[www.freightcollection.com](http://www.freightcollection.com/)

**11. The Invoice Paying Authority**

Ministry of Defence, DBS Finance, Walker House, Exchange Flags Liverpool, L2 3YL

(( 0151-242-2000 Fax: 0151-242-2809

**Website is:** [https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/procurement#invoice-processing](#https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry_of_defence/about/procurement)

**12. Forms and Documentation are available through \*:**

Ministry of Defence, Forms and Pubs Commodity Management PO Box 2, Building C16, C Site, Lower Arncott, Bicester, OX25 1LP (Tel. 01869 256197 Fax: 01869 256824)

**Applications via fax or email:** [Leidos-FormsPublications@teamleidos.mod.uk](file:///C%3A/u07/appmprod/log/Leidos-FormsPublications%40teamleidos.mod.uk)

**\* NOTE**

**1.** Many **DEFCONs** and **DEFFORMs** can be obtained from the MOD Internet Site:

https://www.kid.mod.uk/maincontent/business/commercial/index.htm

2. If the required forms or documentation are not available on the MOD Internet site requests should be submitted through the Commercial Officer named in Section 1.

**Deliverables**

**Deliverables Note**

This matrix is intended to provide an overview of the parties’ contractual obligations to assist with contract management. It does not form part of the contract and should not be relied upon to aid interpretation of the contract. In the event of any conflict, inconsistency or discrepancy between this matrix and the contract, the terms of the contract shall take precedence.

**Supplier Contractual Deliverables**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Description | Due | Responsible Party |
| Obligation Condition 5.b - Notice of inconsistency between contract documents | If either Party becomes aware of any inconsistency within or between Contractual documents, they shall notify the other Party forthwith |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 18.a - Contractors Records (reminder) | maintain all records in connection with the Contract for a period of at least six (6) years |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 20.a - Attendance at Progress Meetings | attend progress meetings at the frequency or times specified in the contract |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 20.b - Progress Reports | submit progress reports at the times and in the format specified in the contract |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 16.a - Change of Control of Contractor | Written Notification of any intended, planned or actual change in control of the Contractor, including any Sub-contractors. |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 16.b - Notification of Concern due to Change of Control | advise the Contractor in writing of any concerns due to Change of Control |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 36.c - Payment | no later than 30 days from receipt of valid undisputed invoice |  | Supplier Organization |
| Obligation Condition 37.c - Notification of applicable VAT | Notification of VAT liability or changes to it |  | Supplier Organization |

**Buyer Contractual Deliverables**

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| Name | Description | Due | Responsible Party |
| Obligation Condition 8.c - Change in Authority Representatives | Written confirmation of any change to the Authorities Representatives |  | Buyer Organization |
| Obligation Condition 36.a - Register on CP&F | provide details for registration on CP&F |  | Buyer Organization |
| Obligation Condition 42.a - Termination | Written notice of Termination of part or whole of contract |  | Buyer Organization |
| Obligation Condition 5.b - Notice of inconsistency between contract documents | If either Party becomes aware of any inconsistency within or between Contractual documents they shall notify the other Party forthwith |  | Buyer Organization |

**Quality Assurance Conditions**

**No Specific QMS**

No Specific Quality Management System requirements are defined. This does not relieve the Supplier of providing conforming Products under this Contract.

 **Russian and Belarusian Exclusion Condition for Inclusion in Contracts**

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1. The Contractor shall, and shall procure that their Sub-contractors shall, notify the Authority in writing as soon as they become aware that:

a. the Contract Deliverables and/or Services contain any Russian/Belarussian products and/or services; or

b. that the Contractor or any part of the Contractor’s supply chain is linked to entities who are constituted or organised under the law of Russia or Belarus, or under the control (full or partial) of a Russian/Belarusian person or entity. Please note that this does not include companies:

(1) registered in the UK or in a country with which the UK has a relevant international agreement providing reciprocal rights of access in the relevant field of public procurement; and/or

(2) which have significant business operations in the UK or in a country with which the UK has a relevant international agreement providing reciprocal rights of access in the relevant field of public procurement.

2. The Contractor shall, and shall procure that their Sub-contractors shall, include in such notification (or as soon as reasonably practicable following the notification) full details of the Russian products, services and/or entities and shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Authority to understand the nature, scope and impact of any such products, services and/or entities on the provision of the Contract Deliverables and/or Services.

3. The Authority shall consider the notification and information provided by the Contractor and advise the Contractor in writing of any concerns the Authority may have and/or any action which the Authority will require the Contractor to take. The Contractor shall be required to submit a response to the concerns raised by the Authority, including any plans to mitigate those concerns, within 14 business days of receipt of the Authority’s written concerns, for the Authority’s consideration.

4. The Contractor shall include provisions equivalent to those set out in this clause in all relevant Sub-contracts.