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## **Digital Outcomes and Specialists 5 (RM1043.7)**

### **Core Terms and Framework Schedules**

Version 2

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## Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template, Statement of Work Template and Call-Off Schedules)

### Order Form

<b>Call-Off Reference:</b>	17020
<b>Buyer Reference:</b>	Con_15307
<b>Call-Off Title:</b>	User Research Participants: Recruitment and Incentive Payments
<b>Call-Off Description:</b>	DfE needs participants for regular user research. We need the supplier to consistently deliver diverse and representative participants nationwide, including users with access and assisted digital needs, professionals from all educational and social work settings plus members of the public. Participants need to be representative of the whole of society.
<b>Buyer:</b>	The Department for Education
<b>Buyer Address:</b>	Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT
<b>Supplier:</b>	Meister.works limited
<b>Supplier Address:</b>	18 St Cross Street London EC1N 8UN
<b>Registration Number:</b>	10257959
<b>DUNS Number:</b>	22-190-7416
<b>SID4GOV ID:</b>	N/A

### **Applicable Framework Contract**

This Order Form is for the provision of the Call-Off Deliverables and dated 22/07/2022.

It's issued under the Framework Contract with the reference number RM1043.7 for the provision of Digital Outcomes and Specialists Deliverables.

The Parties intend that this Call-Off Contract will not, except for the first Statement of Work which shall be executed at the same time that the Call-Off Contract is executed, oblige the Buyer to buy or the Supplier to supply Deliverables.

The Parties agree that when a Buyer seeks further Deliverables from the Supplier under the Call-Off Contract, the Buyer and Supplier will agree and execute a further Statement of Work (in the form of the template set out in Annex 1 to this Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template, Statement of Work Template and Call-Off Schedules).

Upon the execution of each Statement of Work it shall become incorporated into the Buyer and Supplier's Call-Off Contract.

### **Call-Off Lot**

[User Research Participants: Recruitment and Incentive Payments - Digital Marketplace](#)

### **Call-Off Incorporated Terms**

The following documents are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract. Where numbers are missing we are not using those schedules. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:

- 1 This Order Form including the Call-Off Special Terms and Call-Off Special Schedules.
- 2 Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) RM1043.7
- 3 Framework Special Terms
- 4 The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:
  - Joint Schedules for RM1043.7
    - Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)
    - Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)
    - Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)
    - Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors)
    - Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties) – **Not Applicable**
    - Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) – **Not Applicable**
    - Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)
    - Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data) RM1043.7
    - Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility)

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- Call-Off Schedules for RM1043.7
  - Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)
  - Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)
  - Call-Off Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)
  - Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details and Expenses Policy)
  - Call-Off Schedule 6 (Intellectual Property Rights and Additional Terms on Digital Deliverables)
  - Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)
  - Call-Off Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)
  - Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security)
  - Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)
  - Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing)
  - Call-Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels and Balanced Scorecard)
  - Call-Off Schedule 15 (Call-Off Contract Management)
  - Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking)
  - Call-Off Schedule 17 (MOD Terms) – **Not Applicable**
  - Call-Off Schedule 18 (Background Checks)
  - Call-Off Schedule 19 (Scottish Law) – **Not Applicable**
  - Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)
  - Call-off Schedule 21 (Northern Ireland Law) – **Not Applicable**
  - Call-Off Schedule 25 (Ethical Walls Agreement)
  - Call-Off Schedule 26 (Cyber Essentials Scheme)

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6 Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM1043.7

7 Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender) as long as any parts of the Call-Off Tender that offer a better commercial position for the Buyer (as decided by the Buyer) take precedence over the documents above.

No other Supplier terms are part of the Call-Off Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

### **Call-Off Special Terms**

The following Special Terms are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract:

#### **Special Term 1:**

To supplement existing provisions, the Supplier will comply with the following additions:

- All Supplier Staff working on services in relation to this Contract will need to undertake, as a minimum, a BPSS security check. Security checks relevant to supplier staff will be indicated clearly through each Statement of Work issued under this Call-Off Contract
- The Supplier shall ensure that no Supplier Staff who discloses that they have a Relevant Conviction, or who is found to have any Relevant Convictions (whether as a result of a police check or through the vetting procedure of HMG Baseline Personnel

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Security Standard or through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) or otherwise), is employed or engaged in any part of the provision of the Services without the prior written approval of the Buyer. Subject to the Data Protection Legislation, the Supplier shall disclose the results of their vetting process, immediately to the Buyer. The decision as to whether any of the Supplier's Staff are allowed to perform activities in relation to the Call Off Contract, is entirely at the Buyer's sole discretion.

- The Supplier shall be required to undertake annual periodic checks during the Call Off Contract Period of its Staff, in accordance with HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard so as to determine the Supplier Staff suitability to continue to Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template, Statement of Work Template and Call-Off Schedules) 5 provide Services under the Call Off Contract. The Supplier shall ensure that any Supplier Staff who discloses a Relevant Conviction (either spent or unspent), or is found by the Supplier to have a Relevant Conviction through standard national vetting procedures or otherwise, is immediately disclosed to the Buyer. The Supplier shall ensure that the individual staff member immediately ceases all activity in relation to the Call Off Contract, until the Buyer has reviewed the case, on an individual basis, and has made a final decision.
- Where the Buyer decides that a Supplier Staff should be removed from performing activities, as a result of obtaining information referred to in clause 1 and/or 2 above in relation to the Call Off Contract, the Supplier shall promptly and diligently replace any individual identified.
- Please refer to the defined terms section for further information on 'Conviction' & 'Relevant Conviction'.

### **Term**

#### **Conviction**

### **Definition**

Means other than for minor road traffic offences, any previous or pending prosecutions, convictions, cautions and binding over orders (including any spent convictions as contemplated by section 1(1) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the exemptions specified in Part II of Schedule 1 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 (SI 1975/1023) or any replacement or amendment to that Order

#### **Relevant Conviction**

Means a Conviction that is relevant to the nature of the Services to be provided, at the discretion of the Buyer

### **Special Term 2:**

- All agreements for in-office working will comply with the relevant and prevailing Government guidance on restrictions to movement. When in-office working takes place, the location will be specified in the Statement of Work (Primary Location).
- Expenses cannot be claimed for travel to the Primary Location of work when in-office working is required. Some work may be UK wide and travel may be required to other DfE offices.
- When travel to other DfE sites is required, all costs incurred must comply with the

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prevailing DfE Travel and Subsistence policy. Parking is not available on DfE sites. Costs for additional roles required within this contract will be discussed as needed.

- Should base location vary it will be outlined and agreed upon the individual statements of work.

### Special Term 3:

- The latest start date will be outlined in each individual statement of work. Except for in exceptional circumstances, and as agreed with the buyer

### Special Term 4:

- Contractors must work within the United Kingdom unless agreed by the Department on an individual basis.
- Contractors must not take any departmental equipment abroad or access the departmental network whilst outside the United Kingdom unless agreed by the Department on an individual basis

### Special Term 5:

- The Department's standard approach to pricing mechanism will be 'Capped Time and Materials (CTM) however we reserve the right to use any of the other approaches as listed in the call-off charges section.

<b>Call-Off Start Date:</b>	22/07/2022
<b>Call-Off Expiry Date:</b>	21/07/2024
<b>Call-Off Initial Period:</b>	24 months
<b>Call-Off Optional Extension Period:</b>	Up to a maximum 6-months extension period.
<b>Minimum Notice Period for Extensions:</b>	30 days
<b>Call-Off Contract Value:</b>	The total maximum value for this contract is £550,000 ex VAT

### Call-Off Deliverables

[Digital Outcomes & Specialists 5 - CCS \(crowncommercial.gov.uk\)](https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk)

### Buyer's Standards

From the Start Date of this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier shall comply with the relevant (and current as of the Call-Off Start Date) Standards referred to in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification). The Buyer requires the Supplier to comply with the following additional Standards for this Call-Off Contract:

### Cyber Essentials Scheme

The Buyer requires the Supplier, in accordance with Call-Off Schedule 26 (Cyber Essentials Scheme) to provide a Cyber Essentials Certificate within three months of commencement of this contract and provision of any Deliverables under this Call-Off Contract.

### Maximum Liability

The limitation of liability for this Call-Off Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms as amended by the Framework Award Form Special Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first Contract Year is £275,000.

### Call-Off Charges

- 1 Capped Time and Materials (CTM)
- 2 Incremental Fixed Price
- 3 Time and Materials (T&M)
- 4 Fixed Price
- 5 A combination of two or more of the above Charging methods]

Where non-UK Supplier Staff (including Subcontractors) are used to provide any element of the Deliverables under this Call-Off Contract, the applicable rate card(s) shall be incorporated into Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details and Expenses Policy) and the Supplier shall, under each SOW, charge the Buyer a rate no greater than those set out in the applicable rate card for the Supplier Staff undertaking that element of work on the Deliverables.

### Reimbursable Expenses



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### Payment Method

<b>Invoice (including Electronic Invoice) details</b>	The supplier will issue electronic invoices monthly in arrears. The buyer will make payment of the invoice within 30 days of the date of a valid invoice. Invalid invoices will be rejected in their entirety and the Buyer cannot make part-payment against an invalid invoice. An invalid invoice should be credited in full and replaced in its entirety with a valid invoice.
<b>Buyer's Invoice Address</b>	DfE, Cheylesmore House, Quinton Rd Coventry CV1 2WT

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<p><b>Who and where to send invoices to:</b></p>	<p>Invoices must be sent to:                  [REDACTED] &amp; [REDACTED]</p> <p>All invoices must quote the valid Purchase Order Number relating to each Statement of Work to ensure prompt payment in accordance with terms.</p>
<p><b>Invoice information required – e.g PO, project ref, etc.</b></p>	<p>A valid invoice will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be dated and have a unique invoice number;</li> <li>• quote a valid purchase order number;</li> <li>• include correct Supplier details;</li> <li>• specify the services supplied;</li> <li>• include the correct SOW reference;</li> <li>• be for the correct sum;</li> <li>• provide contact details for queries.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Invoice Frequency</b></p>	<p>Monthly in arrears</p>

**Buyer’s Environmental Policy**

To be confirmed

**Buyer’s Security Policy**



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<p><b>Buyer’s Authorised Representative:</b></p>	<p>[REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Supplier’s Authorised Representative:</b></p>	<p>[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Supplier’s Contract Manager:</b></p>	<p>[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Progress Report Frequency:</b></p>	<p>Monthly</p>

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<b>Progress Meeting Frequency:</b>	Monthly
<b>Key Staff:</b>	To be outlined in each individual Statement of Work and include the Worker Engagement Route (including whether inside or outside IR35 and whether there is a requirement to issue a Status Determination Statement)
<b>Key Subcontractors:</b>	N/A
<b>Commercially Sensitive Information:</b>	██████████
<b>Material KPI's:</b>	Outlined in call-off schedule 14 (Service Levels and Balanced Scorecard).  Service specific KPI's will be outlined in each individual statement of work.
<b>Additional Insurance:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Guarantee:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Social Value Commitment:</b>	The Supplier agrees, in providing the Deliverables and performing its obligations under the Call-Off Contract, that it will comply with the social value commitments in Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender)

**Social Value Commitment**

The Supplier agrees, in providing the Deliverables and performing its obligations under the Call-Off Contract, that it will comply with the social value commitments in Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender)]

**Statement of Works**

During the Call-Off Contract Period, the Buyer and Supplier may agree and execute completed Statement of Works. Upon execution of a Statement of Work the provisions detailed therein shall be incorporated into the Call-Off Contract to which this Order Form relates.

	<b>Supplier:</b>	<b>Buyer:</b> Signed for an on behalf of The Secretary of State for Education
Name:		
Title:		
Signature:		
Date:		

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## Annex 1 (Template Statement of Work)

### 1 Statement of Works (SOW) Details

Upon execution, this SOW forms part of the Call-Off Contract (reference below).

The Parties will execute a SOW for each set of Buyer Deliverables required. Any ad-hoc Deliverables requirements are to be treated as individual requirements in their own right and the Parties should execute a separate SOW in respect of each, or alternatively agree a Variation to an existing SOW.

All SOWs must fall within the Specification and provisions of the Call-Off Contract.

The details set out within this SOW apply only in relation to the Deliverables detailed herein and will not apply to any other SOWs executed or to be executed under this Call-Off Contract, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.

Each Statement of Work will have a tailored UK GDPR Clause & Schedule

## Schedule 3 - Statement of Work (SOW)

Issued in accordance with Contract 'con\_XXX' and including Pricing Arrangements, Deliverables and Key Contacts.

### 3.1 SOW Summary

<b>Date SOW Submitted:</b>	[insert date]
<b>SOW Reference:</b>	[supplied by D & T Contracts Team]
<b>SOW Value:</b>	[insert agreed SOW value]
<b>Buyer:</b>	[insert Directorate/team and contact details]
<b>Supplier:</b>	[insert supplier name]
<b>Start Date Required:</b>	[insert the date you require services to commence]
<b>End Date:</b>	[Insert the date you require services to end]
<b>Estimated Duration of SOW:</b>	[insert number of days]
<b>Work Package Title:</b>	[insert name of your project]
<b>Phase(s) of Development:</b>	[insert the phase(s) of your project, i.e. Discovery, Alpha, Private Beta, Public Beta, Live, multiples thereof or N/A]
<b>Location Required:</b>	[insert the primary location of this work, any secondary DfE locations they may need to travel to and any other non-DfE locations they may need to travel to]
<b>Project/Programme Background and Objectives:</b>	<i>[Briefly describe the scope of work required to be completed by the supplier based on current position of work. It may be appropriate to discuss work which has been done previously to inform the current requirements]</i>
<b>Overview of Work Package Requirements:</b>	<i>[Provide a high-level overview of what needs to be achieved in each specific area the SOW relates to, for the period which the call off covers. These should be clear descriptions so the supplier is aware of what should be achieved throughout the course of the call off. It should separate all workflows covered by the call-off so that different deliverables can be set against them for each SOW]</i>

<p><b>Work Package Approach:</b></p>	<p>The work shall be delivered in accordance with: [Delete or add as appropriate]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GDS Service Standards</li> <li>• DFE Mock Alpha Assessment Standards</li> <li>• Agile Methodology</li> <li>• GDPR compliance</li> <li>• Accessibility standards (WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standard)</li> <li>• DDaT Capability Framework</li> <li>• Technology Code of Practice</li> <li>• Government Design System</li> </ul> <p>Further information on these standards is captured in section 3.7 within this document.</p>
<p><b>Funding Team and Cost Centre:</b></p>	<p>[insert funding details]</p>
<p><b>General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) considerations for this engagement</b></p>	<p>For each Statement of Work, Annex 1 – Data Processing is to be completed. Failure to do so will result in the request being rejected</p>

3.1.1 The Parties will execute a SOW for each release. Note that any ad-hoc Service requirements are to be treated as individual releases in their own right (in addition to the releases at the delivery stage); and the Parties should execute a separate SOW in respect of each.

3.1.2 The rights, obligations and details agreed by the Parties and set out in this SOW apply only in relation to the Services that are to be delivered under this SOW and will not apply to any other SOWs executed, or to be executed, under this Call-Off Contract unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

### 3.2 Deliverables, Acceptance Criteria & Milestones

3.2.1 To be added into the table below in agreement between the Buyer and Supplier on a work package by work package basis.

<p><b>Requirements</b> [Add/remove rows as required.]</p>	<p><b>Type of Participant</b></p>	<p><b>User Group</b> (General Pop, Access Needs or ADN)</p>	<p><b>Research Type</b> (Remote or F-2-F)</p>	<p><b>No. of Participants</b></p>	<p><b>Length of interviews</b></p>

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Work Package Deliverables and Outputs:	
Deliverable Date	Acceptance Criteria
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]
[insert date]	• [insert acceptance criteria]

<b>Charging Method(s):</b>	<p>The charging method for this work package is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capped Time and Materials</li> <li>• Invoiced monthly in arrears based on agreed Deliverables.</li> <li>• The Supplier will provide regular updates about the progress of work and will work with the Buyer to adapt and re-plan as necessary, including updating deliverables if required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Travel Expectations and Expenses:</b>	<p>All expenses <b>must</b> be claimed in accordance with the prevailing expenses policy operated by the Buyer. Invoices including claims for expenses which do not comply with this policy will be rejected in their entirety</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Estimated Expenses</td> <td style="width: 30%;">£xxx</td> </tr> </table>	Estimated Expenses	£xxx
Estimated Expenses	£xxx		

### 3.3 Supplier Response

<b>Introduction:</b>	[supplied by Supplier]
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<b>Requirements from DfE around how the team will be resourced:</b>	[supplied by Supplier]		
<b>Areas of potential complexity, and the assumptions we are making:</b>	[supplied by Supplier]		
<b>Timing:</b>	[supplied by Supplier]		
<b>Service Charges Breakdown</b> [supplied by Supplier]			
<b>Type</b>	<b>GBP (Unit)</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total (GBP)</b>
Recruitment Fee			
Incentives			
<b>Subtotal:</b>			
<b>VAT at 20%</b>			
<b>Total inclusive of VAT</b>			
<b>Areas that are out of scope:</b>	[supplied by Supplier]		
<b>End of Response</b>			

### 3.4 Assumptions & Dependencies

3.4.1 Risks or contingencies will be included in the Charges. The Parties agree that the following assumptions & dependencies will apply in relation to the Charges:

<b>Assumptions:</b>	1) Any Intellectual Property (IP) created during or for this work package is owned by the Department for Education.
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	<p>2) Work for the department must be conducted using tools and accounts provided by the department. DfE will provide you with the tools or instances required to complete the deliverables set out in this SoW. Support is available where a particular tool essential for successful delivery or operations does not exist. Suppliers and contractors should not use their own tools or personal accounts for DfE work. Work practice reviews may be conducted to ensure compliance.</p> <p>[An assumption is what is believed to be true. These are anticipated events or circumstances that are expected during the project's life cycle.]</p>
<b>Dependencies</b>	<p>[Sets out the relationships between various tasks/deliverables", i.e. tasks that require input from other tasks to be completed, or activities that can't start until a previous activity is done]</p> <p>[These will vary between SOW and may not be applicable]</p>

### 3.5 Key Contacts

3.5.1 The Parties agree that the Key Contacts in respect of this Project are detailed in the table below.

3.5.2 Table of Key Contacts for on-boarding purposes:

Name	Role	Contact Details

### 3.6 Call-Off Contract Charges

3.6.1 For each individual Statement of Work (SOW), the applicable Call-Off Contract Charges (in accordance with the charging method in the Order Form) will be calculated using all of the following:

- the agreed relevant rates for Supplier staff or facilities, which are inclusive of any applicable expenses and exclusive of VAT and which were submitted to the Buyer during the Further Competition that resulted in the award of this Call-Off Contract.
- the number of days, or pro rata for every part of a day, that Supplier staff or facilities will be actively providing the Services during the term of the SOW.
- a contingency margin of up to 20% applied to the sum calculated on the basis of the above two points, to accommodate any changes to the SOW Deliverables during the term of the SOW (not applicable to Lot 3). The Supplier must obtain prior written approval from the Buyer before applying any contingency margin.

3.6.2 The Supplier will provide a detailed breakdown of rates based on time and materials Charges, inclusive of expenses and exclusive of VAT, with sufficient detail to enable the Buyer to verify the accuracy of the time and material Call-Off Contract Charges incurred.

The detailed breakdown for the provision of Services during the term of the SOW will include (but will not be limited to):

- a role description per Supplier Staff;
- a facilities description;
- the agreed relevant rate per day;
- any expenses charged per day, which are in line with the Buyer's expenses policy (if applicable);
- The number of days, or pro rata for every part day, they will be actively providing the Services during the term of the SOW; and
- The total cost per role / facility.

The Supplier will also provide a summary which is to include:

- Total value of this SOW;
- Overall Call-Off Contract value;
- Remainder of the value under overall Call-Off Contract Charge where:  
Remainder of value under overall call-Off Contract Charge – overall Call-Off Contract value – sum of total value of all SOWs invoiced;  
and
- Whether there is any risk of exceeding overall Call-Off Contract value (and thereby requiring a Contract Change Note (CCN) to continue delivery of Services).

3.6.3 If a capped or fixed price has been agreed for a SOW:

- The Supplier will continue at its own cost and expense to provide the

- Services even where the agreed price has been exceeded; and
- The Buyer will have no obligation or liability to pay for the cost of any Services delivered relating to this order after the agreed price has been exceeded.

3.6.4 Multiple SOWs can operate concurrently.

3.6.5 The Supplier will keep accurate records of the time spent by the Supplier Staff in providing the Services and will provide records to the Buyer for inspection on request (not applicable to Lot 3 Services).

### 3.7 Performance Standards & Quality Assurance

3.7.1 All outcomes delivered in relation to this work package will meet the performance standards set out below, unless otherwise agreed in this statement of work:

*Add/remove as appropriate*

Performance Standard/Requirements	Description
All work delivered by team members to be GDPR compliant and in line with departmental policies	<a href="#">Technology code of practice</a> <a href="#">Service Manual</a> <a href="#">GDPR guidance</a> (ICO) Internal DfE guidance on GDPR
All work to be delivered in line with agile methodology	<a href="#">Service Manual</a>
All services should meet the performance standards and expected skills of the roles set out in the DDaT profession capability framework	<a href="#">DDaT profession capability frameworks</a>
Accessibility standards	<a href="#">Understanding accessibility requirements for public sector bodies - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a> <a href="#">Understanding WCAG 2.1 - Service Manual - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
GDS Service Standards	<a href="#">Service Standard - Service Manual - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>
All services to adhere to the government design system , (unless agreed otherwise with the service owner)	<a href="#">Home – GOV.UK Design System (design-system.service.gov.uk)</a>

### 3.8 Variation

[This sets out the process in how any changes to deliverables or other aspects of the SOW will be agreed.]

- 3.8.1 As stated in the call-off contract, the client has the right to amend the rate of development or delivery of service contained within SOW when required. Should this occur; the Supplier and Client will mutually agree a variation within five calendar days.

### 3.9 Termination

[This should reference the agreements in place in the overarching call-off, and the terms that were agreed. This acts as assurance that we are not committed to spend of the period the SOW covers]

- 3.9.1 The Buyer reserves the right to terminate the SOW at any time, giving a notice period of five calendar days in which all development work will cease.
- 3.9.2 The notice period should be given in writing. The receiving party must acknowledge receipt of request within 24 hours.

### 3.10 Agreement of Statement of Works

- 3.10.1 By Signing this SOW, the Parties agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set out herein:

	Supplier:	Buyer:
Name:		
Title:		
Signature:		
Date:		

### 3.11 Annex 1 – Data Processing

- [If the Data Processing arrangements for this statement of work are not adequately captured in the overarching contract (Joint Schedule 11) then both parties will need to agree and capture the data processing arrangements in the table below.
- If the data processing arrangement is appropriately captured in the overarching contract, please delete the following table and add the following 'As per contract agreement'.
- If there are no personal data processing requirements for this statement of work, please remove the following table and add 'Not applicable'.]

For the purposes of this statement of work, the following table will be amended to set out the processing activities under this statement of work only:

Description	Details
<p>Identity of Controller for each Category of Personal Data</p>	<p><b>The Relevant Authority is Controller and the Supplier is Processor</b></p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that in accordance with paragraph 2 to paragraph 15 and for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Relevant Authority is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor of the following Personal Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● [Insert the scope of Personal Data for which the purposes and means of the Processing by the Supplier is determined by the Relevant Authority]</li> </ul> <p><b>The Supplier is Controller and the Relevant Authority is Processor</b></p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Supplier is the Controller and the Relevant Authority is the Processor in accordance with paragraph 2 to paragraph 15 of the following Personal Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● [Insert the scope of Personal Data which the purposes and means of the Processing by the Relevant Authority is determined by the Supplier]</li> </ul> <p><b>The Parties are Joint Controllers</b></p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that they are Joint Controllers for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● [Insert the scope of Personal Data which the purposes and means of the Processing is determined by the both Parties together]</li> </ul> <p><b>The Parties are Independent Controllers of Personal Data</b></p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that they are Independent Controllers for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Business contact details of Supplier Personnel for which the Supplier is the Controller,</li> <li>● Business contact details of any directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of Relevant Authority (excluding the Supplier Personnel) engaged in the performance of the Relevant Authority’s duties under the Contract) for which the Relevant Authority is the Controller,</li> <li>● [Insert the scope of other Personal Data provided by one Party who is Controller to the other Party who will separately determine the nature and purposes of its Processing the Personal Data on receipt e.g. where (1) the Supplier has professional or regulatory obligations in respect of Personal Data received, (2) a standardised service is such that the Relevant Authority cannot dictate the way in which Personal Data is processed by the Supplier, or (3) where the Supplier comes to the transaction with Personal Data for which it is already Controller for use by the Relevant Authority]</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>[Guidance</b> where multiple relationships have been identified above, please address the below rows in the table for in respect of each relationship identified]</p>
Duration of the Processing	[Clearly set out the duration of the Processing including dates]
Nature and purposes of the Processing	<p>[Be as specific as possible, but make sure that you cover all intended purposes.</p> <p>The nature of the Processing means any operation such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of data (whether or not by automated means) etc.</p> <p>The purpose might include: employment processing, statutory obligation, recruitment assessment etc.]</p>
Type of Personal Data	[Examples here include: name, address, date of birth, NI number, telephone number, pay, images, biometric data etc.]
Categories of Data Subject	[Examples include: Staff (including volunteers, agents, and temporary workers), customers/ clients, suppliers, patients, students / pupils, members of the public, users of a particular website etc.]
<p>Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete</p> <p>UNLESS requirement under Union or Member State law to preserve that type of data</p>	[Describe how long the data will be retained for, how it be returned or destroyed]

## **CCS Core Terms (version 3.0.9)**

### **1 Definitions used in the contract**

Interpret this Contract using Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions).

### **2 How the contract works**

- 2.1 The Supplier is eligible for the award of Call-Off Contracts during the Framework Contract Period.
- 2.2 CCS does not guarantee the Supplier any exclusivity, quantity or value of work under the Framework Contract.
- 2.3 CCS has paid one penny to the Supplier legally to form the Framework Contract. The Supplier acknowledges this payment.
- 2.4 If the Buyer decides to buy Deliverables under the Framework Contract it must use Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Award Procedure) and must state its requirements using Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules). If allowed by the Regulations, the Buyer can:
  - (a) make changes to Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules);
  - (b) create new Call-Off Schedules;
  - (c) exclude optional template Call-Off Schedules; and/or
  - (d) use Special Terms in the Order Form to add or change terms.
- 2.5 Each Call-Off Contract:
  - (a) is a separate Contract from the Framework Contract;
  - (b) is between a Supplier and a Buyer;
  - (c) includes Core Terms, Schedules and any other changes or items in the completed Order Form; and
  - (d) survives the termination of the Framework Contract.
- 2.6 Where the Supplier is approached by any Other Contracting Authority requesting Deliverables or substantially similar goods or services, the Supplier must tell them about this Framework Contract before accepting their order.
- 2.7 The Supplier acknowledges it has all the information required to perform its obligations under each Contract before entering into a Contract. When information is provided by a Relevant Authority no warranty of its accuracy is given to the Supplier.
- 2.8 The Supplier will not be excused from any obligation, or be entitled to additional Costs or Charges because it failed to either:
  - (a) verify the accuracy of the Due Diligence Information; or
  - (b) properly perform its own adequate checks.
- 2.9 CCS and the Buyer will not be liable for errors, omissions or misrepresentation of any information.
- 2.10 The Supplier warrants and represents that all statements made and documents submitted as part of the procurement of Deliverables are and remain true and accurate.

### **3 What needs to be delivered**

#### 3.1 All deliverables

##### 3.1.1 The Supplier must provide Deliverables:

- (a) that comply with the Specification, the Framework Tender Response and, in relation to a Call-Off Contract, the Call-Off Tender (if there is one);
- (b) to a professional standard;
- (c) using reasonable skill and care;
- (d) using Good Industry Practice;
- (e) using its own policies, processes and internal quality control measures as long as they do not conflict with the Contract;
- (f) on the dates agreed; and
- (g) that comply with Law.

##### 3.1.2 The Supplier must provide Deliverables with a warranty of at least 90 days from Delivery against all obvious defects.

#### 3.2 Goods clauses

##### 3.2.1 All Goods delivered must be new, or as new if recycled, unused and of recent origin.

##### 3.2.2 All manufacturer warranties covering the Goods must be assignable to the Buyer on request and for free.

##### 3.2.3 The Supplier transfers ownership of the Goods on Delivery or payment for those Goods, whichever is earlier.

##### 3.2.4 Risk in the Goods transfers to the Buyer on Delivery of the Goods, but remains with the Supplier if the Buyer notices damage following Delivery and lets the Supplier know within 3 Working Days of Delivery.

##### 3.2.5 The Supplier warrants that it has full and unrestricted ownership of the Goods at the time of transfer of ownership.

##### 3.2.6 The Supplier must deliver the Goods on the date and to the specified location during the Buyer's working hours.

##### 3.2.7 The Supplier must provide sufficient packaging for the Goods to reach the point of Delivery safely and undamaged.

##### 3.2.8 All deliveries must have a delivery note attached that specifies the order number, type and quantity of Goods.

##### 3.2.9 The Supplier must provide all tools, information and instructions the Buyer needs to make use of the Goods.

##### 3.2.10 The Supplier must indemnify the Buyer against the costs of any Recall of the Goods and give notice of actual or anticipated action about the Recall of the Goods.

##### 3.2.11 The Buyer can cancel any order or part order of Goods which has not been Delivered. If the Buyer gives less than 14 days' notice then it will pay the Supplier's reasonable and proven costs already incurred on the cancelled order as long as the Supplier takes all reasonable steps to minimise these costs.

##### 3.2.12 The Supplier must at its own cost repair, replace, refund or substitute (at the Buyer's option and request) any Goods that the Buyer rejects because they do not conform with Clause 3. If the Supplier does not do this it will pay the Buyer's costs including repair or re-supply by a third party.

### 3.3 Services clauses

- 3.3.1 Late Delivery of the Services will be a Default of a Call-Off Contract.
- 3.3.2 The Supplier must co-operate with the Buyer and third party suppliers on all aspects connected with the Delivery of the Services and ensure that Supplier Staff comply with any reasonable instructions.
- 3.3.3 The Supplier must at its own risk and expense provide all Supplier Equipment required to deliver the Services.
- 3.3.4 The Supplier must allocate sufficient resources and appropriate expertise to each Contract.
- 3.3.5 The Supplier must take all reasonable care to ensure performance does not disrupt the Buyer's operations, employees or other contractors.
- 3.3.6 The Supplier must ensure all Services, and anything used to Deliver the Services, are of good quality and free from defects.
- 3.3.7 The Buyer is entitled to withhold payment for partially or undelivered Services, but doing so does not stop it from using its other rights under the Contract.

## 4 Pricing and payments

- 4.1 In exchange for the Deliverables, the Supplier must invoice the Buyer for the Charges in the Order Form.
- 4.2 CCS must invoice the Supplier for the Management Charge and the Supplier must pay it using the process in Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information).
- 4.3 All Charges and the Management Charge
  - (a) exclude VAT, which is payable on provision of a valid VAT invoice; and
  - (b) include all costs connected with the Supply of Deliverables.
- 4.4 The Buyer must pay the Supplier the Charges within 30 days of receipt by the Buyer of a valid, undisputed invoice, in cleared funds using the payment method and details stated in the Order Form.
- 4.5 A Supplier invoice is only valid if it:
  - (a) includes all appropriate references including the Contract reference number and other details reasonably requested by the Buyer;
  - (b) includes a detailed breakdown of Delivered Deliverables and Milestone(s) (if any); and
  - (c) does not include any Management Charge (the Supplier must not charge the Buyer in any way for the Management Charge).
- 4.6 The Buyer must accept and process for payment an undisputed Electronic Invoice received from the Supplier.
- 4.7 The Buyer may retain or set-off payment of any amount owed to it by the Supplier if notice and reasons are provided.
- 4.8 The Supplier must ensure that all Subcontractors are paid, in full, within 30 days of receipt of a valid, undisputed invoice. If this does not happen, CCS or the Buyer can publish the details of the late payment or non-payment.
- 4.9 If CCS or the Buyer can get more favourable commercial terms for the supply at cost of any materials, goods or services used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables, then CCS or the Buyer may require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial

terms with the more favourable terms offered for the relevant items.

- 4.10 If CCS or the Buyer uses Clause 4.9 then the Framework Prices (and where applicable, the Charges) must be reduced by an agreed amount by using the Variation Procedure.
- 4.11 The Supplier has no right of set-off, counterclaim, discount or abatement unless they are ordered to do so by a court.

## **5 The buyer's obligations to the supplier**

- 5.1 If Supplier Non-Performance arises from an Authority Cause:
- (a) neither CCS or the Buyer can terminate a Contract under Clause 10.4.1;
  - (b) the Supplier is entitled to reasonable and proven additional expenses and to relief from liability and Deduction under this Contract;
  - (c) the Supplier is entitled to additional time needed to make the Delivery; and
  - (d) the Supplier cannot suspend the ongoing supply of Deliverables.
- 5.2 Clause 5.1 only applies if the Supplier:
- (a) gives notice to the Party responsible for the Authority Cause within 10 Working Days of becoming aware;
  - (b) demonstrates that the Supplier Non-Performance would not have occurred but for the Authority Cause; and
  - (c) mitigated the impact of the Authority Cause.

## **6 Record keeping and reporting**

- 6.1 The Supplier must attend Progress Meetings with the Buyer and provide Progress Reports when specified in the Order Form.
- 6.2 The Supplier must keep and maintain full and accurate records and accounts on everything to do with the Contract:
- (a) during the Contract Period;
  - (b) for 7 years after the End Date; and
  - (c) in accordance with GDPR,
- including but not limited to the records and accounts stated in the definition of Audit in Joint Schedule 1.
- 6.3 The Supplier must allow any Auditor access to their premises to verify all contract accounts and records of everything to do with the Contract and provide copies for an Audit.
- 6.4 The Supplier must provide information to the Auditor and reasonable co-operation at their request.
- 6.5 If the Supplier is not providing any of the Deliverables, or is unable to provide them, it must immediately:
- (a) tell the Relevant Authority and give reasons;
  - (b) propose corrective action; and
  - (c) provide a deadline for completing the corrective action.
- 6.6 The Supplier must provide CCS with a Self Audit Certificate supported by an audit report at the end of each Contract Year. The report must contain:
- (a) the methodology of the review;

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- (b) the sampling techniques applied;
- (c) details of any issues; and
- (d) any remedial action taken.

6.7 The Self Audit Certificate must be completed and signed by an auditor or senior member of the Supplier's management team that is qualified in either a relevant audit or financial discipline.

### **7 Supplier staff**

7.1 The Supplier Staff involved in the performance of each Contract must:

- (a) be appropriately trained and qualified;
- (b) be vetted using Good Industry Practice and the Security Policy; and
- (c) comply with all conduct requirements when on the Buyer's Premises.

7.2 Where a Buyer decides one of the Supplier's Staff is not suitable to work on a contract, the Supplier must replace them with a suitably qualified alternative.

7.3 If requested, the Supplier must replace any person whose acts or omissions have caused the Supplier to breach Clause 27.

7.4 The Supplier must provide a list of Supplier Staff needing to access the Buyer's Premises and say why access is required.

7.5 The Supplier indemnifies CCS and the Buyer against all claims brought by any person employed by the Supplier caused by an act or omission of the Supplier or any Supplier Staff.

### **8 Rights and protection**

8.1 The Supplier warrants and represents that:

- (a) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform each Contract;
- (b) each Contract is executed by its authorised representative;
- (c) it is a legally valid and existing organisation incorporated in the place it was formed;
- (d) there are no known legal or regulatory actions or investigations before any court, administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or threatened against it or its Affiliates that might affect its ability to perform each Contract;
- (e) it maintains all necessary rights, authorisations, licences and consents to perform its obligations under each Contract;
- (f) it does not have any contractual obligations which are likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform each Contract;
- (g) it is not impacted by an Insolvency Event; and
- (h) it will comply with each Call-Off Contract.

8.2 The warranties and representations in Clauses 2.10 and 8.1 are repeated each time the Supplier provides Deliverables under the Contract.

8.3 The Supplier indemnifies both CCS and every Buyer against each of the following:

- (a) wilful misconduct of the Supplier, Subcontractor and Supplier Staff that impacts the Contract; and
- (b) non-payment by the Supplier of any Tax or National Insurance.

8.4 All claims indemnified under this Contract must use Clause 26.

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- 8.5 CCS or a Buyer can terminate the Contract for breach of any warranty or indemnity where they are entitled to do so.
- 8.6 If the Supplier becomes aware of a representation or warranty that becomes untrue or misleading, it must immediately notify CCS and every Buyer.
- 8.7 All third party warranties and indemnities covering the Deliverables must be assigned for the Buyer's benefit by the Supplier.

### **9 Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)**

- 9.1 Each Party keeps ownership of its own Existing IPRs. The Supplier gives the Buyer a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable worldwide licence to use, change and sub-license the Supplier's Existing IPR to enable it to both:
  - (a) receive and use the Deliverables; and
  - (b) make use of the deliverables provided by a Replacement Supplier.
- 9.2 Any New IPR created under a Contract is owned by the Buyer. The Buyer gives the Supplier a licence to use any Existing IPRs and New IPRs for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations during the Contract Period.
- 9.3 Where a Party acquires ownership of IPRs incorrectly under this Contract it must do everything reasonably necessary to complete a transfer assigning them in writing to the other Party on request and at its own cost.
- 9.4 Neither Party has the right to use the other Party's IPRs, including any use of the other Party's names, logos or trademarks, except as provided in Clause 9 or otherwise agreed in writing.
- 9.5 If there is an IPR Claim, the Supplier indemnifies CCS and each Buyer against all losses, damages, costs or expenses (including professional fees and fines) incurred as a result.
- 9.6 If an IPR Claim is made or anticipated the Supplier must at its own expense and the Buyer's sole option, either:
  - (a) obtain for CCS and the Buyer the rights in Clause 9.1 and 9.2 without infringing any third party IPR; or
  - (b) replace or modify the relevant item with substitutes that do not infringe IPR without adversely affecting the functionality or performance of the Deliverables.
- 9.7 In spite of any other provisions of a Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of a Contract by the Buyer and placement of any contract task under it does not constitute an authorisation by the Crown under Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949. The Supplier acknowledges that any authorisation by the Buyer under its statutory powers must be expressly provided in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific IPR involved.

### **10 Ending the contract or any subcontract**

- 10.1 Contract Period
  - 10.1.1 The Contract takes effect on the Start Date and ends on the End Date or earlier if required by Law.
  - 10.1.2 The Relevant Authority can extend the Contract for the Extension Period by giving the Supplier no less than 3 Months' written notice before the Contract expires.
- 10.2 Ending the contract without a reason
  - 10.2.1 CCS has the right to terminate the Framework Contract at any time without reason by giving the Supplier at least 30 days' notice.

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10.2.2 Each Buyer has the right to terminate their Call-Off Contract at any time without reason by giving the Supplier not less than 90 days' written notice.

### 10.3 Rectification plan process

10.3.1 If there is a Default, the Relevant Authority may, without limiting its other rights, request that the Supplier provide a Rectification Plan.

10.3.2 When the Relevant Authority receives a requested Rectification Plan it can either:

- (a) reject the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan, giving reasons; or
- (b) accept the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan (without limiting its rights) and the Supplier must immediately start work on the actions in the Rectification Plan at its own cost, unless agreed otherwise by the Parties.

10.3.3 Where the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan is rejected, the Relevant Authority:

- (a) must give reasonable grounds for its decision; and
- (b) may request that the Supplier provides a revised Rectification Plan within 5 Working Days.

10.3.4 If the Relevant Authority rejects any Rectification Plan, including any revised Rectification Plan, the Relevant Authority does not have to request a revised Rectification Plan before exercising its right to terminate its Contract under Clause 10.4.3(a).

### 10.4 When CCS or the buyer can end a contract

10.4.1 If any of the following events happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate its Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- (a) there is a Supplier Insolvency Event;
- (b) there is a Default that is not corrected in line with an accepted Rectification Plan;
- (c) the Supplier does not provide a Rectification Plan within 10 days of the request;
- (d) there is any material Default of the Contract;
- (e) there is any material Default of any Joint Controller Agreement relating to any Contract;
- (f) there is a Default of Clauses 2.10, 9, 14, 15, 27, 32 or Framework Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials) (where applicable) relating to any Contract;
- (g) there is a consistent repeated failure to meet the Performance Indicators in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management);
- (h) there is a Change of Control of the Supplier which is not pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing;
- (i) if the Relevant Authority discovers that the Supplier was in one of the situations in 57(1) or 57(2) of the Regulations at the time the Contract was awarded; or
- (j) the Supplier or its Affiliates embarrass or bring CCS or the Buyer into disrepute or diminish the public trust in them.

10.4.2 CCS may terminate the Framework Contract if a Buyer terminates a Call-Off Contract for any of the reasons listed in Clause 10.4.1.

10.4.3 If any of the following non-fault based events happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate its Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

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- (a) the Relevant Authority rejects a Rectification Plan;
- (b) there is a Variation which cannot be agreed using Clause 24 (Changing the contract) or resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
- (c) if there is a declaration of ineffectiveness in respect of any Variation; or
- (d) any of the events in 73 (1) (a) or (c) of the Regulations happen.

### 10.5 When the supplier can end the contract

10.5.1 The Supplier can issue a Reminder Notice if the Buyer does not pay an undisputed invoice on time. The Supplier can terminate a Call-Off Contract if the Buyer fails to pay an undisputed invoiced sum due and worth over 10% of the annual Contract Value within 30 days of the date of the Reminder Notice

### 10.6 What happens if the contract ends

10.6.1 Where a Party terminates a Contract under any of Clauses 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.4.1, 10.4.2, 10.4.3, 10.5 or 20.2 or a Contract expires all of the following apply:

- (a) The Buyer's payment obligations under the terminated Contract stop immediately.
- (b) Accumulated rights of the Parties are not affected.
- (c) The Supplier must promptly repay to the Buyer any and all Charges the Buyer has paid in advance in respect of Deliverables not provided by the Supplier as at the End Date.
- (d) The Supplier must promptly delete or return the Government Data except where required to retain copies by Law.
- (e) The Supplier must promptly return any of CCS or the Buyer's property provided under the terminated Contract.
- (f) The Supplier must, at no cost to CCS or the Buyer, co-operate fully in the handover and re-procurement (including to a Replacement Supplier).

10.6.2 In addition to the consequences of termination listed in Clause 10.6.1, where the Relevant Authority terminates a Contract under Clause 10.4.1 the Supplier is also responsible for the Relevant Authority's reasonable costs of procuring Replacement Deliverables for the rest of the Contract Period.

10.6.3 In addition to the consequences of termination listed in Clause 10.6.1, if either the Relevant Authority terminates a Contract under Clause 10.2.1 or 10.2.2 or a Supplier terminates a Call-Off Contract under Clause 10.5:

- (a) the Buyer must promptly pay all outstanding Charges incurred to the Supplier;  
and
- (b) the Buyer must pay the Supplier reasonable committed and unavoidable Losses as long as the Supplier provides a fully itemised and costed schedule with evidence - the maximum value of this payment is limited to the total sum payable to the Supplier if the Contract had not been terminated.

10.6.4 In addition to the consequences of termination listed in Clause 10.6.1, where a Party terminates under Clause 20.2 each Party must cover its own Losses.

10.6.5 The following Clauses survive the termination or expiry of each Contract: 3.2.10, 4.2, 6, 7.5, 9, 11, 12.2, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31.3, 34, 35 and any Clauses and Schedules which are expressly or by implication intended to continue.

### 10.7 Partially ending and suspending the contract

10.7.1 Where CCS has the right to terminate the Framework Contract it can suspend the Supplier's ability to accept Orders (for any period) and the Supplier cannot enter into

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any new Call-Off Contracts during this period. If this happens, the Supplier must still meet its obligations under any existing Call-Off Contracts that have already been signed.

10.7.2 Where CCS has the right to terminate a Framework Contract it is entitled to terminate all or part of it.

10.7.3 Where the Buyer has the right to terminate a Call-Off Contract it can terminate or suspend (for any period), all or part of it. If the Buyer suspends a Contract it can provide the Deliverables itself or buy them from a third party.

10.7.4 The Relevant Authority can only partially terminate or suspend a Contract if the remaining parts of that Contract can still be used to effectively deliver the intended purpose.

10.7.5 The Parties must agree any necessary Variation required by Clause 10.7 using the Variation Procedure, but the Supplier may not either:

- (a) reject the Variation; or
- (b) increase the Charges, except where the right to partial termination is under Clause 10.2.

10.7.6 The Buyer can still use other rights available, or subsequently available to it if it acts on its rights under Clause 10.7.

10.8 When subcontracts can be ended

10.8.1 At the Buyer's request, the Supplier must terminate any Subcontracts in any of the following events:

- (a) there is a Change of Control of a Subcontractor which is not pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing;
- (b) the acts or omissions of the Subcontractor have caused or materially contributed to a right of termination under Clause 10.4; or
- (c) a Subcontractor or its Affiliates embarrasses or brings into disrepute or diminishes the public trust in the Relevant Authority.

## 11 How much you can be held responsible for

11.1 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under this Framework Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than £100,000.

11.2 Each Party's total aggregate liability in each Contract Year under each Call-Off Contract (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) is no more than the greater of £5 million or 150% of the Estimated Yearly Charges unless specified in the Call-Off Order Form

11.3 No Party is liable to the other for:

- (a) any indirect Losses; or
- (b) Loss of profits, turnover, savings, business opportunities or damage to goodwill (in each case whether direct or indirect).

11.4 In spite of Clause 11.1 and 11.2, neither Party limits or excludes any of the following

- (a) its liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Subcontractors;
- (b) its liability for bribery or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;
- (c) any liability that cannot be excluded or limited by Law;

- (d) its obligation to pay the required Management Charge or Default Management Charge.
- 11.5 In spite of Clauses 11.1 and 11.2, the Supplier does not limit or exclude its liability for any indemnity given under Clauses 7.5, 8.3, 9.5, 31.3 or Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer) of a Contract.
- 11.6 In spite of Clauses 11.1, 11.2 but subject to Clauses 11.3 and 11.4, the Supplier's aggregate liability in each and any Contract Year under each Contract under Clause 14.8 shall in no event exceed the Data Protection Liability Cap.
- 11.7 Each Party must use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any Loss or damage which it suffers under or in connection with each Contract, including any indemnities.
- 11.8 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 11.1 or 11.2 the following items will not be taken into consideration:
  - (a) Deductions; and
  - (b) any items specified in Clauses 11.5 or 11.6.
- 11.9 If more than one Supplier is party to a Contract, each Supplier Party is jointly and severally liable for their obligations under that Contract.

## **12 Obeying the law**

- 12.1 The Supplier must use reasonable endeavours to comply with the provisions of Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility).
- 12.2 To the extent that it arises as a result of a Default by the Supplier, the Supplier indemnifies the Relevant Authority against any fine or penalty incurred by the Relevant Authority pursuant to Law and any costs incurred by the Relevant Authority in defending any proceedings which result in such fine or penalty.
- 12.3 The Supplier must appoint a Compliance Officer who must be responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with Law, Clause 12.1 and Clauses 27 to 32.

## **13 Insurance**

- 13.1 The Supplier must, at its own cost, obtain and maintain the Required Insurances in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) and any Additional Insurances in the Order Form.

## **14 Data protection**

- 14.1 The Supplier must process Personal Data and ensure that Supplier Staff process Personal Data only in accordance with Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data).
- 14.2 The Supplier must not remove any ownership or security notices in or relating to the Government Data.
- 14.3 The Supplier must make accessible back-ups of all Government Data, stored in an agreed off-site location and send the Buyer copies every 6 Months.
- 14.4 The Supplier must ensure that any Supplier system holding any Government Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy and any applicable Security Management Plan.
- 14.5 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that the Government Data provided under a Contract is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded, then the Supplier must notify the Relevant Authority and immediately suggest remedial action.
- 14.6 If the Government Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded so as to be unusable the Relevant Authority may either or both:

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- (a) tell the Supplier to restore or get restored Government Data as soon as practical but no later than 5 Working Days from the date that the Relevant Authority receives notice, or the Supplier finds out about the issue, whichever is earlier; and/or
  - (b) restore the Government Data itself or using a third party.
- 14.7 The Supplier must pay each Party's reasonable costs of complying with Clause 14.6 unless CCS or the Buyer is at fault.
- 14.8 The Supplier:
- (a) must provide the Relevant Authority with all Government Data in an agreed open format within 10 Working Days of a written request;
  - (b) must have documented processes to guarantee prompt availability of Government Data if the Supplier stops trading;
  - (c) must securely destroy all Storage Media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media using Good Industry Practice;
  - (d) securely erase all Government Data and any copies it holds when asked to do so by CCS or the Buyer unless required by Law to retain it; and
  - (e) indemnifies CCS and each Buyer against any and all Losses incurred if the Supplier breaches Clause 14 and any Data Protection Legislation.

## 15 What you must keep confidential

- 15.1 Each Party must:
- (a) keep all Confidential Information it receives confidential and secure;
  - (b) except as expressly set out in the Contract at Clauses 15.2 to 15.4 or elsewhere in the Contract, not disclose, use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent; and
  - (c) immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.
- 15.2 In spite of Clause 15.1, a Party may disclose Confidential Information which it receives from the Disclosing Party in any of the following instances:
- (a) where disclosure is required by applicable Law or by a court with the relevant jurisdiction if the Recipient Party notifies the Disclosing Party of the full circumstances, the affected Confidential Information and extent of the disclosure;
  - (b) if the Recipient Party already had the information without obligation of confidentiality before it was disclosed by the Disclosing Party;
  - (c) if the information was given to it by a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
  - (d) if the information was in the public domain at the time of the disclosure;
  - (e) if the information was independently developed without access to the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information;
  - (f) on a confidential basis, to its auditors;
  - (g) on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers on a need-to-know basis; or
  - (h) to the Serious Fraud Office where the Recipient Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the Disclosing Party is involved in activity that may be a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010.
- 15.3 In spite of Clause 15.1, the Supplier may disclose Confidential Information on a confidential basis to Supplier Staff on a need-to-know basis to allow the Supplier to

meet its obligations under the Contract. The Supplier Staff must enter into a direct confidentiality agreement with the Relevant Authority at its request.

15.4 In spite of Clause 15.1, CCS or the Buyer may disclose Confidential Information in any of the following cases:

- (a) on a confidential basis to the employees, agents, consultants and contractors of CCS or the Buyer;
- (b) on a confidential basis to any other Central Government Body, any successor body to a Central Government Body or any company that CCS or the Buyer transfers or proposes to transfer all or any part of its business to;
- (c) if CCS or the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers disclosure necessary or appropriate to carry out its public functions;
- (d) where requested by Parliament; or
- (e) under Clauses 4.8 and 16.

15.5 For the purposes of Clauses 15.2 to 15.4 references to disclosure on a confidential basis means disclosure under a confidentiality agreement or arrangement including terms as strict as those required in Clause 15.

15.6 Transparency Information is not Confidential Information.

15.7 The Supplier must not make any press announcement or publicise the Contracts or any part of them in any way, without the prior written consent of the Relevant Authority and must take all reasonable steps to ensure that Supplier Staff do not either.

## **16 When you can share information**

16.1 The Supplier must tell the Relevant Authority within 48 hours if it receives a request for Information.

16.2 Within five (5) Working Days of the Buyer's request the Supplier must give CCS and each Buyer full co-operation and information needed so the Buyer can:

- (a) publish the Transparency Information;
- (b) comply with any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request; and/or
- (c) comply with any Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request.

16.3 The Relevant Authority may talk to the Supplier to help it decide whether to publish information under Clause 16. However, the extent, content and format of the disclosure is the Relevant Authority's decision in its absolute discretion.

## **17 Invalid parts of the contract**

17.1 If any part of a Contract is prohibited by Law or judged by a court to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, it must be read as if it was removed from that Contract as much as required and rendered ineffective as far as possible without affecting the rest of the Contract, whether it is valid or enforceable.

## **18 No other terms apply**

18.1 The provisions incorporated into each Contract are the entire agreement between the Parties. The Contract replaces all previous statements, agreements and any course of dealings made between the Parties, whether written or oral, in relation to its subject matter. No other provisions apply.

## **19 Other people's rights in a contract**

19.1 No third parties may use the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (CRTPA) to enforce any term of the Contract unless stated (referring to CRTPA) in the Contract.

This does not affect third party rights and remedies that exist independently from CRTPA.

## **20 Circumstances beyond your control**

- 20.1 Any Party affected by a Force Majeure Event is excused from performing its obligations under a Contract while the inability to perform continues, if it both:
- (a) provides a Force Majeure Notice to the other Party; and
  - (b) uses all reasonable measures practical to reduce the impact of the Force Majeure Event.
- 20.2 Either Party can partially or fully terminate the affected Contract if the provision of the Deliverables is materially affected by a Force Majeure Event which lasts for 90 days continuously.

## **21 Relationships created by the contract**

- 21.1 No Contract creates a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship. The Supplier must represent themselves accordingly and ensure others do so.

## **22 Giving up contract rights**

- 22.1 A partial or full waiver or relaxation of the terms of a Contract is only valid if it is stated to be a waiver in writing to the other Party.

## **23 Transferring responsibilities**

- 23.1 The Supplier cannot assign, novate or transfer a Contract or any part of a Contract without the Relevant Authority's written consent.
- 23.2 The Relevant Authority can assign, novate or transfer its Contract or any part of it to any Central Government Body, public or private sector body which performs the functions of the Relevant Authority.
- 23.3 When CCS or the Buyer uses its rights under Clause 23.2 the Supplier must enter into a novation agreement in the form that CCS or the Buyer specifies.
- 23.4 The Supplier can terminate a Contract novated under Clause 23.2 to a private sector body that is experiencing an Insolvency Event.
- 23.5 The Supplier remains responsible for all acts and omissions of the Supplier Staff as if they were its own.
- 23.6 If CCS or the Buyer asks the Supplier for details about Subcontractors, the Supplier must provide details of Subcontractors at all levels of the supply chain including:
- (a) their name;
  - (b) the scope of their appointment; and
  - (c) the duration of their appointment.

## **24 Changing the contract**

- 24.1 Either Party can request a Variation which is only effective if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties.
- 24.2 The Supplier must provide an Impact Assessment either:
- (a) with the Variation Form, where the Supplier requests the Variation; or
  - (b) within the time limits included in a Variation Form requested by CCS or the Buyer.
- 24.3 If the Variation cannot be agreed or resolved by the Parties, CCS or the Buyer can either:

- (a) agree that the Contract continues without the Variation; or
  - (b) terminate the affected Contract, unless in the case of a Call-Off Contract, the Supplier has already provided part or all of the provision of the Deliverables, or where the Supplier can show evidence of substantial work being carried out to provide them; or
  - (c) refer the Dispute to be resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving Disputes).
- 24.4 CCS and the Buyer are not required to accept a Variation request made by the Supplier.
- 24.5 If there is a General Change in Law, the Supplier must bear the risk of the change and is not entitled to ask for an increase to the Framework Prices or the Charges.
- 24.6 If there is a Specific Change in Law or one is likely to happen during the Contract Period the Supplier must give CCS and the Buyer notice of the likely effects of the changes as soon as reasonably practical. They must also say if they think any Variation is needed either to the Deliverables, Framework Prices or a Contract and provide evidence:
- (a) that the Supplier has kept costs as low as possible, including in Subcontractor costs;
  - (b) and of how it has affected the Supplier's costs.
- 24.7 Any change in the Framework Prices or relief from the Supplier's obligations because of a Specific Change in Law must be implemented using Clauses 24.1 to 24.4.
- 24.8 For 101(5) of the Regulations, if the Court declares any Variation ineffective, the Parties agree that their mutual rights and obligations will be regulated by the terms of the Contract as they existed immediately prior to that Variation and as if the Parties had never entered into that Variation.

## **25 How to communicate about the contract**

- 25.1 All notices under the Contract must be in writing and are considered effective on the Working Day of delivery as long as they are delivered before 5:00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise the notice is effective on the next Working Day. An email is effective at 9:00am on the first Working Day after sending unless an error message is received.
- 25.2 Notices to CCS must be sent to the CCS Authorised Representative's address or email address in the Framework Award Form.
- 25.3 Notices to the Buyer must be sent to the Buyer Authorised Representative's address or email address in the Order Form.
- 25.4 This Clause does not apply to the service of legal proceedings or any documents in any legal action, arbitration or dispute resolution.

## **26 Dealing with claims**

- 26.1 If a Beneficiary is notified of a Claim then it must notify the Indemnifier as soon as reasonably practical and no later than 10 Working Days.
- 26.2 At the Indemnifier's cost the Beneficiary must both:
- (a) allow the Indemnifier to conduct all negotiations and proceedings to do with a Claim; and
  - (b) give the Indemnifier reasonable assistance with the claim if requested.
- 26.3 The Beneficiary must not make admissions about the Claim without the prior written consent of the Indemnifier which cannot be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 26.4 The Indemnifier must consider and defend the Claim diligently using competent legal

advisors and in a way that does not damage the Beneficiary's reputation.

26.5 The Indemnifier must not settle or compromise any Claim without the Beneficiary's prior written consent which it must not unreasonably withhold or delay.

26.6 Each Beneficiary must take all reasonable steps to minimise and mitigate any losses that it suffers because of the Claim.

26.7 If the Indemnifier pays the Beneficiary money under an indemnity and the Beneficiary later recovers money which is directly related to the Claim, the Beneficiary must immediately repay the Indemnifier the lesser of either:

(a) the sum recovered minus any legitimate amount spent by the Beneficiary when recovering this money; or

(b) the amount the Indemnifier paid the Beneficiary for the Claim.

## **27 Preventing fraud, bribery and corruption**

27.1 The Supplier must not during any Contract Period:

(a) commit a Prohibited Act or any other criminal offence in the Regulations 57(1) and 57(2); or

(b) do or allow anything which would cause CCS or the Buyer, including any of their employees, consultants, contractors, Subcontractors or agents to breach any of the Relevant Requirements or incur any liability under them.

27.2 The Supplier must during the Contract Period:

(a) create, maintain and enforce adequate policies and procedures to ensure it complies with the Relevant Requirements to prevent a Prohibited Act and require its Subcontractors to do the same;

(b) keep full records to show it has complied with its obligations under Clause 27 and give copies to CCS or the Buyer on request; and

(c) if required by the Relevant Authority, within 20 Working Days of the Start Date of the relevant Contract, and then annually, certify in writing to the Relevant Authority, that they have complied with Clause 27, including compliance of Supplier Staff, and provide reasonable supporting evidence of this on request, including its policies and procedures.

27.3 The Supplier must immediately notify CCS and the Buyer if it becomes aware of any breach of Clauses 27.1 or 27.2 or has any reason to think that it, or any of the Supplier Staff, has either:

(a) been investigated or prosecuted for an alleged Prohibited Act;

(b) been debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or is otherwise ineligible to take part in procurement programmes or contracts because of a Prohibited Act by any government department or agency;

(c) received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind related to a Contract; or

(d) suspected that any person or Party directly or indirectly related to a Contract has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.

27.4 If the Supplier notifies CCS or the Buyer as required by Clause 27.3, the Supplier must respond promptly to their further enquiries, co-operate with any investigation and allow the Audit of any books, records and relevant documentation.

27.5 In any notice the Supplier gives under Clause 27.3 it must specify the:

(a) Prohibited Act;

- (b) identity of the Party who it thinks has committed the Prohibited Act; and
- (c) action it has decided to take.

## **28 Equality, diversity and human rights**

- 28.1 The Supplier must follow all applicable equality Law when they perform their obligations under the Contract, including:
- (a) protections against discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, gender reassignment, religion or belief, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, maternity, age or otherwise; and
  - (b) any other requirements and instructions which CCS or the Buyer reasonably imposes related to equality Law.
- 28.2 The Supplier must take all necessary steps, and inform CCS or the Buyer of the steps taken, to prevent anything that is considered to be unlawful discrimination by any court or tribunal, or the Equality and Human Rights Commission (or any successor organisation) when working on a Contract.

## **29 Health and safety**

- 29.1 The Supplier must perform its obligations meeting the requirements of:
- (a) all applicable Law regarding health and safety; and
  - (b) the Buyer's current health and safety policy while at the Buyer Premises, as provided to the Supplier.
- 29.2 The Supplier and the Buyer must as soon as possible notify the other of any health and safety incidents or material hazards they are aware of at the Buyer Premises that relate to the performance of a Contract.

## **30 Environment**

- 30.1 When working on Site the Supplier must perform its obligations under the Buyer's current Environmental Policy, which the Buyer must provide.
- 30.2 The Supplier must ensure that Supplier Staff are aware of the Buyer's Environmental Policy.

## **31 Tax**

- 31.1 The Supplier must not breach any Tax or social security obligations and must enter into a binding agreement to pay any late contributions due, including where applicable, any interest or any fines. CCS and the Buyer cannot terminate a Contract where the Supplier has not paid a minor Tax or social security contribution.
- 31.2 Where the Charges payable under a Contract with the Buyer are or are likely to exceed £5 million at any point during the relevant Contract Period, and an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier must notify CCS and the Buyer of it within 5 Working Days including:
- (a) the steps that the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
  - (b) other information relating to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance that CCS and the Buyer may reasonably need.
- 31.3 Where the Supplier or any Supplier Staff are liable to be taxed or to pay National Insurance contributions in the UK relating to payment received under a Call-Off Contract, the Supplier must both:
- (a) comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other

statutes and regulations relating to income tax, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (including IR35) and National Insurance contributions; and

- (b) indemnify the Buyer against any Income Tax, National Insurance and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made during or after the Contract Period in connection with the provision of the Deliverables by the Supplier or any of the Supplier Staff.

31.4 If any of the Supplier Staff are Workers who receive payment relating to the Deliverables, then the Supplier must ensure that its contract with the Worker contains the following requirements:

- (a) the Buyer may, at any time during the Contract Period, request that the Worker provides information which demonstrates they comply with Clause 31.3, or why those requirements do not apply, the Buyer can specify the information the Worker must provide and the deadline for responding;
- (b) the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker fails to provide the information requested by the Buyer within the time specified by the Buyer;
- (c) the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker provides information which the Buyer considers is not good enough to demonstrate how it complies with Clause 31.3 or confirms that the Worker is not complying with those requirements; and
- (d) the Buyer may supply any information they receive from the Worker to HMRC for revenue collection and management.

## 32 Conflict of interest

32.1 The Supplier must take action to ensure that neither the Supplier nor the Supplier Staff are placed in the position of an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

32.2 The Supplier must promptly notify and provide details to CCS and each Buyer if a Conflict of Interest happens or is expected to happen.

32.3 CCS and each Buyer can terminate its Contract immediately by giving notice in writing to the Supplier or take any steps it thinks are necessary where there is or may be an actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

## 33 Reporting a breach of the contract

33.1 As soon as it is aware of it the Supplier and Supplier Staff must report to CCS or the Buyer any actual or suspected breach of:

- (a) Law;
- (b) Clause 12.1; or
- (c) Clauses 27 to 32.

33.2 The Supplier must not retaliate against any of the Supplier Staff who in good faith reports a breach listed in Clause 33.1 to the Buyer or a Prescribed Person.

## 34 Resolving disputes

34.1 If there is a Dispute, the senior representatives of the Parties who have authority to settle the Dispute will, within 28 days of a written request from the other Party, meet in good faith to resolve the Dispute.

34.2 If the Dispute is not resolved at that meeting, the Parties can attempt to settle it by mediation using the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Model Mediation Procedure current at the time of the Dispute. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator,

the mediator will be nominated by CEDR. If either Party does not wish to use, or continue to use mediation, or mediation does not resolve the Dispute, the Dispute must be resolved using Clauses 34.3 to 34.5.

34.3 Unless the Relevant Authority refers the Dispute to arbitration using Clause 34.4, the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales have the exclusive jurisdiction to:

- (a) determine the Dispute;
- (b) grant interim remedies; and/or
- (c) grant any other provisional or protective relief.

34.4 The Supplier agrees that the Relevant Authority has the exclusive right to refer any Dispute to be finally resolved by arbitration under the London Court of International Arbitration Rules current at the time of the Dispute. There will be only one arbitrator. The seat or legal place of the arbitration will be London and the proceedings will be in English.

34.5 The Relevant Authority has the right to refer a Dispute to arbitration even if the Supplier has started or has attempted to start court proceedings under Clause 34.3, unless the Relevant Authority has agreed to the court proceedings or participated in them. Even if court proceedings have started, the Parties must do everything necessary to ensure that the court proceedings are stayed in favour of any arbitration proceedings if they are started under Clause 34.4.

34.6 The Supplier cannot suspend the performance of a Contract during any Dispute.

### **35 Which law applies**

35.1 This Contract and any Disputes arising out of, or connected to it, are governed by English law.