

Request for Quotation

Water Industry Operator Self Monitoring outside of the UK

Date: July 2024

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### Title: Water Industry Operator Self Monitoring outside of the UK.

You are invited to submit a quotation for the requirement described in the specification, Section 2.

Please confirm by email, receipt of these documents and whether you intend to submit a quote or not.

Your response should be returned to the following email address by:

Email: [susanne.whittaker@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:susanne.whittaker@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Date: 23rd August 2024

Time: 23:59

Ensure you include the name of the quotation and ‘Final Submission’ in the subject field to make it clear that it is your response.

# Contact Details and Timetable

Susanne Whittaker will be your contact for any questions linked to the content of the quote or the process. Please submit any clarification questions via email and note that, unless commercially sensitive, both the question and the response will be circulated to all tenderers.

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| Action | Date |
| Date of issue of RFQ | 22nd July 2024 |
| Deadline for clarifications questions | 9th August 2024 at 23:59 |
| Deadline for receipt of Quotation | 23rd August 2024at23:59 |
| Intended date of Contract Award | 9th September 2024 |
| Intended Contract Start Date | 9th September 2024 |
| Intended Delivery Date / Contract Duration | 3 months (9th December 2024) |

# Section 1: General Information

### Glossary

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions used within this Request for Quotation shall have the following meanings (to be interpreted in the singular or plural as the context requires):

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| “Authority” | means Environment Agency who is the Contracting Authority. |
| “Contract” | means the contract to be entered into by the Authority and the successful supplier. |
| “Response” | means the information submitted by a supplier in response to the RFQ. |
| “RFQ” | means this Request for Quotation and all related documents published by the Authority and made available to suppliers. |

### Conditions applying to the RFQ

You should examine your Response and related documents ensuring it is complete and in accordance with the stated instructions prior to submission.

Your Response must contain sufficient information to enable the Authority to evaluate it fairly and effectively. You should ensure that you have prepared your Response fully and accurately and that prices quoted are arithmetically correct for the units stated.

By submitting a Response, you, the supplier, are deemed to accept the terms and conditions provided in the RFQ. Confirmation of this is required in Annex 2.

Failure to comply with the instructions set out in the RFQ may result in the supplier’s exclusion from this quotation process.

### Acceptance of Quotations

By issuing this RFQ the Authority does not bind itself to accept any quotation and reserves the right not to award a contract to any supplier who submits a quotation.

### Costs

The Authority will not reimburse you for any costs and expenses which you incur preparing and submitting your quotation, even if the Authority amends or terminates the procurement process.

### Self-Declaration and Mandatory Requirements

The RFQ includes a self-declaration response (Annex 1) which covers basic information about the supplier, as well as any grounds for exclusion. If you do not comply with them, your quotation will not be evaluated.

Any mandatory requirements will be set out in Section 2, Specification of Requirements and, if you do not comply with them, your quotation will not be evaluated.

### Clarifications

Any request for clarification regarding the RFQ and supporting documentation must be submitted via email no later than the deadline for clarifications set out in the Timetable. The Authority shall be under no obligation to respond to queries raised after the clarification deadline.

The Authority will respond to all reasonable clarifications as soon as possible but cannot guarantee a minimum response time. The Authority will publish all clarifications and its responses to all suppliers via email unless deemed commercially sensitive.

If a supplier believes that a request for clarification is commercially sensitive, it should clearly state this when submitting the clarification request. However, if the Authority considers either that:

* the clarification and response are not commercially sensitive; and
* all suppliers may benefit from its disclosure,

then the Authority will notify the supplier (via email), and the supplier will have an opportunity to withdraw the request for clarification by sending a further message requesting the withdrawal of the clarification request. If not withdrawn by the supplier within 2 working days of the Authority’s notification, the Authority may publish the clarification request and its response to all suppliers and the Authority shall not be liable to the supplier for any consequences of such publication.

The Authority reserves the right to seek clarification of any aspect of a quotation and/or provide additional information during the evaluation phase to carry out a fair evaluation. Where the Authority seeks clarification on any aspect of the quotation, the supplier must respond within the timeframe requested by the Authority.

### Amendments

The Authority may amend the RFQ at any time prior to the deadline for receipt. If it amends the RFQ the Authority will notify you via email.

Suppliers may modify their quotation prior to the deadline for Responses. No Responses may be modified after the deadline for Responses.

Suppliers may withdraw their quotations at any time by submitting a notice via the email to the named contact.

### Conditions of Contract

The Authority’s standard of services provided as part of the RFQ will be included in any contract awarded as a result of this quotation process. The Authority will not accept any changes to these terms and conditions proposed by a supplier.

Suppliers should note that the quotation provided by the successful bidder will form part of the Contract.

### Prices

Prices must be submitted in £ sterling, exclusive of VAT.

### Disclosure

All Central Government Departments, their Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies are subject to control and reporting within Government. In particular, they report to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury for all expenditure. Further the Cabinet Office has a cross-Government role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement, including ensuring value for money and related aspects of good procurement practice. For these purposes, the Authority may disclose within Government any details contained in your quotation. The information will not be disclosed outside Government during the procurement.

In addition, the Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, which provide a public right of access to information held by public bodies. In accordance with these two statutes, the Authority may be required to disclose information contained in your quotation to any person who submits a request for information pursuant to those statutes.

Further to the Government’s transparency agenda, all UK Government organisations must advertise on Contract Finder in accordance with the following publication thresholds:

* Central Contracting Authority’s: £12,000
* Sub Central Contracting Authority’s and NHS Trusts: £30,000

For the purpose of this RFQ the Authority is classified as a Sub Central Contracting Authority with a publication threshold of £25,000 inclusive of VAT.

If this opportunity is advertised via Contracts Finder, we are obliged to publish details of the awarded contract including who has won the contract, the contract value, and indicate whether the winning supplier is a small and medium-sized enterprise (“SMEs”) or voluntary organisation or charity. A copy of the contract must also be published with confidential information redacted.

By submitting a Response, you consent to these terms as part of the procurement.

### Disclaimers

Whilst the information in this RFQ and any supporting information referred to herein or provided to you by the Authority have been prepared in good faith the Authority does not warrant that this information is comprehensive or that it has been independently verified.

The Authority does not:

* make any representation or warranty (express or implied) as to the accuracy, reasonableness or completeness of the RFQ;
* accept any liability for the information contained in the RFQ or for the fairness, accuracy or completeness of that information; or
* accept any liability for any loss or damage (other than in respect of fraudulent misrepresentation or any other liability which cannot lawfully be excluded) arising as a result of reliance on such information or any subsequent communication.

Any supplier considering entering into contractual relationships with the Authority following receipt of the RFQ should make its own investigations and independent assessment of the Authority and its requirements for the goods and/or services and should seek its own professional financial and legal advice.

### Protection of Personal Data

In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 the supplier must agree to the following:

* You must only process any personal data in strict accordance with instructions from the Authority.
* You must ensure that all the personal data that we disclose to you or you collect on our behalf under this agreement are kept confidential.
* You must take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of employees who have access to personal data.
* Only employees who may be required to assist in meeting the obligations under this agreement may have access to the personal data.
* Any disclosure of personal data must be made in confidence and extend only so far as that which is specifically necessary for the purposes of this agreement.
* You must ensure that there are appropriate security measures in place to safeguard against any unauthorised access or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage or disclosure of the personal data.
* On termination of this agreement, for whatever reason, the personal data must be returned to us promptly and safely, together with all copies in your possession or control.

### General Data Protection Regulations 2018

For the purposes of the Regulations the Authority is the data processor.

The personal information that we have asked you provide on individuals (data subjects) that will be working for you on this contract will be used in compiling the tender list and in assessing your offer. If you are unsuccessful the information will be **held and destroyed within two years** of the award of contracts. If you are awarded a contract it will be retained for the duration of the contract and destroyed within seven years of the contract’s expiry.

We may monitor the performance of the individuals during the execution of the contract, and the results of our monitoring, together with the information that you have provided, will be used in determining what work is allocated under the contract, and in any renewal of the contract or in the award of future contracts of a similar nature. The information will not be disclosed to anyone outside the Authority without the consent of the data subject, unless the Authority is required by law to make such disclosures.

### Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

The Client is striving to create a diverse and inclusive working environment where every individual has equality of opportunity to progress and to apply their unique insights to making the UK a great place for living. The Service Provider is expected to respect this commitment in all dealings withEnvironment Agency staff and service users.

Suppliers are expected to;

* support Defra group to achieve its Public Sector Equality Duty as defined by the Equality Act 2010, and to support delivery of [Defra group’s Equality & Diversity Strategy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defra-group-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-strategy-2020-to-2024/defra-group-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-strategy-2020-to-2024).
* meet the standards set out in the [Government’s Supplier Code of Conduct](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supplier-code-of-conduct)
* work with Defra group to ensure equality, diversity and inclusion impacts are addressed (positive and negative) in the goods, services and works we procure, barriers are removed and opportunities realised.

### Sustainable Procurement

Addressing global sustainability impacts and realising additional community benefits within commercial activity is core to Defra group’s approach, working with its supply chain is key to achieving sustainable outcomes. In addition to supporting Defra group to meet its outcomes we look to understand and reduce negative sustainability impacts associated with our commercial activity and realise benefits.

The Client encourages its suppliers to share these values, work to address negative impacts and realise opportunities, measure performance and success.

Suppliers are expected to have an understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals, the interconnections between them and the relevance to the Goods, Services and works procured on the Client’s behalf

### Conflicts of Interest

The concept of a conflict of interest includes but is not limited to any situation where an Involved Person or Relevant Body has directly or indirectly, a financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the context of the procurement procedure and/or affect the integrity of the contract award.

We expect suppliers to mitigate appropriately against any real or perceived conflict of interest through their work with government. A supplier with a position of influence gained through a contract should not use that position to unfairly disadvantage any other supplier or reduce the potential for future competition

Where the supplier is aware of any circumstances giving rise to a conflict of interest or has any indication that a conflict of interest exists or may arise you should inform the Authority of this as soon as possible (whether before or after they have submitted a quotation). Tenderers should remain alert to the possibility of conflicts of interest arising at all stages of the procurement and should update the Authority if any new circumstances or information arises, or there are any changes to information already provided to the Authority. Failure to do so, and/or to properly manage any conflicts of interest may result in a quotation being rejected.

Provided that it has been carried out in an open, fair and transparent manner, routine pre-market engagement carried out by the Authority should not represent a conflict of interest for the supplier.

# Section 2: The Invitation

### Background to Environment Agency

We are the Environment Agency. We protect and improve the environment. We help people and wildlife adapt to climate change and reduce its impacts, including flooding, drought, sea level rise and coastal erosion. We improve the quality of our water, land and air by tackling pollution. We work with businesses to help them comply with environmental regulations. A healthy and diverse environment enhances people's lives and contributes to economic growth. We can’t do this alone. We work as part of the Defra group (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs), with the rest of government, local councils, businesses, civil society groups and local communities to create a better place for people and wildlife.

### Background to the specific work area relevant to this purchase

We currently rely on operator self-monitoring (OSM) data collected by the water companies to check compliance against final effluent quality permit limits. OSM is currently based around taking a relatively small number of spot samples collected at regular but randomised intervals throughout the year and typically within the working day window.

The Environment Agency Operational Instruction describes the current requirements *(*[Water companies: operator self monitoring (OSM) environmental permits - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-companies-operator-self-monitoring-osm-environmental-permits/water-companies-operator-self-monitoring-osm-environmental-permits)*)*. The number of final effluent quality samples taken is normally 24 per year for sanitary and 12 per year for non-sanitary parameters at larger STW’s. There is a requirement that samples must be collected at “regular and random intervals” during the year, but should also include samples from different days of the week and at different times. Approximately 10% of samples should be outside of the normal sampling window which is 9am - 3pm, Monday to Friday. The definition is further described as for 24 samples, 2 out of hours samples should be taken per annum, and for 12 samples, 1 out of hours sample should be taken per annum.

### Requirement

We are aware that other countries in Europe and the wider world also undertake final effluent OSM. The Environment Agency would like to understand which countries use final effluent OSM and how they implement it. For example, what is the sampling window? How many samples are taken a year?

The objective of this study is to gather sound evidence on the application of final effluent Operator Self monitoring in other countries with a view to identify opportunities and limitations of its use in regulating wastewater discharges.

A summary of the objects and the principal areas of interest are as follows:

* A summary of the research that has been completed;
* Identify other European countries where final effluent Operator Self Monitoring takes place;
* Look at how Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the USA are using Operator Self Monitoring.
* What are the conditions of any final effluent Operator Self Monitoring guidance, such as sampling window, frequency, parameters etc.
* What is the final effluent Operator Self Monitoring used for? Is the final effluent Operator Self Monitoring used for compliance and how it is regulated?
* Identify how the final effluent Operator Self Monitoring data is gathered, managed and the purpose it is used for;
* What QA/checks do the regulators make of the sampling/monitoring and the reported data. Do they work to any accredited standards like MCERTs?
* Clearly identified opportunities and risks associated with final effluent Operator Self Monitoring in other countries.

This project will be completed via an evidence gathering desk top exercise focused on, but not limited to, a review of relevant literature, academic papers, technical documents, discussions with those undertaking final effluent Operator Self Monitoring, research and development, video/webinar presentations and other sources of information associated with final effluent Operator Self Monitoring. This exercise should focus on gathering information associated with international and European case studies.

The information gathered will be presented and summarised in a written technical report which focuses on the areas of interest as set out above. More detail on the specific themes and aspects are presented in the table below. We recognise this information may not necessarily be available, but this list should help guide the project direction.

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| Theme | Aspects |
| Countries | Which European countries?  Also Canada, Australia, New Zealand and USA.  Other countries if the self monitoring is similar to the UK.  Who uses the final effluent Operator Self Monitoring – operators, regulators, etc |
| Driver/Purpose | Legislation  Regulatory  Permits/License  Compliance against conditions  Operational/management  Other |
| Types of discharge | Sewage  Industrial - types  Other  Size of operation/volume of discharge  Is type/size a limiting factor in its use |
| Receiving Environment | Freshwater  Transitional/Coastal Waters  Groundwater |
| Effluent Monitoring | How is OSM undertaken?  Sampler or Auto sampler  In-stream or pumped  Location  Parameters measured e.g Ammonia, BOD, Suspended Solids  Monitoring frequency e.g. how many samples taken a day, week, month, year?  Sampling Window e.g. time of day, days of week  Accreditation e.g. Are the laboratories accredited? Are the samplers accredited? Is there a similar accreditation as MCERTs?  QA/checks of sampling regime? |
| Data | What data is produced?  What is the data used for?  Who uses the data – operator, regulator, third parties?  Data accuracy  QA/checks of data  Data issues – missing info  Compliance approach |

Created works such as reports, images, map layers, films, audio recordings, software, code, and datasets or databases are legally protected from certain types of re-use. Where you are acquiring an existing work, or commissioning the creation of a new work which may incorporate a third party's work, you need to specify compatibility with your use, sharing and onward licensing requirements. See the guidance for more help.

### Required Skills

* Information/data collection skills and interpretation;
* Project Management;
* Effective writing skills;
* Knowledge of discharge regulation and permitting of discharges in England (preferable);
* Knowledge of Operator Self Monitoring and its application at wastewater treatment works (preferable);
* Language skills to translate foreign technical documents (Useful but not critical).

### Sustainability

Environment Agency protects and improves the environment and is committed to reducing the sustainability impacts of its activities directly and through its supply chains. We expect the Contractor to share this commitment and adopt a sound, proactive sustainable approach in keeping with the 25 yr environmental plan/our commitments compliant with all applicable legislation. This includes understanding and reducing direct and indirect sustainability impacts and realising opportunities, including but not restricted to; resilience to climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, water use and quality, biosecurity, resource efficiency and waste, reducing the risk of pollution, biodiversity, modern slavery and equality, diversity & inclusion, negative community impacts.

As a delivery partner, the successful contractor is expected to pursue sustainability in their operations, thereby ensuring the Contracting Authority is not contracting with a supplier whose operational outputs run contrary to the Contracting Authority’s objectives. The successful contractor will need to approach the project with a focus on the entire life cycle of the project

### Outputs and Contract Management

The consultant project manager is expected to work closely with the EA's project manager and to report on overall progress to her via pre-arranged calls and emails. Meetings via Teams with other members of the project team will also be required. The final draft project report will be sent to the EA project manager via email.

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| Reference | Deliverable | Responsible Party | Date of completion |
| Task 1 | Publish Contract Finder Opportunity Notice | EA | 22nd July 2024 |
| Task 2 | Quotes returned by suppliers | Contractor | 23rd August 2024 |
| Task 3 | Contract Awarded | EA | 9th September 2024 |
| Task 4 | Project Start and Inception meeting | Contractor | 9th September 2024 |
| Task 5 | Progress Meeting | Contractor | 2 weekly |
| Task 6 | Report finalised and signoff | EA | 9th December 2024 |

### Payment

The Authority will raise purchase orders to cover the cost of the services and will issue to the awarded supplier following contract award.

The Authority’s preference is for all invoices to be sent electronically, quoting a valid Purchase Order number using the schedule below:

* 50% at progress meeting
* 50% at completion of report and sign off

It is anticipated that this contract will be awarded for a period of 3 monthsto end no later than 9th December 2024. Prices will remain fixed for the duration of the contract award period. We may at our sole discretion extend this contract to include related or further work. Any extension shall be agreed in writing in advance of any work commencing and may be subject to further competition.

### Evaluation Methodology

We will award this contract in line with the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT) as set out in the following award criteria:

Technical – 60%

Commercial – 40%

**Evaluation criteria**

Evaluation weightings are 60% technical and 40% commercial, the winning tenderer will be the highest scoring combined score.

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| Award Criteria | Weighting (%) | Evaluation Topic & Weighting | Sub-Criteria | Weighted Question |
| Technical | 60% | Service / Product Proposal | Methodology and approach (including approach to Health, Safety and Sustainability) | 1 Question  Q1.1 (50%) |
| Key personnel (Staff Experience and Qualification) | 1 Question  Q2.1 (10%) |
| Company Experience and Project Management | 1 Question  Q3.1 (40%) |
| Commercial | 40% | Whole life cost of the proposed Contract | Commercial Model | 100% |

Technical (**60**%)

Technical evaluations will be based on responses to specific questions covering key criteria which are outlined below. Scores for questions will be based on the following:

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| Description | Score | Definition |
| Very good | 100 | Addresses all the Authority’s requirements with all the relevant supporting information set out in the RFQ. There are no weaknesses and therefore the tender response gives the Authority complete confidence that all the requirements will be met to a high standard. |
| Good | 70 | Addresses all the Authority’s requirements with all the relevant supporting information set out in the RFQ. The response contains minor weaknesses and therefore the tender response gives the Authority confidence that all the requirements will be met to a good standard. |
| Moderate | 50 | Addresses most of the requirements with most of the relevant supporting information set out in the RFQ. The response contains moderate weaknesses and therefore the tender response gives the Authority confidence that most of the requirements will be met to a suitable standard. |
| Weak | 20 | Substantially addresses the requirements but not all and provides supporting information that is of limited or no relevance or a methodology containing significant weaknesses and therefore raises concerns for the Authority that the requirements may not all be met. |
| Unacceptable | 0 | No response or provides a response that gives the Authority no confidence that the requirement will be met. |

Technical evaluation is assessed using the evaluation topics and sub-criteria stated in the Evaluation Criteria section above.

Separate submissions for each technical question should be provided and will be evaluated in isolation. Tenderers should provide answers that meet the criteria of each technical question.

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| Methodology and approach (including approach to Health, Safety and Sustainability) | Detailed Evaluation Criteria  Responses should not exceed four sides of A4, and use Arial font, size 11. |
| Q1.1 | Please explain your proposed methodology for undertaking the desktop tasks required. This should include:  • How you will plan and execute the research work required.  • How you will work with European contacts to obtain relevant information and expertise.  • How you will quantify the opportunities and risks found that are associated with final effluent operator self monitoring.  • Reporting format.  • Details of key subcontractors to be used and the expertise they will bring to the project (where relevent). |

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| Key personnel (Staff Experience and Qualification) | Detailed Evaluation Criteria  Responses should not exceed four sides of A4, and use Arial font, size 11. |
| Q2.1 | Please provide details of the key staff to be used for the project, their experience of undertaking similar work and any relevant qualifications they hold.  **DO NOT** attach CVs to your reply. Your reply should contain a short pen portrait to evidence the relevant experience, skills and qualification for each key member of the project team.  The information provided should evidence the following skills:   * Project Management * Information/data collection skills and interpretation * Effective writing skills * Knowledge of continuous monitoring equipment and its application in wastewater * Report Writing * Quality Assurance   A project team organisation diagram should be attached with your reply that provides a clear reporting structure.  Your reply should also provide a brief explanation of how you will ensure project continuity if key staff become unavailable. |

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| Company Experience and Project Management | Detailed Evaluation Criteria  Responses should not exceed four sides of A4, and use Arial font, size 11. |
| Q3.1 | Please provide details of your company’s experience of successfully undertaking similar projects.  Please provide details on how the project will be managed that evidences a planned approach, identification and mitigation of key project risks and the ability to deliver high quality outputs within the required timeframes.  Your reply should include an overview of the quality assurance procedures you will apply to the project.  Your reply should also give an overview of how you will manage the business risks.  If you are using sub-contractors to deliver key elements of the project, please advise how they will be managed.  Please provide a draft programme timetable that includes the critical path for key activities. This can be in the form of a Gannt chart or similar attached with your reply. |

Commercial (**40**%)

The Contract is to be awarded as a fixed price which will be paid according to the completion of the deliverables stated in the Specification of Requirements.

Suppliers are required to submit a total cost to provide the deliverables stated in the Specification of Requirements. In addition to this the Commercial Response template must be completed to provide a breakdown of the whole life costs against each deliverable used in the delivery of this requirement.

**Calculation Method**

The method for calculating the weighted scores is as follows:

* Commercial

Score = Lowest Quotation Price x 40% (Maximum available marks)

Supplier’s Quotation Price

* Technical

Score = Bidder’s Total Technical Score x 60% (Maximum available marks)

Highest Technical Score

The total score (weighted) (TWS) is then calculated by adding the total weighted commercial score (WC) to the total weighted technical score (WT): WC + WT = TWS.

### Information to be returned

Please note, the following information requested must be provided. Incomplete tender submissions may be discounted.

Please complete and return the following information:

* completed Commercial Response template
* separate response submission for each technical question (in accordance with the response instructions)
* completed Mandatory Requirements (Annex 1)
* completed Acceptance of Terms and Conditions (Annex 2)

### Award

Once the evaluation of the Response(s) is complete all suppliers will be notified of the outcome via email.

The successful supplier will be issued a contract award letter for signature.

# Annex 1 Mandatory Requirements

## Part 1 Potential Supplier Information

Please answer the following self-declaration questions in full and include this Annex in your quotation response.

### **Part 1.1 Potential Supplier Information:**

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| Question no. | Question | Response |
| 1.1(a) | Full name of the potential supplier submitting the information |  |
| 1.1(b) | Registered office address (if applicable) |  |
| 1.1(c) | Company registration number (if applicable) |  |
| 1.1(d) | Charity registration number (if applicable) |  |
| 1.1(e) | Head office DUNS number (if applicable) |  |
| 1.1(f) | Registered VAT number |  |
| 1.1(g) | Are you a Small, Medium or Micro Enterprise (SME)? | (Yes / No) |

Note: See EU definition of SME <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en>

### **Part 1.2 Contact details and declaration**

By submitting a quotation to this RFQ I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted and information contained in this document are correct and accurate.

I declare that, upon request and without delay you will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.

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.

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.

I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.

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| Question no. | Question | Response |
| 1.2(a) | Contact name |  |
| 1.2(b) | Name of organisation |  |
| 1.2(c) | Role in organisation |  |
| 1.2(d) | Phone number |  |
| 1.2(e) | E-mail address |  |
| 1.2(f) | Postal address |  |
| 1.2(g) | Signature (electronic is acceptable) |  |
| 1.2(h) | Date |  |

## Part 2 Exclusion Grounds

### **Part 2.1 Grounds for mandatory exclusion**

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| Question no. | Question | Response |
| 2.1(a) | Please indicate if, within the past five years you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation been convicted anywhere in the world of any of the offences within the summary below. | |
|  | Participation in a criminal organisation. | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.1 (b) |
|  | Corruption. | ((Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.1 (b) |
|  | Fraud. | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.1 (b) |
|  | Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.1 (b) |
|  | Money laundering or terrorist financing | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.1 (b) |
|  | Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.1 (b) |
| 2.1(b) | If you have answered yes to question 2.1(a), please provide further details.  Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction.  Identity of who has been convicted  If the relevant documentation is available electronically please provide the web address, issuing authority, precise reference of the documents. |  |
| 2.1 (c) | If you have answered Yes to any of the points above have measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (i.e. Self-Cleaning) | (Yes / No) |
| 2.1(d) | 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? | (Yes / No) |
| 2.1(e) | 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. |  |

### **Part 2.2 Grounds for discretionary exclusion**

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| Question no. | Question | Response |
| 2.2(a) | The detailed grounds for discretionary exclusion of an organisation are set out on this [webpage](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf), which should be referred to before completing these questions.  Please indicate if, within the past three years, anywhere in the world any of the following situations have applied to you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation | |
| 2.2(b) | Breach of environmental obligations? | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.2 (f) |
| 2.2(c) | Breach of social obligations? | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.2 (f) |
| 2.2(d) | Breach of labour law obligations? | (Yes / No)  If yes please provide details at 2.2 (f) |
| 2.2(e) | 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 2.2 (f) |
| 2.2 (f) | If you have answered Yes to any of the above, explain what measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning) |  |

## Annex 2 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

I/We accept in full the terms and conditions appended to this Request for Quote document.

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