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Your ref: FRM00087797 V1

Our ref: PS/22/105

Date: 01/09/22

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Softcat Plc  
Via E-mail

Dear **REDACTED**,

**CONTRACT REFERENCE NUMBER:** PS/22/105

**CONTRACT TITLE:** Provision of Security Assessment Tooling

**FRAMEWORK REFERENCE NUMBER:** G Cloud 12 - RM1557.12

## PROPOSED CONTRACT AWARD

This letter advises you that the Secretary of State for Transport proposes to accept your quotation dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 22, under the terms and conditions of the G Cloud12 Framework RM1557.12 and in relation to G-Cloud Service ID 635144080230636.

Under the Public Contract Regulations 2015, the Department for Transport has decided to provide transparency to framework suppliers and apply a voluntary Standstill period.

The Standstill period must pass before the contract can be formally awarded. This period is applied to allow any appeals against the proposed award decision to be lodged. The Standstill period will commence on **02/09/22** and end on **12/09/22**.

The contract will be formally awarded following the Standstill period. You should note that in the event of any legal proceedings being brought against the decision of the proposed award of this contract, the Secretary of State for Transport will be obliged to suspend awarding the contract pending the outcome of those proceedings. We will notify you in writing if such a legal challenge is received.

This is without prejudice to the right of the Secretary of State for Transport to abandon the procurement, cancel the award procedure or suspend awarding the contract for any reason.

## SUMMARY

To summarise, the Department for Transport intends to accept your quotation, but at the present time is unable to formally do so until we have applied the mandatory Standstill Period of 10 days. This will allow other suppliers to appeal the decision. In the event that no appeals are received, the Department will award the contract following the Standstill period. The information contained within this letter is considered

confidential for the duration of the standstill period and should not be shared any wider without the written authorisation of the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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**On behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport**