

# **Request for Proposal**

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Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – Innovate UK

**Subject:** The provision of an independent national body to deliver the vision of the national electrification skills framework and forum

**Sourcing Reference Number: PS22482** 

# **Section 6 – Response Evaluation Questionnaires**

#### Introduction

Bidders should note that the response evaluation questionnaire is located within the **Jaggaer eSourcing portal**.

Guidance on how to register and use the eSourcing portal is available at https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

# THE PROVISION OF AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL BODY TO DELIVER THE VISION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION SKILLS FRAMEWORK AND FORUM

#### PS22482

#### **OPEN ABOVE THRESHOLD PROCEDURE**

#### Bidder Guidance notes for completion for Parts 1, 2, 3 and definitions for all sections

- The "authority" means the named Contracting Authority or anyone acting on behalf of the Contracting Authority, that is seeking to invite suitable candidates to participate in this procurement process.
- "You" / "Your" refers to the potential Supplier or Bidder completing this standard Selection Questionnaire i.e. the legal entity responsible for the information provided. The term "potential supplier" is intended to cover any economic operator as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (referred to as the "regulations") and could be a registered company; the lead contact for a group of economic operators; charitable organisation; Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE); Special Purpose Vehicle; or other form of entity.
- Please ensure that all questions are completed in full, and in the format requested. If the question does not apply to you, please state 'N/A'. Should you need to provide additional information in response to the questions, please submit a clearly identified annex.
- The authority recognises that arrangements set out in section 1.2 of the standard Selection Questionnaire, in relation to a group of economic operators (for example, a consortium) and/or use of sub-contractors, may be subject to change and will, therefore, not be finalised until a later date. The lead contact should notify the authority immediately of any change in the proposed arrangements and ensure a completed Part 1 and Part 2 is submitted for any new organisation relied on to meet the selection criteria. The authority will make a revised assessment of the submission based on the updated information.
- For Part 1 and Part 2 every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection must complete and submit the self-declaration.
- For answers to Part 3 If you are bidding on behalf of a group, for example, a consortium, or you intend to use sub-contractors, you should complete all of the questions on behalf of the consortium and/ or any sub-contractors, providing one composite response and declaration.

The authority confirms that it will keep confidential and will not disclose to any third parties any information obtained from a named customer contact, other than to the Cabinet Office

and/or contracting authorities defined by the regulations, or pursuant to an order of the court or demand made by any competent authority or body where the authority is under a legal or regulatory obligation to make such a disclosure.

# **Section 6 – Evaluation Response Questionnaires**

- 1. Qualification / Selection Questionnaire
  - 6.1.1 Bidders should note that the Qualification / Selection Questionnaire is located within the **Jaggaer eSourcing Portal.**

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# **Part 1: Potential supplier Information**

Please answer the following questions in full. Note that every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection shall complete and submit the Part 1 and Part 2 self-declaration.

Section 1	Potential Supplier Information				
Question	Question	Response			
Number 1.1 (a)	Full name of the potential supplier submitting the	•			
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1.1 (b) –	Registered office address (if applicable)				
(i)	Desistant website address (if applicable)				
1.1 (b) – (ii)	Registered website address (if applicable)				
1.1 (c)	Trading status				
	a) public limited company				
	b) limited company     c) limited liability partnership				
	d) other partnership				
	e) sole trader				
	f) third sector				
	g) other (please specify your trading status)				
1.1 (d)	Date of registration in country of origin				
1.1 (e)	Company registration number (if applicable)				
1.1 (f)	Charity registration number (if applicable)				
1.1 (g)	Head office DUNS number (if applicable)				
1.1 (h)	Registered VAT number				
1.1 (i) – (i)	If applicable, is your organisation registered with the	Yes □			
	appropriate professional or trade register(s) in the	No □			
	member state where it is established?	N/A □			
1.1 (i) – (ii)	If you responded yes to 1.1(i) - (i), please provide the				
4.4 (:) (:)	relevant details, including the registration number(s).	\			
1.1 (j) – (i)	Is it a legal requirement in the state where you are established for you to possess a particular	Yes □			
	authorisation, or be a member of a particular	No □			
	organisation in order to provide the services specified in				
	this procurement?				
1.1 (j) – (ii)	If you responded yes to 1.1(j) - (i), please provide				
	additional details of what is required and confirmation				
1.4.0	that you have complied with this.				
1.1 (k)	Trading name(s) that will be used if successful in this				
1.1 (I)	procurement Relevant classifications (state whether you fall within one				
1.1 (1)	of these, and if so which one)				
	a) Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE)				
	b) Sheltered Workshop				
	c) Public service mutual				
1.1 (m)	Are you a Small, Medium or Micro Enterprise (SME) <sup>1</sup> ?	Yes □			
		No □			

 $<sup>^{1}\,\</sup>text{See EU definition of SME}\,\,\underline{\text{https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition\_en}}$ 

1.1 (n)	Details of Persons of Significant Control (PSC), where appropriate:   - Name; - Date of birth; - Nationality; - Country, state or part of the UK where the PSC usually lives; - Service address; - The date he or she became a PSC in relation to the company (for existing companies the 6 April 2016 should be used); - Which conditions for being a PSC are met; - Over 25% up to (and including) 50%, - More than 50% and less than 75%, - 75% or more. <sup>3</sup> (Please enter N/A if not applicable)	N/A □
1.1 (o)	Details of immediate parent company:  - Full name of the immediate parent company - Registered office address (if applicable) - Registration number (if applicable) - Head office DUNS number (if applicable) - Head office VAT number (if applicable)  (Please enter N/A if not applicable)	N/A □
1.1 (p)	Details of ultimate parent company:  - Full name of the ultimate parent company - Registered office address (if applicable) - Registration number (if applicable) - Head office DUNS number (if applicable) - Head office VAT number (if applicable)  (Please enter N/A if not applicable)	N/A □

Please note: A criminal record check for relevant convictions may be undertaken for the preferred suppliers and the persons of significant in control of them.

Please provide the following information about your approach to this procurement:

Section 1	Bidding Model		
Question Number	Question	Response	
1.2 (a) - (i)	Are you bidding as the lead contact for a group of economic operators?	Yes □ No □	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> UK companies, Societies European (SEs) and limited liability partnerships (LLPs) will be required to identify and record the people who own or control their company. Companies, SEs and LLPs will need to keep a PSC register and must file the PSC information with the central public register at Companies House. See PSC guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Central Government contracting authorities should use this information to have the PSC information for the preferred supplier checked before award.

			If yes, please provide details listed in questions 1.2(a) (ii), (a) (iii) and to 1.2(b) (i), (b) (ii), 1.3, Section 2 and 3. If no, and you are a supporting bidder please provide the name of your group at 1.2(a) (ii) for reference purposes, and complete 1.3, Section 2 and 3.		(ii), (b)	
1.2 (a) - (ii)	Name of group of economic operators applicable)	(if				
1.2 (a) - (iii)	Proposed legal structure if the group of economic operators intends to form a single legal entity prior to signing a confusional awarded. If you do not propose to form single legal entity, please explain the legal structure.	named ntract, if n a				
1.2 (b) - (i)	Are you or, if applicable, the group of economic operators proposing to use scontractors?		Yes No			
1.2 (b) - (ii)	If you responded yes to 1.2(b)-(i) plesub-contractor in the following table: vas well.  Name Registered address Trading status Company registration number Head Office DUNS number (if applicable) Registered VAT number Type of organisation SME (Yes/No) The role each sub-contractor will take in providing the works and /or supplies e.g. key deliverables The approximate % of contractual obligations assigned to each sub-contractor					

#### Contact details and declaration

- 1)I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted, and information contained in this document are correct and accurate.
- 2)I declare that, upon request and without delay I will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.
- 3)I understand that the information will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement.

- 4)I understand that the authority may reject this submission in its entirety if there is a failure to answer all the relevant questions fully, or if false/misleading information or content is provided in any section.
- 5)I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.

Section 1	Contact details and declaration		
Question Number	Question	Response	
1.3 (a)	Contact name		
1.3 (b)	Name of organisation		
1.3 (c)	Role in organisation		
1.3 (d)	Phone number		
1.3 (e)	E-mail address		
1.3 (f)	Postal address		
1.3 (g)	Signature (electronic is acceptable)		
1.3 (h)	Date		

# **Part 2: Exclusion Grounds**

Please answer the following questions in full. Note that every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection must complete and submit the Part 1 and Part 2 self-declaration.

Section 2	Grounds for Mandatory Exclusion		
Question	Question	Response	
Number		Response	
2.1 (a)	Regulations 57(1) and (2)		
		exclusion of an organisation are set out referred to before completing these	
	Please indicate if, within the past five yother person who has powers of repreorganisation been convicted anywhere within the summary below and listed or	sentation, decision or control in the e in the world of any of the offences	
2.1 (a) - (i)	Participation in a criminal	Yes □	
	organisation.	No □	
		If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)	
2.1 (a) -	Corruption.	Yes □	
(ii)		No □	
		If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)	
2.1 (a) -	Fraud.	Yes □	
(iii)		No □	
		If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)	
2.1 (a) -	Terrorist offences or offences linked	Yes □	
(iv)	to terrorist activities	No □	
		If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)	
2.1 (a) -	Money laundering or terrorist	Yes □	
(v)	financing	No □	
		If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)	
2.1 (a) -	Child labour and other forms of	Yes □	
(vi)	trafficking in human beings	No □	
		If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)	
2.1 (b)	If you have answered yes to questic		
	please provide further details.		
	Date of conviction, specify which of the listed the conviction was for, and the re conviction,		
	Identity of who has been convicted If the relevant documentation is availa electronically please provide the web a issuing authority, precise reference of documents.	address,	
2.2	If you have answered Yes to any of the above have measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organ	No □	

	despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self-Cleaning)	
2.3 (a)	Regulation 57(3)	Yes □
	Has it been established, for your organisation by a judicial or administrative decision having final and binding effect in accordance with the legal provisions of any part of the United Kingdom or the legal provisions of the country in which the organisation is established (if outside the UK), that the organisation is in breach of obligations related to the payment of tax or social security contributions?	No □
2.3 (b)	If you have answered yes to question 2.3(a), please provide further details. Please also confirm you have paid or have entered into a binding arrangement with a view to paying, the outstanding sum including where applicable any accrued interest and/or fines.	

Please Note: The authority reserves the right to use its discretion to exclude a potential supplier where it can demonstrate by any appropriate means that the potential supplier is in breach of its obligations relating to the non-payment of taxes or social security contributions.

Section 3	Grounds for discretionary exclusion				
Question Number	Question	Response			
3.1	Regulation 57 (8)				
		exclusion of an organisation are set out referred to before completing these			
	the following situations have applied to	cate if, within the past three years, anywhere in the world any of a situations have applied to you, your organisation or any other has powers of representation, decision or control in the n.			
3.1 (a)	Breach of environmental	Yes □			
	obligations?	No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2			
3.1 (b)	Breach of social obligations?	Yes □			
		No 🗆			
3.1 (c)	Breach of labour law obligations?	If yes, please provide details at 3.2  Yes □			
3.1 (0)	breach of labour law obligations:	res ⊔ No □			
		If yes, please provide details at 3.2			
3.1 (d)	Bankrupt or is the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where the organisation's assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an arrangement	Yes □ No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2			

	with creditors, where its business activities are suspended or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any State?	
3.1 (e)	Guilty of grave professional misconduct?	Yes □ No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (f)	Entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition?	Yes □ No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (g)	Aware of any conflict of interest within the meaning of regulation 24 due to the participation in the procurement procedure?	Yes □ No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (h)	Been involved in the preparation of the procurement procedure?	Yes □ No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (i)	Shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions?	Yes □ No □ If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (j)	Please answer the following statements	
3.1 (j) - (i)	The organisation is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria. Is the above statement true of your organisation?	Yes □ No □ If Yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (j) - (ii)	The organisation has withheld such information.	Yes □ No □ If Yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (j) - (iii)	The organisation is not able to submit supporting documents required under regulation 59 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.	Yes □ No □ If Yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (j) - (iv)	The organisation has influenced the decision-making process of the contracting authority to obtain	Yes □ No □ If Yes, please provide details at 3.2

	confidential information that may confer upon the organisation undue advantages in the procurement procedure, or to negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.		
3.2	If you have answered Yes to any of the a explain what measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organis despite the existence of a relevant grour exclusion? (Self-Cleaning)	sation	

# **Part 3: Selection Questions**

Section 4	Economic and Financial Standing		
Question Number	Question	Response	
4.1	Are you able to provide a copy of your audited accounts for the last two years, if requested? If no, can you provide <b>one</b> of the following: answer with Y/N in the relevant box.	Yes □ No □	
	(a) A statement of the turnover, Profit and Loss Account/Income Statement, Balance Sheet / Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flow for the most recent year of trading for this organisation.	Yes □ No □	
	(b) A statement of the cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position.	Yes □ No □	
	(c) Alternative means of demonstrating financial status if any of the above are not available (e.g. forecast of turnover for the current year and a statement of funding provided by the owners and/or the bank, charity accruals accounts or an alternative means of demonstrating financial status).	Yes □ No □	

Section 5	If you have indicated in the Selection Questionnaire question 1.2 that you are part of a wider group, please provide further details below:		
Question Number	Question	Response	
Name of or	ganisation		
Relationsh	ip to the Supplier completing these questions		
5.1	Are you able to provide parent company accounts if requested to at a later stage?	Yes □	
		No □	
5.2	If yes, would the parent company be willing to	Yes □	
	provide a guarantee if necessary?	No □	
5.3	If no, would you be able to obtain a guarantee elsewhere (e.g. from a bank)?	Yes □	
		No □	

Section 6	Technical and Professional Ability	
Question Number	Question	
6.1	Relevant experience and contract examples	
	Please provide details of up to three contracts, in any combination from either the public or private sector; voluntary, charity or social enterprise (VCSE) that are relevant to our requirement. VCSEs may include samples of grant-funded work. Contracts for supplies or services should have been performed during the past three years. Works contracts may be from the past five years.	
	The named contact provided should be able to provide written evidence to confirm the accuracy of the information provided below.	

Consortia bids should provide relevant examples of where the consortium has delivered similar requirements. If this is not possible (e.g. the consortium is newly formed or a Special Purpose Vehicle is to be created for this contract) then three separate examples should be provided between the principal member(s) of the proposed consortium or Special Purpose Vehicle (three examples are not required from each member).

Where the Supplier is a Special Purpose Vehicle, or a managing agent not intending to be the main provider of the supplies or services, the information requested should be provided in respect of the main intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s) who will deliver the contract.

If you cannot provide examples, see question 6.3

	Contract 1	Contract 2	Contract 3
Name of customer organisation			
Point of contact in the organisation			
Position in the organisation			
E-mail address			
Description of contract			
Contract Start date			
Contract completion date			
Estimated contract value			

6.2	Where you intend to sub-contract a proportion of the contract, please demonstrate how you have previously maintained healthy supply chains with your sub-contractor(s)
	Evidence should include, but is not limited to, details of your supply chain management tracking systems to ensure performance of the contract and including prompt payment or membership of the UK Prompt Payment Code (or equivalent schemes in other countries)

ı	6.3	If you cannot provide at least one example for questions 6.1, in no more than
		500 words please provide an explanation for this e.g. your organisation is a
		new start-up, or you have provided services in the past but not under a
		contract.

Section 7	Modern Slavery Act 2015: Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015	
7.1	Are you a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 ("Transparency in supply chains etc.") of the Modern Slavery Act 2015("the Act")?	Yes No
	Bidder guidance - Bidder shall confirm they are or are not a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 by answering Yes or No.  Yes - Please provide the relevant URL in question	

	<b>No</b> - Please provide an explanation in question 7.3  Scoring Criteria - For Information Only	
7.2	Please only answer this question if you have answered <b>Yes</b> to question 7.1 in which you have confirmed that you are compliant with the annual reporting requirements contained within Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?	Please provide relevant URL
	If you are subject to the Modern Slavery Act then it is a requirement of the Contracting Authority in its contractual terms, for you to comply with this obligation including the Contracting Authority's right of audit under any contract awarded.	
	Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall provide the relevant URL or attachment	
	This submission must be compliant with the Modern Slavery Act to achieve a PASS.	
	If your organisation is not currently captured by the Modern Slavery Act and is not currently compliant, but will be prior to any contract award, as you will be captured by the Act upon the award then this will achieve a PASS.	
	If your organisation is captured by the Modern Slavery Act and is not currently compliant, nor will it be prior to any contract award then this will result in a FAIL	
	Please note: It is of paramount importance that any organisation needs to thoroughly consider before submitting its response, that having a UK subsidiary will not automatically mean that an overseas parent company is caught by the Modern Slavery Act, since a subsidiary may act completely independently of its parent or other group companies.	
	Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail	
7.3	Please only answer this question if you have answered <b>No</b> to question 7.1 in which you have confirmed that you are not required to be compliant with the annual reporting requirements contained within Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?	Please provide an explanation
	If you are subject to the Modern Slavery Act then it is a requirement of the Contracting Authority in its contractual terms, for you to comply with this obligation including the Contracting Authority's right of audit under any contract awarded.	

Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall provide an explanation as an attachment.	
If your organisation is not captured by the Modern Slavery Act please ensure that you provide a clear explanation to achieve a PASS. The Contracting Authority also actively encourages those organisations that are not captured by the Act to comply with the Spirit of the Act.	
Please note: It is of paramount importance that any organisation needs to thoroughly consider before submitting its response, that having a UK subsidiary will not automatically mean that an overseas parent company is caught by the Modern Slavery Act, since a subsidiary may act completely independently of its parent or other group companies.	
Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail	

#### **Additional Questions**

Suppliers who self-certify that they meet the requirements to these additional questions will be required to provide evidence of this if they are successful at contract award stage.

Section 8	Additional Questions
8.1	Insurance
8.1 (a)	Please self-certify whether you already have, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:
	Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5 Million Public Liability Insurance = £5 Million Professional Indemnity Insurance = £2 Million
	*It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5 million as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.

Section 9	Payment to Sub-contractors and Supply Chain (Self-declarations)	
Question Number	Question	Response
	Bidder guidance all questions in section 9:  If you intend to use a supply chain for this contract, you must demonstrate you have effective systems in place to ensure a reliable supply chain. This criterion is focused on exploring your payment systems. If your response to question 9.1 is that you do not intend to use a supply chain for this contract, you are not required to complete the rest of this section as Yes / No declaration, please simply select the N/A option for all questions, Note bidders must not leave any question unanswered.	

References to supply chain means suppliers or subcontractors of any tier that execute any works, supply any products or provide any services that are used wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of the contract.

Not all payments involve an invoice, this may be the submission of timesheets for a payment that is due for a services-based contract, therefore procedures apply to all payments that are due.

Reporting periods are referred to in the following BEIS guidance and link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-payment-practices-and-performance-reporting-requirements

Bidder guidance (continued)

Call-off Contracts from Framework Agreements (if applicable to this procurement):

In answering question 9.1, bidders must confirm whether they intend to use a supply chain to deliver any call off contract that may be awarded under the framework agreement. In the event a bidder does not propose to use a supply chain, but during the procurement (i.e. after selection has taken place) its circumstances change such that it then proposes to do so, it must advise the Contracting Authority immediately. Where such a change is permissible in the circumstances, the bidder should be asked to complete the remainder of the selection questions and provide the relevant payment data (applicable at the time the remainder of the questions are completed).

Evidence for self-declarations (questions 9.2- 9.4): Prior to moving to the bidding stage in this procedure and prior to any contract award the following evidence will be required from the successful bidder (where the bidder has answered "Yes" to question 1 above) in order to verify the bidder's responses

#### Q9.2 Evidence required

A copy of your standard payment terms for all of your supply chain contracts.

#### Q9.3 Evidence required

A copy of your procedures for resolving disputed invoices promptly and effectively.

Details of any payments of interest for late payments you have paid in the past twelve months or which became due

	during the past twelve months and remain payable (contractually or under late payment legislation) and, if any such payment has been made (or arose), an explanation as to why this occurred and an outline of what remedial steps have been taken to ensure this does not occur again.  Q9.4 Evidence required A copy of your standard payment terms used with subcontractors on public sector contracts subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015(as amended)  If any bidder provides false / misleading information in their responses, they may face sanctions, including exclusion from the procurement and bidding for other contracts for between three and five years (depending on the circumstances), rescission of any contract that had been entered into, damages and in some cases criminal prosecution.	
9.1	Bidder guidance: If your answer is <b>No</b> to this question please ensure that you select <b>N/A</b> for all remaining questions.  The Bidder shall answer yes or no	<ul><li>Yes</li><li>No</li></ul>
9.2	Scoring Criteria - For Information Only  Please confirm that you have systems in place to pay those in your supply chain promptly and effectively, i.e. within your agreed contractual terms  The Bidder shall answer yes or no or N/A  Yes - Pass No - Fail N/A - Pass  Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail	Yes No N/A
9.3	Please confirm you have procedures for resolving disputed invoices with those in your supply chain promptly and effectively.  The Bidder shall answer yes or no or N/A  Yes – Pass No – Fail N/A - Pass  Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail	Yes No N/A
9.4	PUBLIC SECTOR CONTRACTS ONLY – Requirement under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (Regulation 113)  Please confirm that for public sector contracts awarded under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015(as amended)	Yes No N/A

you have systems in place to include (as a minimum) 30 day payment terms in all of your supply chain contracts and require that such terms are passed down through your supply chain. The Bidder shall answer yes or no or N/A Yes - Pass No - Fail N/A - Pass Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail 9.5 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRACTS Yes No 9.5.1 Please provide the percentage of invoices paid by N/A vou to those in your immediate supply chain on all contracts for each of the two previous six month reporting Please ensure periods vou provide an explanation and This should include the percentage of invoices paid within supporting each of the following categories: evidence if required to 1. within 30 days justify a 'No' 2. in 31 to 60 days 3. in 61 days or more 4. due but not paid by the last date for payment under agreed contractual terms. It is acceptable to cross refer to information that has previously been submitted to Government or other bodies or is publicly available (provided it covers the required reporting periods), including data published in accordance with the Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance Regulations 2017. If you do wish to cross refer, please provide details and/or insert link(s). 9.5.2 If you are unable to demonstrate that all invoices have been paid within the agreed contractual terms, please explain why. Note: if you are required to submit an action plan under question 9.5.3, this action plan must also set out steps to address your payment within agreed terms, in order to achieve a pass for question 9.5.3. 9.5.3 If you are unable to demonstrate that ≥95% of invoices payable to your supply chain on all contracts have been paid within 60 days of the receipt of the invoice in at least one of the last two six months reporting periods please provide an action plan for improvement which includes (as a minimum) the following: 1. Identification of the primary causes of failure to pay: (a) 95% of all supply chain invoices within 60 days; and b) if relevant under question 9.5.2, all invoices within agreed terms. 2. Actions to address each of these causes.

- 3. A mechanism for and commitment to regular reporting on progress to the bidder's audit committee (or equivalent).
- 4. Plan signed off by director.
- 5. Plan published on its website (this can be a shorter, summary plan).

If you have an existing action plan prepared for a different purpose, it is acceptable to attach this but it should contain the above 5 features.

Bidder guidance: Methodology that will apply to the evaluation of 9.5.3

#### Selection criteria

#### **Bidders** performance

Bidder pays ≥95% of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the previous two six month reporting periods

#### Assessment criteria and methodology

Bidder meets the required standard.

#### Assessment outcome

Pass

#### **Bidders performance**

Bidder pays ≥95% of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the two previous six month reporting periods after removing intercompany payments.

#### Assessment criteria and methodology

Bidder meets the required standard.

#### **Assessment outcome**

Pass

#### **Bidders performance**

Bidder pays ≥90% < 95% of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the two previous six month reporting periods after removing intercompany payments (if relevant).

#### Assessment criteria and methodology

Bidder demonstrates action plan that includes (as a minimum) the following:

- Identification of the primary causes of failure to pay: (a) 95% of all supply chain invoices within 60 days; and;
   (b) (if relevant) all supply chain invoices within agreed terms.
- 2. Actions to address each of these causes.
- 3. Regular reporting on progress to the bidder's audit committee (or equivalent).
- 4. Plan signed off by a director.

5. Plan published on its website. (This can be a shorter, summary plan)

If you have an existing action plan prepared for a different purpose, it is acceptable to attach this but it should contain the above 5 features.

#### Assessment criteria and methodology

Action plan provided that meets the required standard

#### Assessment outcome

Pass

#### Assessment criteria and methodology

No action plan or action plan does not include all of the above 5 features.

#### **Assessment outcome**

Fail

#### **Bidders performance**

Bidder does not pay ≥90% of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the two previous six month reporting periods after removing intercompany payments (if relevant).

#### Assessment criteria and methodology

Bidder's payment performance falls substantially below the required standard.

#### Assessment outcome

Fail

#### Section 9.0 - Bidder guidance

The Bidder Shall answer all section 9.0 questions in one of the following ways:

Yes

No (with explanation)

No

N/A as applicable

Do not leave any question unanswered, this may result in your bid being rejected.

Yes - Pass

Bidder guidance – a pass is a submission that demonstrates a specific payment compliance within 60 days

No with acceptable explanation or (if required) Action Plan to the Contracting Authority – Pass

No without an acceptable explanation or (if required) Action Plan to the Contracting Authority – Fail

N/A – Pass if the question is not applicable to your bid	
Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail	

SEL5.5	Please self-certify that your organisation has a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislative requirements. These should consider not only where your organisation is based but also any needs that are required in the country of delivery of the procurement.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
Guidance	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Option List
Type	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

SEL5.6	Has your organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes – Fail* – Please provide details within SEL5.6.1 No – Pass – No response required for SEL5.6.1
	If your answer to this question is "Yes", please provide details in a separate document attachment to SEL5.6.1 of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served.
	*The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under Health and Safety legislation in the last 3 years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	<b>Yes</b> – Fail* – Please provide details within SEL5.6.1 <b>No</b> – Pass – No response required for SEL5.6.1

SEL5.6.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.6 - Enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years?
Bidder Guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.6 please provide details of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes that you have made as a result of the conviction or notices served.
	*The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under Health and Safety legislation in the last 3

	years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.
	This information should be provided as an attachment to this question. Any bidder declaring enforcement or remedial action within SEL5.6 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

SEL5.7	Has your organisation been convicted of breaching environmental legislation, or had any notice served upon it, in the last three years by any environmental regulator or authority (including local authority)?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer yes or no
Caldanio	Yes – Fail* – Please provide details within SEL5.7.1 No – Pass – No response required for SEL5.7.1
	If your answer to this question is "Yes", please provide details in a separate document attached for SEL5.7.1 of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served.
	*The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under environmental legislation in the last 3 years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	V = 10 - 51 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 - 11 -
Answer	Yes – Fail* – Please provide details within SEL5.7.1
Туре	No – Pass – No response required for SEL5.7.1

SEL5.7.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.7 - breaching environmental legislation, in the last 3 years?
Bidder Guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.7 please provide details of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes that you have made as a result of the conviction or notices served.
	The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under Health and Safety legislation in the last 3 years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.
	This information should be provided as an attachment to this question. Any bidder declaring enforcement or remedial action within SEL5.7 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

SEL5.8	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check
	whether any of these organisations have been convicted or had a

	notice served upon them for infringement of environmental legislation?
Bidder	The Bidder Shall answer Yes/No/Not Applicable
Guidance	A response of 'Yes' or 'Not Applicable' will result in a pass and a response of 'No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Multiple Choice Dropdown
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
	N/A – Pass

SEL5.9	In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or;  In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No Yes</b> – Fail* – Please provide details within SEL5.9.1
	No – Pass – No response required within SEL5.9.1
	*If you have answered "yes" please provide, as a supporting document to SEL5.9.1 including a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.
	If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.
	You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List
1,400	Yes – Fail* - Please provide details within SEL5.9.1 No – Pass – No response required within SEL5.9.1

SEL5.9.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.9
Bidder	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.9 please provide a supporting
Guidance	document attached to this question, including a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.

SEL5.10	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the circumstances in regard to the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your
7.	
Type	
Answer	Attachment
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
	This information should be provided as an attachment to this question. Any bidder declaring unlawful discrimination within SEL5.9 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
	You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action(s) have been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
	If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.

SEL5.10	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the circumstances in regard to the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your subcontractors by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or;  In the last three years, has any of your subcontractors had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body
	in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder Shall answer yes or no
Culdunice	Yes – Fail*– Please provide details within SEL5.10.1 No – Pass – No response required within SEL5.10.1
	*If you have answered "yes" please provide a document to SEL5.10.1 providing a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.
	If the investigation upheld the complaint against your sub-contractors, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.
	You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken by you and your sub-contractors to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List
Турс	Yes – Fail* - Please provide details within SEL5.10.1 No – Pass – No response required to SEL5.10.1

SEL5.10.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.10

Bidder Guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.10 please provide a supporting document attached to this question, including a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.
	If the investigation upheld the complaint against your subcontractor, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) your subcontractor or your organisation has taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.
	If it is your organisations unequivocal intention to use the same subcontractor? should you be successful in being awarded this procurement opportunity, you may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action(s) have been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.  This information should be provided as an attachment to this question.
	Any bidder declaring unlawful discrimination within SEL5.10 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

SEL1.10	Information Security
	The following information security requirements are mandatory for this procurement:
	<ol> <li>ISO 27001 certification or,</li> <li>IASME Governance standard certification or</li> <li>Cyber Essentials certification</li> </ol>
Bidder Guidance	Bidders can answer
Guidance	Yes – the requirements are currently in place
	Intend – the requirements are not in place and we intend to have them in place for commencement of the contract.
	<b>No</b> – the requirements are not in place and we have no intention of having them in place for commencement of the contract
	A response of 'Yes' or 'Intend' will result in a pass and a response of 'No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Options List
Туре	Yes – the requirements are currently in place

**Intend** – the requirements are not in place and we intend to have them in place for commencement of the contract.

**No** – the requirements are not in place and we have no intention of having them in place for commencement of the contract

SEL1.10.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL1.10
Bidder Guidance	Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL1.10 please provide a copy of the valid certificate.
	This information should be provided as an attachment to this question.
	Any bidder responding Yes to SEL1.10 but not providing evidence may not be considered.
	Bidders that responded "Intend" to SEL1.10 will be asked to provide
	evidence of meeting these requirements in order for the contract to be awarded. Failure to evidence compliance to these requirements prior
	contract award will result in the contract not being awarded to the bidder.
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer	Attachment
Туре	

# SEL2.12 United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018

The UK GDPR is a mandatory requirement for all contracts or agreements both in the Public, Private and Third sectors that involves the transfer, storing and processing of personal data. The UK GDPR sits alongside the Data Protection Act 2018 as the UK's data privacy law that governs the processing of personal data domestically.

The UK GDPR was drafted as a result of the UK leaving the EU, which resulted in the EU's GDPR not applying domestically to the UK any longer. The UK GDPR sits alongside the Data Protection Act 2018. It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they are able to meet the technical requirements and obligations prescribed by the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 and that they will adhere to their processing obligations and as detailed in the supporting Annex A.

All contracts or agreements that are awarded by the Contracting Authority (the data controller) shall contain terms and conditions that oblige the successful bidder and any bidder supply chain (data processor or sub-processors) used under this Contract to comply with their information law obligations and indemnify the Contracting Authority (data controller). Please note that the appointment of any sub-processor/s should only occur after authorisation is received in writing from the Data Controller or UK SBS.

Further information and helpful guidance relating to the UK GDPR is available from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) at: <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>

Bidder Guidance	The Contracting Authority actively encourages all bidders to ensure that they visit the ICO website via the advised link and understand the implications of information legislation in the UK (including Data Protection Act, UK GDPR and other relevant legislation) and have your Data Protection Officer complete this section if you have one or alternatively seek external professional advice before completing this section of your bid  Bidders can answer  Yes – We can demonstrate full compliance as is required by the UK GDPR now and will adhere to the processing obligations detailed within Annex A – Pass
	No – We will not be compliant prior to any award – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Option List
Type	
	<b>Yes</b> – We can demonstrate full compliance as is required by the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 now and will adhere to the processing obligations detailed within Annex A – <b>Pass</b>
	No – We will not be compliant prior to any award – Fail

SEL2.13	Data Storage
	Please confirm where UK GDPR data, as detailed within the Annex A, will be stored for the duration of this Contract, including any additional Countries that data may be transferred to / accessed from throughout the life of this Contract.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are required to confirm where UK GDPR data, as detailed within the Annex A, will be stored for the duration of this Contract, including any additional Countries that data may be transferred to / accessed from throughout the life of this Contract.
	Please note, where successful bidders confirm that data may be stored, transferred, or accessed outside of the UK, there may be a requirement to include additional Contract Clauses to ensure UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 Compliance prior to Contract Award.
Scoring	For Information Only
Criteria	
Answer	Text
Type	

FOI1.1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)
	Information provided in the course of the procurement process may be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004.
	Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOIA exemptions and EIR exceptions. More information on

	applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the information Commissioners Office (ICO) website <a href="http://ico.org.uk">http://ico.org.uk</a> Please confirm you have been informed that information provided under this Bid may be disclosed under the FOI Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and agree to it being published irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
Guidance	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Option List
Type	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) EXEMPTIONS  Please complete this section only if you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1.  If you have not agreed to your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete a field 'N/A' (Not applicable)  If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or
Bidder	exceptions may apply to your information and why?  The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in
Guidance	the fields below.
	The Bidder shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested exemptions or exceptions have not been applied properly, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting Authority.
	Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'yes' you have agreed for the Contracting Authority to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004; therefore, you will not be approached for consent.
	Bidders are required to complete the table fields below, highlighting your proposed exemptions to this question.
	If you are not relying on any exemptions or exceptions, please complete each field 'N/A' (not applicable).
Scoring Criteria	For information only

#### **UK OFFICIAL**

Answer	Confidential Information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI
Type	Act
	Text
	Commercially sensitive information and justification for exemption/exception
	under FOI Act
	Text

# **Section 6 – Evaluation Response Questionnaires**

- 1. Technical and Commercial Questionnaire
- 6.2.1 Bidders should note that the Technical and Commercial Questionnaire is located within the **Jaggaer eSourcing Portal.**

Guidance on how to register and use the Jaggaer eSourcing portal is available at

https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

### **COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **RFP Governance**

AW1.1	FORM OF BID
	I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in this RFP are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to bid for the Contracting Authority's requirement and I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Contracting Authority may reject this RFP if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false/misleading information.
	I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that sourcing documents, including RFP templates such as this, are published on a designated, publicly searchable web site, and, that the same applies to other sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority, including the RFP, and any contract entered into by the Contracting Authority or its Customers with its preferred supplier once the procurement is complete.
	By submitting a response to this RFP, I agree that our participation may be made public.
	I understand that the answers given in this response may be published on the web site (but elements may be redacted under Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)).
	By submitting a response to this RFP, I agree and accept the justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria.
	By submitting a response to this RFP I agreed and accept that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change without notice the procedure for awarding the Contract, to reject any or all bids for the Contract, to stop the process and not award the Contract (in whole or in part) at any time without any liability on its part.
	By submitting a response to this RFP, I agree and accept that nothing in this process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between the Parties unless and until a Contract is awarded. The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs resulting from cancellation of this process nor any costs incurred by Bidders taking part in this procurement process.
	I understand that where sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority or contracts with its suppliers fall to be disclosed The Contracting Authority will redact them as it thinks necessary, having regard (inter alia) to the exemptions/exceptions in the FOIA or EIR.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
2 30	Yes – Pass

	No - Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW1.2	BID VALIDITY PERIOD
	Our Bid offer shall be binding between us for a period of 90 days days from the closing date for receipt of Bids. Unless and until a formal agreement is prepared and executed this Bid and a written acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between us.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
	Yes – Pass
	No - Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Yes – Pass
Туре	No – Fail

#### AW1.3 CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID The essence of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide competitive Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a bona fide Bid, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of Bid by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other person. We also certify that we have not done, and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this Bid any of the following: (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these Bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed Bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the Bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the Bid; Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other (b) person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any Bid to be submitted; Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or (c) valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other Bid or proposed Bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of the sort described above.

	In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and anybody or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.  We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in Bidding for this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or execution of this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority.  We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders
	information / documentation (submitted to the Contracting 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.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW3.2	Conflict of Interest
	Please confirm you have nothing to declare with respect to any current or potential interest or conflict in relation to this project (or any subcontractors or consortium member where applicable) which could be reasonably perceived to affect the actual or perceived deliverables.
Bidder Guidance	By conflict of interest, we mean, anything which could be reasonably perceived to affect the impartiality of this project, or to indicate a professional or personal interest in the outcomes from this project.
	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No with justification</b> .
	Yes, we can confirm we are not in a position of a conflict of interest – Pass
	<b>No with justification</b> , we declare all interests and have given full details in response to AW3.2.1. Please refer to AW3.2.1 for details of what amounts to a valid justification - Pass
	If your situation changes during the procurement process you must promptly notify the Contracting Authority via Jaggaer eSourcing Portal if any conflicts of interest arise or any additional information arise in relation to the conflict of interest you have declared.

	For absolute clarity should a bidder select 'Yes' you are not required to respond to AW3.2.1, however if you select 'No with Justification' you will be required to complete AW3.2.1 in order to be considered.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/Fail
Answer Type	Option List  Yes, we can confirm we are not in a position of a conflict of interest – Pass
	<b>No with justification</b> , we declare all interests and have given full details in response to AW3.2.1. Please refer to AW3.2.1 for details of what amounts to a valid justification.

#### AW3.2.1

Where a Bidder has answered question AW3.2 with 'No with justification' they must provide full details of any current or potential interest or conflict in relation to this project (including any subcontractors or consortium member where applicable) which could be reasonably perceived to affect the actual or perceived deliverables.

Bidders are also required to give a full account of the actions or processes that it will use to ensure that a conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, bidders are to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the project.

Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to AW3.2 you are not required to respond to this question.

#### Bidder Guidance

By conflict of interest, we mean, anything which could be reasonably perceived to affect the impartiality of this project, or to indicate a professional or personal interest in the outcomes from this project.

If your situation changes during the procurement process you must promptly notify the Contracting Authority via Jaggaer eSourcing Portal if any conflicts of interest arise or any additional information arise in relation to the conflict of interest you have declared.

Where there is an actual or potential conflict of interest, it is suggested the organisation (or consortia where applicable) design a working arrangement such that the deliverables cannot be influenced (or perceived to be influenced) by the organisation which is the owner of an actual or potential conflict of interest. For example, consideration should be given to maintain an impartial approach to the project.

Bidders are required to give a full account of the actions or processes that it will use to ensure that a conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, bidders are to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the project.

The information received will be subject a Pass or Fail, according to whether based on the information provided there remains a conflict of interest which may affect the impartiality of the project and the deliverables.

Failure to declare or avoid a conflict of interest at this or a later stage may result in exclusion from the procurement process.

	Any bidder selecting 'No with Justification' to AW3.2 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above may not be considered further.
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Criteria	
Answer	Attachment
Type	

# **Compliance to the Contract Terms**

AW4.1	Please confirm your acceptance of the Contract Terms that can be found within the Instructional Attachments section within this question.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> , <b>No with justification</b> or <b>No</b>
	<b>Yes,</b> we accept the terms and condition in their entirety – Pass
	<b>No with justification</b> – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification.
	No – Fail
	For absolute clarity should a bidder select 'Yes' or 'No' you are <b>not</b> required to respond to AW4.2, however if you select 'No with Justification' you will be required to complete AW4.2 in order to be considered.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List
.,,,,,	Yes, we accept the terms and condition in their entirety – Pass No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail

AW4.2	Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with 'No with justification' they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause.  Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' or 'No' to AW4.1 you are not required to respond to this question.
Bidder Guidance	A justification for not accepting a specific clause or series of clauses from the attached Contract Terms is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with that clause or series of clauses (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation).
	Where the Bidder has answered question AW4.1 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide a Contract mark-up utilising track changes detailing the relevant clause, the proposed changes to the clause and the

justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied: 1. the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Contract Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the 2. Contracting Authority and are reasonably necessary and proportionate to ensure the Bidder complies with the legal requirements and statutory regulations. In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark-up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail. Any bidder selecting 'No with Justification' to AW4.1 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above may not be considered further. Bidders are to note that any requested modifications to the Contracting Authority Terms and Conditions on the grounds of statutory and legal matters only, should be raised as a formal clarification during the permitted clarification period. Mandatory Pass/Fail Scoring Criteria Answer Attachment Type

### **TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

AW6.1	Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW6.2	Variable Bids
	The Contracting Authority shall not accept variable bids as part of this Procurement. The criteria in regard to variable bids for this Procurement is outlined below.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
	Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List
	Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass

PROJ1.1	Approach to establishing the national coordinating body and delivering the vision for NESFF  Please describe how you will approach delivering the vision for NESFF and achieving the objectives set out in the specification.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are asked to describe how they will approach delivering the vision for NESFF and achieving the objectives set out in the specification.  As a minimum your response should include:
	<ul> <li>How you will achieve the aim of the procurement.</li> <li>How you will achieve the main objectives.</li> <li>How you will deliver the associated activities.</li> <li>How you will work with and report into Innovate UK in order to deliver the specification.</li> <li>How you will work with stakeholders and existing and emerging initiatives to bring them on board and develop a cohesive and coherent skills ecosystem which meets the UK's needs.</li> <li>Describe the proposed structure for the NESFF independent national body.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Define the roles you will need to recruit to deliver the vision of NESFF.</li> <li>Describe the proposed governance structure.</li> <li>Describe the stakeholder engagement fora that you will implement.</li> <li>Describe your approach to further developing the framework. This must include your approach with respect to battery manufacturing and PEMD manufacturing workforce development activities.</li> <li>This question is limited to 6 sides of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.</li> </ul>
Scoring Criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 30.00%
Answer	Attachment
Type	

PROJ1.2	Key performance indicators:
	In your reporting of progress to Innovate UK, we expect you to report against key performance indicators. A non-exhaustive list is provided below.
	Please outline your approach to managing these defined KPI's and advise what other key performance indicators would be relevant.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are asked to outline their approach to managing the Contract KPI's detailed below, and to advise of what other KPI's they would apply to this Contract.
	<ul> <li>Number of stakeholders actively contributing across these groups:         <ul> <li>Industry</li> <li>Academia</li> <li>Civic bodies including local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships</li> <li>Government</li> <li>Training providers</li> <li>Professional bodies</li> <li>Learned societies</li> </ul> </li> <li>Number of live activities in workforce development, such as involvement in:         <ul> <li>new qualification/apprenticeship standards</li> <li>curriculum development programmes</li> <li>accreditation activities</li> <li>fore sighting activities</li> <li>train the trainer activities</li> <li>government strategy or policy development</li> <li>outreach (including EDI) activities</li> <li>other activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Funding leveraged to support workforce development activities</li> <li>Please outline other relevant KPI's</li> </ul>

	This question is limited to 1 side of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.
Scoring Criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 10.00%
Answer	Attachment
Type	

## PROJ1.3 Relevant subject matter expertise and skills to deliver the NESFF vision Please demonstrate how your skills and knowledge will ensure that you deliver the requirements necessary for a successful delivery of this Contract. This section should cover your project team expertise and project management skills. Please explain how you will maintain your ability to deliver these through the lifetime of the project and outline how you will mitigate any risks. Bidder Bidders are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of the skills and expertise Guidance that are essential to the successful delivery of this Contract. Within your response, please explain how you will maintain your ability to deliver these through the lifetime of the project. This section should cover your project team expertise and project management skills. Please outline the job titles of the key members of your project team and demonstrate their skills and expertise essential to the delivery of this project. As a minimum we require your response to contain the following information: Identifying the appropriate expertise that your key members would bring to this project An indication of how each individual will contribute to the project in terms of days and responsibilities Indicate how the project will be monitored to ensure it is delivered in terms of quality, timeliness, and cost. Detailing milestones, deliverables, and timescales (as depicted in PROJ1.5), bidders are asked to identify the key risks to this project and how you would plan to mitigate against these. Demonstrate how you will ensure the activity is delivered independently from the organisation(s) you are associated with Provide a breakdown of the management structure of your organisation / consortium This question is limited to 2 side of A4 Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm

Scoring Criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 25.00%
Answer	Attachment
Туре	

PROJ1.4	Understanding the Landscape
	Demonstrate your understanding of the current electrification skills landscape, detailing any knowledge relevant to the Contract.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are asked to demonstrate their understanding of the current landscape, detailing any knowledge relevant to the Contract.
	As a minimum your response should cover:
	Who you consider the key stakeholders to be
	The dynamics of the electrification skills landscape
	<ul> <li>Relevant national and devolved government or local authority/civic body policies</li> <li>Relevant initiatives</li> </ul>
	Demonstration of understanding of the key gaps in the electrification landscape (skills gaps or otherwise)
	This question is limited to 2 side of A4 Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm
Scoring Criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 25.00%
Answer Type	Attachment

PROJ1.5	Delivery Plan
	Based on your proposed methodology and approach, please provide your delivery plan, ensuring that the key deadline dates and outputs as detailed in the specification are met.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders are asked to provide a delivery plan which depicts their methodology and approach for the Contract. The delivery plan should ensure that it outlines key activities and outputs as required in the specification.
	This question is limited to <b>2</b> sides of A4. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

### **COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

AW5.1	Please confirm your bid submission price for completion of all the Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification.
	All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.
Bidder Guidance	Bidders shall provide their bid submission price for completion of all Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification.
	The scoring methodology for this question shall be:
	The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100.
	All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.
	Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50
	In the example if a supplier scores 80 from the available 100 points this will equate to 40% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points multiplied by 50 ( $80/100 \times 50 = 40$ )
	The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.
	The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100. All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The lowest score possible is 0.
	For example, assuming the lowest bid is £100,000.
	Bid Price £100,000 Differential to the lowest price which meets mandatory pass criteria ('Differential') 0 Score 100
	Bid price - £120,000 Differential - 20% Score - 80 Bid price - £140,000 Differential - 40% Score - 60 Bid Price - £150,000 Differential - 50% Score - 50 Bid Price - £175,000 Differential - 75% Score - 25 Bid Price - £200,000 Differential - 100% Score - 0 Bid Price - £300,000 Differential - 200% Score - 0
Scoring Criteria	Maximum Marks 10.00%
Answer Type	Numeric
турс	

AW5.2	Based on the Bidders AW5.1 bid submission price for completion of
	all the Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification, Bidders are
	now required to complete the attached Excel AW5.2 Pricing Schedule

	document with a breakdown of all the costs that make up their final bid price.  All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.
	All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this
	Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.
Bidder Guidance	Based on the Bidders AW5.1 bid submission price for completion of all the Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification, Bidders are now required to complete the attached Excel AW5.2 Pricing Schedule document with a breakdown of all the costs that make up their final bid price.
	All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.
	All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.
	The total submitted within your excel pricing schedule must equal the total price submitted in AW5.1
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

AW5.3	Please confirm your price shall remain firm and fixed for the full term of the Contract.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Option List
Туре	
	Yes – Pass
	No - Fail

Maximum Budget
As stated within the tender documents, the maximum budget for this requirement will be £700,000.00 ex VAT.
Please confirm that your final price submitted within AW5.2 will fall within this budget.
The Bidder shall answer <b>Yes</b> or <b>No</b>
Yes – Pass
No – Fail
Mandatory Pass / Fail

Answer	Option List
Type	
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

AW5.5	The Contracting Authority is committed to delivering payments to suppliers within the timescales stated within our Contract terms and intend to embrace e-invoicing.  Further information and helpful guidance regarding e-invoicing and iSupplier is available on the UK SBS website at: <a href="https://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/Finance/Pages/iSupplier.aspx">https://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/Finance/Pages/iSupplier.aspx</a> Please confirm if you are successfully awarded this contract, that your implementation team will work with the Contracting Authority to ensure that e-invoicing is established within 28 days of Contract award by the Contracting Authority.
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option – Pass
	<b>No</b> – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option – Fail
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer	Option List
Type	
	Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option - Pass
	No – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option – Fail