

Order Form

CALL-OFF REFERENCE: 22_01_03 – IT Hardware
THE BUYER: NHS Business Services Authority
BUYER ADDRESS: Stella House, Goldcrest Way, Newburn Riverside,
Newcastle-Upon Tyne, NE15 8NY
THE SUPPLIER: Computacenter (UK) Limited
SUPPLIER ADDRESS: Hatfield Avenue, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9TW
REGISTRATION NUMBER: 01584718
DUNS NUMBER: 22-602-3463
SID4GOV ID: Not applicable

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: NHS Counter Fraud Authority
RELEVANT AUTHORITY ADDRESS: 9th Floor, Earlsdon Park, 55 Butts Road, Coventry,
CV1 3BH

APPLICABLE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT

This Order Form is for the provision of the Call-Off Deliverables and dated 3rd August 2022.
It's issued under the Framework Contract with the reference number RM6068 for the
provision of Technology Products and Associated Services.

CALL-OFF LOT(S):

- Lot 2 Hardware & Associated Services

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 and Interpretation) RM6068
- 3 The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:
 - Joint Schedules for RM6068
 - Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)
 - Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)
 - Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)
 - Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)
 - Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)

- Call-Off Schedules for 22_01_03: IT Hardware
 - Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)
 - Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)
 - Call-Off Schedule 8 (Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery) Part B Short Form
 - Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management) Part B Short Form
 - Call-Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels)
 - Call-Off Schedule 15 (Call-Off Contract Management)
 - Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking)
 - Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)
- 4 CCS Core Terms (version 3.0.6)
- 5 Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM6068
- 6 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:

None.

CALL-OFF START DATE:	03 August 2022
CALL-OFF EXPIRY DATE:	02 August 2025
CALL-OFF INITIAL PERIOD:	3 Years, 0 Months
CALL-OFF OPTIONAL EXTENSION PERIOD	Two Extension Periods of up to 12 Months each, at the sole discretion of the Buyer.

CALL-OFF DELIVERABLES

See details in Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification) as amended by the Supplier Tender Response and Pricing Schedule in Appendix C.1

LOCATION FOR DELIVERY

Deliveries may be made to any Buyer Site, as located throughout England and Wales.

It is intended that the main Buyer Site for deliveries will be as follows:

Unit 5
Greenfinch Way
Newburn Riverside
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
NE15 8NX

Title to Goods is transferred to the Buyer on payment to the Supplier in full (save in respect of Software where title to the same shall remain with the relevant licensor).

DATES FOR DELIVERY OF THE DELIVERABLES

The Supplier shall commence provision of the Services in line with the Specification from the Start Date.

The Supplier shall Deliver the Goods in line with the timescales mutually agreed on an individual order-by-order basis.

TESTING OF DELIVERABLES

Option B:

If Testing is required, the Buyer will communicate in writing to the Supplier, on a case-by-case basis, the:

- details of the Tests to be performed;
- Test Period; and
- Test Success Criteria.

The Supplier will provide Test Devices as appropriate in line with the Buyer's Testing requirements.

WARRANTY PERIOD

The warranty period for the purposes of Clause 3.1.2 shall be the duration of any guarantee or warranty period the Supplier has received from the third party manufacturer or supplier.

MAXIMUM LIABILITY

The limitation of liability for this Call-Off Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first Contract Year is £1,151,319 exc. VAT.

CALL-OFF CHARGES

See details in Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

The estimated Charges during the Initial Period are £3,453,958 exc. VAT.

The Contract Value (including Extension Periods, optional requirements for a full estate refresh, and growth to cater for increase in volumes and potential industry/currency price increases) shall be £7,791,675 exc. VAT.

The Charges will not be impacted by any change to the Framework Prices. The Charges can only be changed by agreement in writing between the Buyer and the Supplier because of a Specific Change in Law or Benchmarking using Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) where this is used.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

If any Associated Services are required to take place at a Buyer Site, Reimbursable Expenses may apply and shall be in line with the then-current NHSBSA Travel and Subsistence Policy, available on request from the Buyer.

PAYMENT METHOD

The Supplier shall submit invoices directly to the billing address as per the Buyer's order. The Supplier shall invoice the Buyer for Goods on Delivery and for Services as per the Supplier's quotation. Payment to be made via BACS.

BUYER'S INVOICE ADDRESS:

Address:

Accounts Payable

Stella House

Goldcrest Way

Newburn Riverside

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

NE15 8NY

Email (preferred delivery method): nhsbsa.accountspayable@nhs.net

BUYER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

REDACTED

BUYER'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Detailed in Appendix A to this Order Form.

BUYER'S SECURITY POLICY

Detailed in Appendix B to this Order Form.

SUPPLIER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

REDACTED

SUPPLIER'S CONTRACT MANAGER

REDACTED

PROGRESS REPORT FREQUENCY

Not used.

PROGRESS MEETING FREQUENCY

Not used.

KEY STAFF

Supplier:

REDACTED

Buyer:

REDACTED

KEY SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

Not applicable

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Supplier Tender Response and Schedule 5 Pricing

SERVICE CREDITS

Not applicable.

The Service Period is one (1) Month.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCES

Not applicable

GUARANTEE

Not applicable

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 detailed in Call-Off Schedule 20 (Specification), Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender) and the Call-Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels).

SIGNATURES

For and on behalf of the Supplier:
SIGNED VIA DOCUSIGN

For and on behalf of the Buyer:
SIGNED VIA DOCUSIGN

Appendix A (Buyer's Environmental Policy)

Environmental policy

The NHSBSA is a Special Health Authority and an Arm's Length Body (ALB) of the Department of Health (DH). We provide a range of critical central services to NHS organisations, NHS contractors, patients and the public. The NHSBSA was created in 2006 by bringing together a number of previously separate NHS organisations. We still deliver the core range of services we started with and have taken on additional services as our stakeholders' needs have evolved.

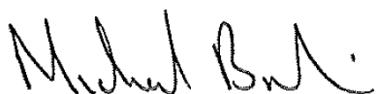
We recognise that our activities, products and services, and the way we choose to deliver them, can have both a negative and positive impact upon the environment, and therefore an impact upon our employees and local communities.

We are committed to:

- ✓ protecting the environment and preventing pollution caused by what we do
- ✓ ensuring that we comply with environmental laws related to what we do, and meeting the requirements of other policies, strategies etc. we support such as those created by Government, Department of Health and NHS
- ✓ continually improve our environmental management system to enhance our performance by setting and reviewing objectives and targets relevant to the NHSBSA each year. We focus on:
 - maintaining an appropriate governance framework, which ensures continual improvement and a commitment to fulfil our compliance obligations
 - reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change
 - reducing waste and maximising resource efficiency
 - reducing water use
 - creating wider environmental, social and economic value, through our activities and our supply chain

We will achieve this by:

- ✓ operating an NHSBSA-wide environmental management system, which instructs staff and others on how to carry out key activities
- ✓ training and coaching staff (and others where appropriate) to ensure they understand how to play their part
- ✓ communicating with staff (and others where appropriate) about environmental issues
- ✓ actively engaging with relevant forums and groups to learn from others and share our knowledge and experience



Michael Brodie, Chief Executive NHSBSA

Appendix B (Buyer's Information Security Policy)

Information Security Policy

Issue sheet

Document reference	ISMSPOL 001
Document location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security and Information Governance webpage on MYHUB - ISMS sub-folder under Clause 5.2
Title	NHSBSA Information Security Policy
Author	Information Security Risk and Business Continuity Manager
Owner	NHSBSA CEO and NHSBSA SIRO
Issued to	All NHSBSA staff
Reason issued	For information/action
Last reviewed	January 2021
Review Cycle	Annual
Date of Equality Assessment	No Impact
Date of Fraud Review	No Impact

Revision details

Version	Date	Amended by	Approved by	Details of amendments
Draft	July 2018	Lead Information Security Risk Manager		
Draft	August 2018	Head of Information Governance and Security Operations Manager		Comments and changes suggested from an IG and ICT Security perspective.
Draft	January 2019	Lead Information Security Risk Manager		Changes made to Policy statement section following BISG comments (Nov 2018) and ISMS IA of Clauses 4-10 (Jan 2019)
V1.0	February 2019	Lead Information Security Risk Manager	BISG	Info sec policy statement signed and ISMSPOL 001 communicated to staff
V1.1	December 2019	Information Security Risk and BC Manager		<p>Annual review process started.</p> <p>The following major elements have been updated;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Security policy statement - Updated and revised Information Security

				Objectives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included new roles, responsibilities and authorities - Inclusion of new Annex 2
V1.2	January 2020	Information Security Risk and BC Manager	Sent to wider security team for review and comment	Incorporated suggested changes and comments.
V1.3	February 2020	Information Security Risk and BC Manager		To be discussed at ISMS Management Review Group on 10/02/20 and BISG on 20/02/20.
V1.4	February 2020	Information Security Risk and BC Manager		Changes made following ISMS Mgt Review Group comments. BISG approval on 20/02/20
V2.0	February 2020	Information Security Risk and BC Manager	BISG	Approved at BISG 20/02/2020 – communicated to all staff.
V2.1	October 2020	Information Security Risk and BC Manager		Doc updated earlier than annual review period to reflect a number of key impacts/changes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of Info Sec objectives into a standalone document • CIA definitions now aligned with ISO 27000 • Removal of Annex 2 and replaced with a diagram (Still WIP). Sent to internal security functions for peer-review
V2.2	January 2021	Information Security Risk and BC Manager		Sent to BISG for review and approval
V3.0	January 2021	Information Security Risk and BC Manager	BISG	Approved at BISG

Information security policy statement

The NHSBSA is an Arm's Length Body (ALB) of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). We are responsible for providing platforms and delivering services which support the priorities of the NHS, Government and local health economies and in so doing we manage around £35 billion of NHS spend annually.

The volumes and sensitivity of data we hold requires the Leadership Team and Board to be accountable and demonstrate leadership and commitment in relation to information security to support our wider strategic goals and to support staff in their Information Security roles and responsibilities.

Our Information Security objectives continue to align and support the achievement of our strategic goals and CARE values. These are reviewed and tracked by the Information Security Management System (ISMS) Management Review Group as part of our quarterly review meetings.

In order to achieve our Information Security objectives, we continue to effectively manage, monitor and maintain our ISMS which is currently aligned with ISO 27001 '*Information Security management system requirements*' until such times as we become formally certified during 2021. We are committed to continually satisfying the requirements set out in ISO 27001 through our security governance structure and by having an effective ISMS documentation framework in place.

To ensure that our ISMS and security controls are implemented, operating effectively and demonstrating continual improvement, we are committed to determining and providing the necessary resources required to minimise our Information Security risks and effectively respond to the evolving landscape of internal and external threats which we face.

Our ISMS has been designed to ensure that reasonable care is taken to prevent inappropriate access, modification, or manipulation of data from taking place. In practice, this is executed through three core information security principles known as Confidentiality, Integrity & Availability (CIA);

- **Confidentiality** – property that information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorised individuals, entities, or processes
- **Integrity** - property of accuracy and completeness
- **Availability** – property of being accessible and usable on demand by an authorised entity

We will achieve these principles by continually monitoring and measuring our ISMS through metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to ensure it is operating effectively and achieving its intended outcomes.

We will ensure that we effectively communicate this policy to our staff and contractors and any associated interested parties as appropriate.

Our ISMS will be continually reviewed to ensure its effectiveness is maintained – this will include but is not limited to the following;

- An ISMS Internal Audit Programme to review the effectiveness of the ISMS, security controls and identified corrective actions
- Appropriate metrics and KPIs to continually monitor and measure ISMS performance
- Implementation of key outputs identified from risk treatment and management review activities
- A review of all documentation within the ISMS at appropriately timed intervals

Policy Statement and Authorities

1.1. This policy sets out the organisational intent and importance of Information Security in the NHSBSA with primary aim of preserving the CIA of NHSBSA information assets.

1.2. This policy will serve as a mechanism to achieve our *Information Security Objectives - ISMSOJT 105* which contributes towards the achievement of our strategic goals and CARE values.

1.3. It is the high-level overarching policy for Information Security supported and underpinned by a number of specific information, technical, physical and data protection policies, standards, guidance and procedures which are clearly set out in *ISMSLIS 017 Documentation Asset Log* and available to access [here](#).

- 1.4. Finally, this overarching policy forms part of our ISMS documented information set as part of our current alignment with ISO 27001 '*Information Security management system requirements*'.

Audience

- 2.1 This policy is intended to be read and understood by all NHSBSA staff, contractors, agency staff, Board and ARC members, suppliers, and wider Interested Parties (IPs) where appropriate.

Governance, Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities

- 3.1 There is an established ISMS governance structure in place which is provided at **Annex 1**.
- 3.2 Individual Terms of Reference (TOR) are in place for each of these key groups.
- 3.3 The following roles, responsibilities, and authorities in relation to our ISMS are summarised below and overleaf;

Accounting Officer is the Chief Executive and has overall organisational accountability for ensuring that Information Security is operating effectively across the NHSBSA

Staff and contractors must:

- Conform to security policies, standards, procedures and the appropriate protection of information assets.
- Be responsible for security and remain accountable for their actions in relation to NHS and other UK Government information and information systems.
- Complete mandatory annual training relating to Information Security within the timescales set to ensure that roles and responsibilities are understood.
- Safeguard hardware, software and information in their care.
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The Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO):

- Be responsible for Information Security and advise the Board on the effectiveness of Information Security across the NHSBSA

- Delegate operational responsibility for Information Security to the Head of Security and Information Governance (HOSIG)
- Provide the resources needed for the establishment, implementation, maintenance, and continual improvement of the ISMS
- Receive training as necessary to ensure they remain effective in their SIRO role

The Head of Security and Information Governance (HOSIG):

- Be responsible for the day-to-day operational effectiveness of this Information Security Policy and its associated policies, standards and procedures
- Lead on the provision of expert advice to the NHSBSA on all matters concerning information security, compliance with policies, setting standards and ensuring best practice
- Provide a central point of contact for information security matters
- Ensure the operational effectiveness of security controls and processes
- Ensure that information security risks are being assessed and treated to an acceptable pre-defined level
- Be accountable to the SIRO for Information Security across the NHSBSA

Information Security Risk and Business Continuity Manager:

- Be responsible for coordinating the ISMS for the NHSBSA
- Be responsible for the implementation and effectiveness of the ISMS and all of its supporting documentation
- Ensure that all information security risks are managed in accordance with *ISMSPCD 014 – Information Security Risk Management Framework*
- Ensure that ISMS Internal Audits are conducted in accordance with *ISMSPCD 008 ISMS Internal Audit Procedure*
- Ensure the delivery of the Security Education, Awareness and Training (EAT) Programme in line with - *ISMSLIS 029 Security EAT Programme*
- Undertake an annual review of all ISMS related documentation and objectives

Information Security Assurance Manager:

- Be responsible for the facilitation of all risk-based information security assurance activities across the NHSBSA
- Lead on information security incident management and ensure all incidents are investigated and mitigated accordingly
- Carry out ISMS Internal Audits and support wider ISMS activity
- Maintain and manage ISMS Policy documentation relating to areas of responsibility

Cyber Security Operations Manager:

- Be responsible for providing Cyber security advice, research, guidance and consultancy, vulnerability and threat intelligence.
- Provide Cyber security architecture and engineering resource to facilitate safe design and implementation of products and security controls
- Ensure that all technical security risks are managed in accordance with *ISMSPCD 014 – Information Security Risk Management Framework*

- Provision of and monitoring of security systems and controls and alerts thereof
- Investigations of Cyber security incidents

The Head of Technology Operations:

- Lead on the provision of expert advice to the NHSBSA on all matters concerning technical security, compliance with relevant policies, setting standards and ensuring best practice
- Provide a central point of contact for technical security matters
- Ensure the operational effectiveness of technical security controls and processes
- Be accountable to the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and other bodies for Technical Information Security across the NHSBSA

Information Asset Owners (IAOs) are Heads of Service or equivalent. The IAOs are senior staff members directly accountable to the SIRO and responsible for related services using Information Assets. They are also responsible;

- For understanding what information is held and why
- For knowing what is added and what is removed
- For understanding how information is moved
- For knowing who has access and why
- For ensuring their staff are aware of their Information Security responsibilities
- For ensuring their staff have completed mandatory Information Security training
- For ensuring this policy and its supporting policies, standards and procedures are built into local processes
- Delegate these responsibilities as appropriate to their staff

The Data Protection Officer (DPO):

- Be responsible for advising the NHSBSA on the best course of action to ensure that we always remain compliant with appropriate privacy and data protection legislation as set out in *ISMSLIS 062 - ISMS Compliance Risk Register*

The Caldicott Guardian:

- Be responsible for ensuring implementation of the Caldicott Principles and Data Security Standards with respect to Patient Confidential Data
- Further detailed roles & responsibilities are set out in the *Data Protection and Confidentiality Policy*

Compliance

4.1 In applying this policy, the NHSBSA will have due regard for the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equality of opportunity, and provide for good relations between people of diverse groups, in particular on the grounds of the following characteristics protected by the Equality Act (2010); age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation, in addition to offending background, trade union membership, or any other personal characteristic.

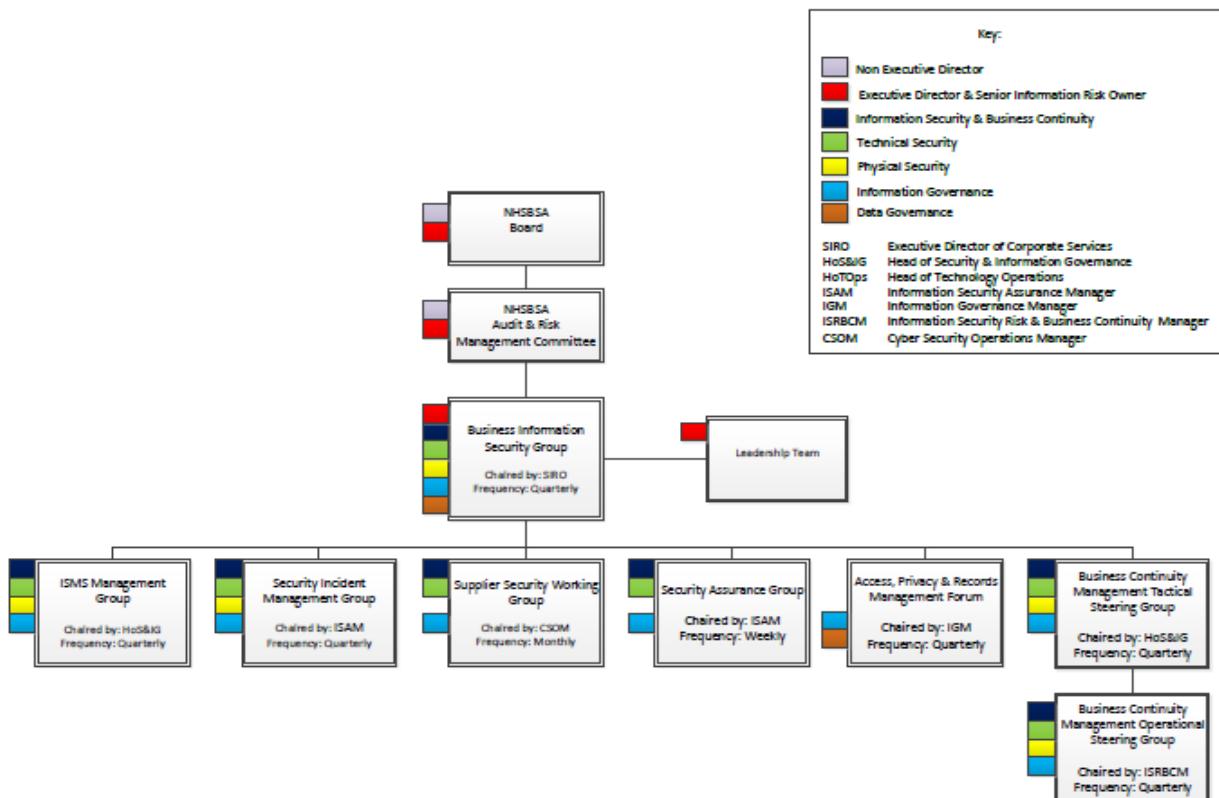
4.2 Compliance with this policy **MUST** be subject to internal and external audit to ensure its effectiveness. The following methods to verify this include but are not limited to;

- Periodic documentation reviews
- Business tool reports
- Reporting within the security governance structure
- Internal and external audits
- Feedback to the policy and standard owner

Further Information

5.1 If you require any further information and guidance on the content of this policy please contact the [Security and Information Governance Team](#) for further information.

Annex 1 – ISMS Governance Structure





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Core Terms

1 Definitions used in the contract

1.1 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 doesn't 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:

- make changes to Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules)
- create new Call-Off Schedules
- exclude optional template Call-Off Schedules
- use Special Terms in the Order Form to add or change terms

2.5 Each Call-Off Contract:

- is a separate Contract from the Framework Contract
- is between a Supplier and a Buyer
- includes Core Terms, Schedules and any other changes or items in the completed Order Form
- survives the termination of the Framework Contract

2.6 Where the Supplier is approached by an eligible buyer requesting Deliverables or substantially similar goods or services, the Supplier must tell them about this Framework Contract before accepting their order. The Supplier will promptly notify CCS if the eligible buyer won't use this Framework Contract.

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 won't be excused from any obligation, or be entitled to additional Costs or Charges because it failed to either:

- verify the accuracy of the Due Diligence Information
- properly perform its own adequate checks

2.9 CCS and the Buyer won't 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:

- 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)
- to a professional standard
- using reasonable skill and care
- using Good Industry Practice
- using its own policies, processes and internal quality control measures as long as they don't conflict with the Contract
- on the dates agreed
- 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 don't conform with Clause 3. If the Supplier doesn't 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:
 - exclude VAT, which is payable on provision of a valid VAT invoice
 - 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:
 - includes all appropriate references including the Contract reference number and other details reasonably requested by the Buyer
 - includes a detailed breakdown of Delivered Deliverables and Milestone(s) (if any)
 - doesn't include any Management Charge (the Supplier must not charge the Buyer in any way for the Management Charge)
- 4.6 The Buyer may retain or set-off payment of any amount owed to it by the Supplier if notice and reasons are provided.
- 4.7 The Supplier must ensure that all Subcontractors are paid, in full, within 30 days of receipt of a valid, undisputed invoice. If this doesn't happen, CCS or the Buyer can publish the details of the late payment or non-payment.
- 4.8 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 and that cost is reimbursable by the Buyer, then CCS or the Buyer may either:
 - require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial terms with the more favourable terms offered for the relevant items
 - enter into a direct agreement with the Subcontractor or third party for the relevant item

- 4.9 If CCS or the Buyer uses Clause 4.8 then the Framework Prices (and where applicable, the Charges) must be reduced by an agreed amount by using the Variation Procedure.
- 4.10 CCS and the Buyer's right to enter into a direct agreement for the supply of the relevant items is subject to both:
- the relevant item being made available to the Supplier if required to provide the Deliverables
 - any reduction in the Framework Prices (and where applicable, the Charges) excludes any unavoidable costs that must be paid by the Supplier for the substituted item, including any licence fees or early termination charges
- 4.11 The Supplier has no right of set-off, counterclaim, discount or abatement unless they're 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:
- neither CCS or the Buyer can terminate a Contract under Clause 10.4.1
 - the Supplier is entitled to reasonable and proven additional expenses and to relief from Delay Payments, liability and Deduction under this Contract
 - the Supplier is entitled to additional time needed to make the Delivery
 - the Supplier cannot suspend the ongoing supply of Deliverables
- 5.2 Clause 5.1 only applies if the Supplier:
- gives notice to the Party responsible for the Authority Cause within 10 Working Days of becoming aware
 - demonstrates that the Supplier Non-Performance only happened because of the Authority Cause
 - 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 for 7 years after the End Date.
- 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:
- tell the Relevant Authority and give reasons
 - propose corrective action
 - 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:
- the methodology of the review
 - the sampling techniques applied
 - details of any issues
 - 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:
- be appropriately trained and qualified
 - be vetted using Good Industry Practice and the Security Policy
 - comply with all conduct requirements when on the Buyer's Premises
- 7.2 Where a Buyer decides one of the Supplier's Staff isn't 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:
- it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform each Contract
 - each Contract is executed by its authorised representative
 - it is a legally valid and existing organisation incorporated in the place it was formed
 - 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
 - it maintains all necessary rights, authorisations, licences and consents to perform its obligations under each Contract
 - it doesn't have any contractual obligations which are likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform each Contract
 - it is not impacted by an Insolvency Event
 - 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:
- wilful misconduct of the Supplier, Subcontractor and Supplier Staff that impacts the Contract
 - non-payment by the Supplier of any tax or National Insurance
- 8.4 All claims indemnified under this Contract must use Clause 26.
- 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:
- receive and use the Deliverables
 - 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:
- obtain for CCS and the Buyer the rights in Clause 9.1 and 9.2 without infringing any third party IPR
 - replace or modify the relevant item with substitutes that don't infringe IPR without adversely affecting the functionality or performance of the Deliverables

10 Ending the contract

- 10.1 The Contract takes effect on the Start Date and ends on the End Date or earlier if required by Law.
- 10.2 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.

10.3 Ending the contract without a reason

10.3.1 CCS has the right to terminate the Framework Contract at any time without reason or liability by giving the Supplier at least 30 days' notice and if it's terminated Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies.

10.3.2 Each Buyer has the right to terminate their Call-Off Contract at any time without reason or liability by giving the Supplier not less than 90 days' written notice and if it's terminated Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies.

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:

- there's a Supplier Insolvency Event
- there's a Contract Default that is not corrected in line with an accepted Rectification Plan
- the Relevant Authority rejects a Rectification Plan or the Supplier does not provide it within 10 days of the request
- there's any material default of the Contract
- there's a Default of Clauses 2.10, 9, 14, 15, 27, 32 or Framework Schedule 9 (Cyber Essentials) (where applicable) relating to any Contract
- there's a consistent repeated failure to meet the Performance Indicators in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management)
- there's a Change of Control of the Supplier which isn't pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing
- there's a Variation to a Contract which cannot be agreed using Clause 24 (Changing the contract) or resolved using Clause 34 (Resolving disputes)
- 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
- the Court of Justice of the European Union uses Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) to declare that the Contract should not have been awarded to the Supplier because of a serious breach of the TFEU or the Regulations
- 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 there is a Default, the Relevant Authority can, without limiting its other rights, request that the Supplier provide a Rectification Plan.

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

- reject the Rectification Plan or revised Rectification Plan, giving reasons
- 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

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

- must give reasonable grounds for its decision
- may request that the Supplier provides a revised Rectification Plan within 5 Working Days

10.4.6 If any of the events in 73 (1) (a) to (c) of the Regulations happen, the Relevant Authority has the right to immediately terminate the Contract and Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies.

10.5 What happens if the contract ends

Where the Relevant Authority terminates a Contract under Clause 10.4.1 all of the following apply:

- 10.5.1 The Supplier is responsible for the Relevant Authority's reasonable costs of procuring Replacement Deliverables for the rest of the Contract Period.
- 10.5.2 The Buyer's payment obligations under the terminated Contract stop immediately.
- 10.5.3 Accumulated rights of the Parties are not affected.
- 10.5.4 The Supplier must promptly delete or return the Government Data except where required to retain copies by law.
- 10.5.5 The Supplier must promptly return any of CCS or the Buyer's property provided under the terminated Contract.
- 10.5.6 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).
- 10.5.7 The following Clauses survive the termination of each Contract: 3.2.10, 6, 7.2, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 34, 35 and any Clauses and Schedules which are expressly or by implication intended to continue.

10.6 When the supplier can end the contract

- 10.6.1 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.
- 10.6.2 If a Supplier terminates a Call-Off Contract under Clause 10.6.1:
 - the Buyer must promptly pay all outstanding Charges incurred to the Supplier
 - 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
 - Clauses 10.5.4 to 10.5.7 apply

10.7 When subcontracts can be ended

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

- there is a Change of Control of a Subcontractor which isn't pre-approved by the Relevant Authority in writing
- the acts or omissions of the Subcontractor have caused or materially contributed to a right of termination under Clause 10.4
- a Subcontractor or its Affiliates embarrasses or brings into disrepute or diminishes the public trust in the Relevant Authority

10.8 Partially ending and suspending the contract

- 10.8.1 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 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.
- 10.8.2 Where CCS has the right to terminate a Framework Contract it is entitled to terminate all or part of it.
- 10.8.3 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.
- 10.8.4 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.
- 10.8.5 The Parties must agree any necessary Variation required by Clause 10.8 using the Variation Procedure, but the Supplier may not either:
- reject the Variation
 - increase the Charges, except where the right to partial termination is under Clause 10.3
- 10.8.6 The Buyer can still use other rights available, or subsequently available to it if it acts on its rights under Clause 10.8.

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:
- any indirect Losses
 - 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:
- its liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Subcontractors
 - its liability for bribery or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees
 - any liability that cannot be excluded or limited by Law
 - 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, 12.2 or 14.8 or Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer) of a Contract.
- 11.6 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.

11.7 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 11.1 or 11.2 the following items will not be taken into consideration:

- Deductions
- any items specified in Clause 11.5

11.8 If more than one Supplier is party to a Contract, each Supplier Party is fully responsible for both their own liabilities and the liabilities of the other Suppliers.

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 The Supplier indemnifies CCS and every Buyer against any costs resulting from any Default by the Supplier relating to any applicable Law to do with a Contract.

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

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:

- 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
- 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:

- must provide the Relevant Authority with all Government Data in an agreed open format within 10 Working Days of a written request

- must have documented processes to guarantee prompt availability of Government Data if the Supplier stops trading
- must securely destroy all Storage Media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media using Good Industry Practice
- 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
- 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:

- keep all Confidential Information it receives confidential and secure
- not disclose, use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent, except for the purposes anticipated under the Contract
- 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:

- 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
- if the Recipient Party already had the information without obligation of confidentiality before it was disclosed by the Disclosing Party
- if the information was given to it by a third party without obligation of confidentiality
- if the information was in the public domain at the time of the disclosure
- if the information was independently developed without access to the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information
- to its auditors or for the purposes of regulatory requirements
- on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers on a need-to-know basis
- 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 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 CCS or the Buyer may disclose Confidential Information in any of the following cases:

- on a confidential basis to the employees, agents, consultants and contractors of CCS or the Buyer
- 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
- if CCS or the Buyer (acting reasonably) considers disclosure necessary or appropriate to carry out its public functions

- where requested by Parliament
- under Clauses 4.7 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 the required timescales the Supplier must give CCS and each Buyer full co-operation and information needed so the Buyer can:

- publish the Transparency Information
- comply with any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request
- 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, which does not need to be reasonable.

17 Invalid parts of the contract

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's valid or enforceable.

18 No other terms apply

The provisions incorporated into each Contract are the entire agreement between the Parties. The Contract replaces all previous statements and agreements whether written or oral. No other provisions apply.

19 Other people's rights in a contract

No third parties may use the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act (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:
- provides a Force Majeure Notice to the other Party

- 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.

20.3 Where a Party terminates under Clause 20.2:

- each party must cover its own Losses
- Clause 10.5.2 to 10.5.7 applies

21 Relationships created by the contract

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

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 can not assign 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 Crown 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:

- their name
- the scope of their appointment
- the duration of their appointment

24 Changing the contract

24.1 Either Party can request a Variation to a Contract which is only effective if agreed in writing and signed by both Parties

24.2 The Supplier must provide an Impact Assessment either:

- with the Variation Form, where the Supplier requests the Variation
- within the time limits included in a Variation Form requested by CCS or the Buyer

24.3 If the Variation to a Contract cannot be agreed or resolved by the Parties, CCS or the Buyer can either:

- agree that the Contract continues without the Variation
 - 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
 - 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:
- that the Supplier has kept costs as low as possible, including in Subcontractor costs
 - 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.

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're delivered before 5:00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise the notice is effective on the next Working Day. An email is effective when sent 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:
- allow the Indemnifier to conduct all negotiations and proceedings to do with a Claim
 - 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 can not 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 doesn't 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:
- the sum recovered minus any legitimate amount spent by the Beneficiary when recovering this money
 - 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:

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

- 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
- keep full records to show it has complied with its obligations under Clause 27 and give copies to CCS or the Buyer on request
- 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:

- been investigated or prosecuted for an alleged Prohibited Act
- 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
- received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind related to a Contract
- 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 27.4 it must specify the:

- Prohibited Act

- identity of the Party who it thinks has committed the Prohibited Act
- 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:

- protections against discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, gender reassignment, religion or belief, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, maternity, age or otherwise
- 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:

- all applicable Law regarding health and safety
- the Buyer's current health and safety policy while at the Buyer's 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're 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:

- the steps that the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and any mitigating factors that it considers relevant
- 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:

- 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
- 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:

- 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
- 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
- the Worker's contract may be terminated at the Buyer's request if the Worker provides information which the Buyer considers isn't good enough to demonstrate how it complies with Clause 31.3 or confirms that the Worker is not complying with those requirements
- 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:

- Law
- Clause 12.1
- 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:
- determine the Dispute
 - grant interim remedies
 - 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

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

Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions)

- 1.1 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in this Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 If a capitalised expression does not have an interpretation in this Schedule or any other Schedule, it shall, in the first instance, be interpreted in accordance with the common interpretation within the relevant market sector/industry where appropriate. Otherwise, it shall be interpreted in accordance with the dictionary meaning.
- 1.3 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 1.3.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
 - 1.3.2 reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
 - 1.3.3 references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Crown Body;
 - 1.3.4 a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
 - 1.3.5 the words "**including**", "**other**", "**in particular**", "**for example**" and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "**without limitation**";
 - 1.3.6 references to "**writing**" include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
 - 1.3.7 references to "**representations**" shall be construed as references to present facts, to "**warranties**" as references to present and future facts and to "**undertakings**" as references to obligations under the Contract;
 - 1.3.8 references to "**Clauses**" and "**Schedules**" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the clauses and schedules of the Core Terms and references in any Schedule to parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables are, unless otherwise provided, references to the parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables of the Schedule in which these references appear;
 - 1.3.9 references to "**Paragraphs**" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the paragraph of the appropriate Schedules unless otherwise provided;
 - 1.3.10 references to a series of Clauses or Paragraphs shall be inclusive of the clause numbers specified;
 - 1.3.11 the headings in each Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of a Contract; and

1.3.12 where the Buyer is a Crown Body it shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole.

1.4 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Additional Insurances"	insurance requirements relating to a Call-Off Contract specified in the Order Form additional to those outlined in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements);
"Admin Fee"	means the costs incurred by CCS in dealing with MI Failures calculated in accordance with the tariff of administration charges published by the CCS on: http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/management-information/admin-fees ;
"Affected Party"	the party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
"Affiliates"	in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control of that body corporate from time to time;
"Annex"	extra information which supports a Schedule;
"Approval"	the prior written consent of the Buyer and "Approve" and "Approved" shall be construed accordingly;
"Associated Services"	the Associated Services detailed in Framework Schedule 1 and available for Buyers to procure as part of a Call-Off Contract that also involves the supply of Goods;
"Audit"	<p>the Relevant Authority's right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by a Buyer under a Call-Off Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract); b) verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Services; c) verify the Open Book Data; d) verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law; e) identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 27 to 33 and/or Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Relevant Authority shall have no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations; f) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier, any Guarantor, and/or any Subcontractors or their ability to provide the Deliverables; g) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Relevant Authority's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General; h) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with each Contract; i) carry out the Relevant Authority's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Relevant Authority's annual and interim reports and accounts;

	<p>j) enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Relevant Authority has used its resources; or</p> <p>k) verify the accuracy and completeness of any Management Information delivered or required by the Framework Contract;</p>
"Auditor"	<p>a) the Relevant Authority's internal and external auditors;</p> <p>b) the Relevant Authority's statutory or regulatory auditors;</p> <p>c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office;</p> <p>d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office;</p> <p>e) any party formally appointed by the Relevant Authority to carry out audit or similar review functions; and</p> <p>f) successors or assigns of any of the above;</p>
"Authority"	CCS and each Buyer;
"Authority Cause"	any breach of the obligations of the Relevant Authority or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the Relevant Authority, of its employees, servants, agents in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which the Relevant Authority is liable to the Supplier;
"BACS"	the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services, which is a scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions within the United Kingdom;
"Beneficiary"	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;
"Buyer"	the relevant public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;
"Buyer Assets"	the Buyer's infrastructure, data, software, materials, assets, equipment or other property owned by and/or licensed or leased to the Buyer and which is or may be used in connection with the provision of the Deliverables which remain the property of the Buyer throughout the term of the Contract;
"Buyer Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to the Call-Off Contract initially identified in the Order Form;
"Buyer Premises"	premises owned, controlled or occupied by the Buyer which are made available for use by the Supplier or its Subcontractors for the provision of the Deliverables (or any of them);
"Call-Off Contract"	the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier (entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Framework Contract), which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Contract Period"	the Contract Period in respect of the Call-Off Contract;
"Call-Off Expiry Date"	the date of the end of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Call-Off Contract specified under the relevant heading in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Initial Period"	the Initial Period of a Call-Off Contract specified in the Order Form;

"Call-Off Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Call-Off Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Procedure"	the process for awarding a Call-Off Contract pursuant to Clause 2 (How the contract works) and Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Procedure and Award Criteria);
"Call-Off Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Order Form incorporated into the applicable Call-Off Contract;
"Call-Off Start Date"	the date of start of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Tender"	the tender submitted by the Supplier in response to the Buyer's Statement of Requirements following a Further Competition Procedure and set out at Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender) where this is used;
"CCS"	the Minister for the Cabinet Office as represented by Crown Commercial Service, which is an executive agency and operates as a trading fund of the Cabinet Office, whose offices are located at 9th Floor, The Capital, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9PP;
"CCS Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by CCS from time to time in relation to the Framework Contract initially identified in the Framework Award Form;
"Central Government Body"	a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics: a) Government Department; b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal); c) Non-Ministerial Department; or d) Executive Agency;
"Change in Law"	any change in Law which impacts on the supply of the Deliverables and performance of the Contract which comes into force after the Start Date;
"Change of Control"	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
"Charges"	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract, as set out in the Order Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract less any Deductions;
"Claim"	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;
"Commercially Sensitive Information"	the Confidential Information listed in the Framework Award Form or Order Form (if any) comprising of commercially sensitive information relating to the Supplier, its IPR or its business or which the Supplier has indicated to the Authority that, if disclosed by the Authority, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
"Commercial off the shelf Software" or "COTS Software"	Non-customised software where the IPR may be owned and licensed either by the Supplier or a third party depending on the context, and which is commercially available for purchase and subject to standard licence terms

"Comparable Supply"	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
"Compliance Officer"	the person(s) appointed by the Supplier who is responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with its legal obligations;
"Confidential Information"	means any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of CCS, the Buyer or the Supplier, including IPRs, together with information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as " confidential ") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;
"Conflict of Interest"	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to CCS or any Buyer under a Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer or CCS;
"Contract"	either the Framework Contract or the Call-Off Contract, as the context requires;
"Contracts Finder"	the Government's publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;
"Contract Period"	the term of either a Framework Contract or Call-Off Contract from the earlier of the: a) applicable Start Date; or b) the Effective Date until the applicable End Date;
"Contract Value"	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under a Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
"Contract Year"	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
"Control"	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and " Controlled " shall be construed accordingly;
"Controller"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Core Terms"	CCS' standard terms and conditions for common goods and services which govern how Supplier must interact with CCS and Buyers under Framework Contracts and Call-Off Contracts;
"Costs"	the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier in providing the Deliverables: a) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Man Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including: i) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff; ii) employer's National Insurance contributions; iii) pension contributions; iv) car allowances; v) any other contractual employment benefits; vi) staff training; vii) work place accommodation; viii) work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and ix) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer;

	<p>b) costs incurred in respect of Supplier Assets which would be treated as capital costs according to generally accepted accounting principles within the UK, which shall include the cost to be charged in respect of Supplier Assets by the Supplier to the Buyer or (to the extent that risk and title in any Supplier Asset is not held by the Supplier) any cost actually incurred by the Supplier in respect of those Supplier Assets;</p> <p>c) operational costs which are not included within (a) or (b) above, to the extent that such costs are necessary and properly incurred by the Supplier in the provision of the Deliverables; and</p> <p>d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Order Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables;</p> <p>but excluding:</p> <p>a) Overhead;</p> <p>b) financing or similar costs;</p> <p>c) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Call-Off Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise;</p> <p>d) taxation;</p> <p>e) fines and penalties;</p> <p>f) amounts payable under Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) where such Schedule is used; and</p> <p>g) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);</p>
"Crown Body"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"CRTPA"	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
"Data Loss Event"	any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Supplier under this Contract, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Contract, including any Personal Data Breach;
"Data Protection Legislation"	(i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the Data Protection Act 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;
"Data Protection Impact Assessment"	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data;
"Data Protection Officer"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR
"Data Subject Access Request"	a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data;

"Dead on Arrival/Installation" or "DOA" or "DOI"	means once removed from its packaging at a Buyer's premises, the delivered device fails to work in accordance with the manufacturer's specification;
"Deductions"	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (in both cases if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under a Call-Off Contract;
"Default"	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of a Contract in breach of its terms) or any other default (including material default), act, omission, negligence or statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff howsoever arising in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of a Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Relevant Authority;
"Default Management Charge"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.1.1 of Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Delay Payments"	the amounts (if any) payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of a delay in respect of a Milestone as specified in the Implementation Plan;
"Deliverables"	Goods and/or Services that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;
"Delivery"	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of a Call-Off Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer in writing to the Supplier. "Deliver" and "Delivered" shall be construed accordingly;
"Device as a Service"	a sourcing model whereby the Buyer pays a subscription for the provision by the Supplier of a hardware device together with bundled software and/or services
"Disaster"	the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Deliverables, or a material part thereof will be unavailable (or could reasonably be anticipated to be unavailable) for the period specified in the Order Form (for the purposes of this definition the "Disaster Period");
"Disclosing Party"	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
"Dispute"	any claim, dispute or difference arises out of or in connection with the Contract or in connection with the negotiation, existence, legal validity, enforceability or termination of the Contract, whether the alleged liability shall arise under English law or under the law of some other country and regardless of whether a particular cause of action may successfully be brought in the English courts;
"Dispute Resolution Procedure"	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
"Documentation"	descriptions of the Services and Service Levels, technical specifications, user manuals, training manuals, operating manuals, process definitions and procedures, system environment descriptions and all such other documentation (whether in hardcopy or electronic form) is required to be supplied by the Supplier to the Buyer under a Contract as:

	<p>a) would reasonably be required by a competent third party capable of Good Industry Practice contracted by the Buyer to develop, configure, build, deploy, run, maintain, upgrade and test the individual systems that provide the Deliverables</p> <p>b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or</p> <p>c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;</p>
"DOTAS"	the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HMRC of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions;
"DPA 2018"	The Data Protection Act 2018;
"Due Diligence Information"	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority prior to the Start Date;
"Effective Date"	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;
"EIR"	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
"Employment Regulations"	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced or any other Regulations implementing the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC;
"End Date"	<p>the earlier of:</p> <p>a) the Expiry Date (as extended by any Extension Period exercised by the Authority under Clause 10.2); or</p> <p>b) if a Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;</p>
"Endemic Failure"	means a failure rate equal to or above 300% the mean time to failure under Goods testing by the manufacturer
"End of Life (EOL)"	means the Goods are no longer being manufactured and there is insufficient stock of such Goods available in the supply chain to meet the full Buyer requirement and/or Order.
"Environmental Policy"	to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment, including any written environmental policy of the Buyer;
"Estimated Year 1 Charges"	the anticipated total Charges payable by the Buyer in the first Contract Year specified in the Order Form;
"Estimated Yearly Charges"	<p>means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under clause 11.2 :</p> <p>i) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Charges; or</p> <p>ii) in the any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Call-off Contract Year; or</p> <p>iii) after the end of the Call-off Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Call-off Contract Period;</p>

"Equality and Human Rights Commission"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Existing IPR"	any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to either Party and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise);
"Expiry Date"	the Framework Expiry Date or the Call-Off Expiry Date (as the context dictates);
"Extension Period"	the Framework Optional Extension Period or the Call-Off Optional Extension Period as the context dictates;
"FOIA"	the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such legislation;
"Force Majeure Event"	<p>any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Relevant Authority or the Supplier of its obligations arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party which prevent or materially delay the Affected Party from performing its obligations under a Contract; b) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare; c) acts of a Crown Body, local government or regulatory bodies; d) fire, flood or any disaster; or e) an industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party is not reasonably available but excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier, the Supplier Staff (including any subsets of them) or any other failure in the Supplier or the Subcontractor's supply chain; ii) any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against it by the Party concerned; and iii) any failure of delay caused by a lack of funds;
"Force Majeure Notice"	a written notice served by the Affected Party on the other Party stating that the Affected Party believes that there is a Force Majeure Event;
"Framework Award Form"	the document outlining the Framework Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the Framework Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and CCS;
"Framework Contract"	the framework agreement established between CCS and the Supplier in accordance with Regulation 33 by the Framework Award Form for the provision of the Deliverables to Buyers by the Supplier pursuant to the OJEU Notice;
"Framework Contract Period"	the period from the Framework Start Date until the End Date or earlier termination of the Framework Contract;
"Framework Expiry Date"	the date of the end of the Framework Contract as stated in the Framework Award Form;

"Framework Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Framework Contract specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Initial Period"	the initial term of the Framework Contract as specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Framework Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Price(s)"	the price(s) applicable to the provision of the Deliverables set out in Framework Schedule 3 (Framework Prices);
"Framework Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Framework Award Form incorporated into the Framework Contract;
"Framework Start Date"	the date of start of the Framework Contract as stated in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Tender Response"	the tender submitted by the Supplier to CCS and annexed to or referred to in Framework Schedule 2 (Framework Tender Response);
"Further Competition Procedure"	the further competition procedure described in Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Procedure and Award Criteria);
"GDPR"	the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)
"General Anti-Abuse Rule"	a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 and; and b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;
"General Change in Law"	a Change in Law where the change is of a general legislative nature (including taxation or duties of any sort affecting the Supplier) or which affects or relates to a Comparable Supply;
"Goods"	goods made available by the Supplier as specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Call-Off Contract as specified in the Order Form ;
"Good Industry Practice"	standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the exercise of the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged within the relevant industry or business sector;
"Government"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including government ministers and government departments and other bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"Government Data"	a) the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, including any of the Authority's Confidential Information, and which: i) are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority; or ii) the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to a Contract; or b) any Personal Data for which the Authority is the Data Controller;
"Government Procurement Card"	the Government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services; https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-procurement-card--2 ;

"Guarantor"	the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) in relation to this Contract;
"Halifax Abuse Principle"	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
"HMRC"	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
"ICT Policy"	the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Order Form, which is in force as at the Call-Off Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
"Impact Assessment"	<p>an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Relevant Authority completed in good faith, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) details of the impact of the proposed Variation on the Deliverables and the Supplier's ability to meet its other obligations under the Contract; b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation; c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the Framework Prices/Charges (as applicable), any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party; d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and e) such other information as the Relevant Authority may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;
"Implementation Plan"	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
"Indemnifier"	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
"Information"	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"Information assurance (IA)"	is the practice of assuring information and managing risks related to the use, processing, storage, and transmission of information or data and the systems and processes used for those purposes
"Information Commissioner"	the UK's independent authority which deals with ensuring information relating to rights in the public interest and data privacy for individuals is met, whilst promoting openness by public bodies;
"Initial Period"	the initial term of a Contract specified in the Framework Award Form or the Order Form, as the context requires;
"Insolvency Event"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in respect of a person: b) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or c) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation); or d) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within fourteen (14) Working Days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

	<p>e) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or</p> <p>f) an application is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given; or</p> <p>g) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>h) being a "small company" within the meaning of section 382(3) of the Companies Act 2006, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or</p> <p>i) where the person is an individual or partnership, any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (g) (inclusive) occurs in relation to that individual or partnership; or</p> <p>j) any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (h) (inclusive) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction;</p>
"Installation Works"	all works which the Supplier is to carry out at the beginning of the Call-Off Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Call-Off Contract;
"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"	<p>a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semiconductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade or business names, goodwill, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information;</p> <p>b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction; and</p> <p>c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;</p>
"Invoicing Address"	the address to which the Supplier shall Invoice the Buyer as specified in the Order Form;
"IPR Claim"	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR, used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Relevant Authority in the fulfilment of its obligations under a Contract;
"IR35"	the off-payroll rules requiring individuals who work through their company pay the same tax and National Insurance contributions as an employee which can be found online at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies ;
"Joint Controllers"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing;
"Key Personnel"	the individuals (if any) identified as such in the Order Form;
"Key Sub-Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key Subcontractor"	<p>any Subcontractor:</p> <p>a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or</p> <p>b) which, in the opinion of CCS or the Buyer performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Deliverables; and/or</p>

	c) with a Sub-Contract with a contract value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) 10% of the aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under the Call-Off Contract, and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors in section 20 of the Framework Award Form and in the Key Subcontractor Section in Order Form;
"Know-How"	all ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the Deliverables but excluding know-how already in the other Party's possession before the applicable Start Date;
"Law"	any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the Supplier is bound to comply;
"LED"	Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680)
"Losses"	all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and "Loss" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Lots"	the number of lots specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification), if applicable;
"Man Day"	7.5 Man Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day;
"Management Charge"	the sum specified in the Framework Award Form payable by the Supplier to CCS in accordance with Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Management Information" or "MI"	the management information specified in Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Margin"	means the percentage by which the price for Goods exceeds the Supplier's costs in relation to those Goods, excluding any other supply chain rebates and shipping/delivery
"Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the Framework Award Form;
"MI Default"	means when two (2) MI Reports are not provided in any rolling six (6) month period
"MI Failure"	means when an MI report: a) contains any material errors or material omissions or a missing mandatory field; or b) is submitted using an incorrect MI reporting Template; or c) is not submitted by the reporting date (including where a declaration of no business should have been filed);
"MI Report"	means a report containing Management Information submitted to the Authority in accordance with Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"MI Reporting Template"	means the form of report set out in the Annex to Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information) setting out the information the Supplier is required to supply to the Authority;

"Milestone"	an event or task described as such in the Implementation Plan;
"Milestone Date"	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;
"Milestone Payment"	a payment identified in the Implementation Plan to be made following the satisfactory achievement of the relevant Milestone;
"Month"	a calendar month and " Monthly " shall be interpreted accordingly;
"National Insurance"	contributions required by the National Insurance Contributions Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1868) made under section 132A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992;
"New IPR"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of a Contract and updates and amendments of these items including (but not limited to) database schema; and/or b) IPR in or arising as a result of the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract and all updates and amendments to the same; but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR;
"Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance"	<p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation in any jurisdiction that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle; ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime in any jurisdiction; and/or b) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Start Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion;
"Open Book Data"	<p>complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Buyer to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Call-Off Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Supplier's Costs broken down against each Good and/or Service and/or Deliverable, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all Deliverables; b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables; ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Supplier Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and iv) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Order Form; c) Overheads; d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables; e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the Framework Contract Period and on an annual basis; f) confirmation that all methods of Cost apportionment and Overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier; g) an explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency; and h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;
"Open Source"	computer software that has its source code made available subject to an open-source licence under which the owner of the copyright and other IPR in such software provides the rights to use, study, change and distribute the software to any and all persons and for any and all purposes free of charge;
"Order"	means an order for the provision of the Deliverables placed by a Buyer with the Supplier under a Contract;
"Order Form"	a completed Order Form Template (or equivalent information issued by the Buyer) used to create a Call-Off Contract;
"Order Form Template"	the template in Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules);
"Other Contracting Authority"	any actual or potential Buyer under the Framework Contract;
"Overhead"	those amounts which are intended to recover a proportion of the Supplier's or the Key Subcontractor's (as the context requires) indirect corporate costs (including financing, marketing, advertising, research and development and insurance costs and any fines or penalties) but excluding allowable indirect costs apportioned to facilities and administration in the provision of Supplier Staff and accordingly included within limb (a) of the definition of "Costs";
"Parliament"	takes its natural meaning as interpreted by Law;
"Party"	in the context of the Framework Contract, CCS or the Supplier, and in the in the context of a Call-Off Contract the Buyer or the Supplier. "Parties" shall mean both of them where the context permits;
"Performance Indicators" or "PIs"	the performance measurements and targets in respect of the Supplier's performance of the Framework Contract set out in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management);
"Personal Data"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Personal Data Breach"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Personnel"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of a Party and/or of any Subcontractor and/or Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
"Prescribed Person"	a legal adviser, an MP or an appropriate body which a whistle-blower may make a disclosure to as detailed in 'Whistleblowing: list of prescribed people and bodies', 24 November 2016, available online at:

	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/blowing-the-whistle-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies--2/whistleblowing-list-of-prescribed-people-and-bodies ;
"Processing"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR. "Process" and "Processed" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Processor"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Processor Personnel"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and suppliers of the Processor and/or of any Subprocessor engaged in the performance of its obligations under a Contract;
"Progress Meeting"	a meeting between the Buyer Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative;
"Progress Meeting Frequency"	the frequency at which the Supplier shall conduct a Progress Meeting in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Progress Report"	a report provided by the Supplier indicating the steps taken to achieve Milestones or delivery dates;
"Progress Report Frequency"	the frequency at which the Supplier shall deliver Progress Reports in accordance with Clause 6.1 as specified in the Order Form;
"Prohibited Acts"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or any other public body a financial or other advantage to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity; b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with each Contract; or c) committing any offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or iii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud a Buyer or other public body; or d) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under (c) above if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK;
"Protective Measures"	<p>technical and organisational measures which must take account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the nature of the data to be protected b) harm that might result from Data Loss Event; c) state of technological development d) the cost of implementing any measures <p>including but not limited to pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it;</p>

"Public Services Network or PSN"	the network of networks delivered through multiple service providers, as further detailed in the PSN operating model; and described at https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/public-servicesnetwork ;
"Purchase to Pay" or "P2P"	means an electronic system used to host a catalogue that allows for the full procurement process, from ordering through to invoice. The "official" definition of Purchase to Pay according to the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply: "A seamless process enabled by technology designed to speed up the process from point of order to payment." For more information on MOD's P2P system see: www.d2btrade.com ;
"Recall"	a request by the Supplier to return Goods to the Supplier or the manufacturer after the discovery of safety issues or defects (including defects in the IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;
"Recipient Party"	the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;
"Rectification Plan"	the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify it's breach using the template in Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan Template) which shall include: a) full details of the Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis; b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Default (where applicable);
"Rectification Plan Process"	the process set out in Clause 10.4.3 to 10.4.5 (Rectification Plan Process);
"Regulations"	the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);
"Reimbursable Expenses"	the reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence (for example, hotel and food) expenses, properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Services, calculated at the rates and in accordance with the Buyer's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including: a) travel expenses incurred as a result of Supplier Staff travelling to and from their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed, unless the Buyer otherwise agrees in advance in writing; and b) subsistence expenses incurred by Supplier Staff whilst performing the Services at their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed;
"Relevant Authority"	the Authority which is party to the Contract to which a right or obligation is owed, as the context requires;
"Relevant Authority's Confidential Information"	a) all Personal Data and any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, property rights, trade secrets, Know-How and IPR of the Relevant Authority (including all Relevant Authority Existing IPR and New IPR); b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked "confidential") or which ought reasonably be considered confidential which comes (or has come) to the

	Relevant Authority's attention or into the Relevant Authority's possession in connection with a Contract; and information derived from any of the above;
"Relevant Requirements"	all applicable Law relating to bribery, corruption and fraud, including the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 9 of the Bribery Act 2010;
"Relevant Tax Authority"	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
"Reminder Notice"	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 10.6 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
"Replacement Deliverables"	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables following the Call-Off Expiry Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Subcontractor"	a Subcontractor of the Replacement Supplier to whom Transferring Supplier Employees will transfer on a Service Transfer Date (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);
"Replacement Supplier"	any third party provider of Replacement Deliverables appointed by or at the direction of the Buyer from time to time or where the Buyer is providing Replacement Deliverables for its own account, shall also include the Buyer;
"Request For Information"	a request for information or an apparent request relating to a Contract for the provision of the Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
"Required Insurances"	the insurances required by Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) or any additional insurances specified in the Order Form;
"Schedules"	any attachment to a Framework Contract or Call-Off Contract which contains important information specific to each aspect of buying and selling;
"Security Management Plan"	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security) (if applicable);
"Security Policy"	the Buyer's security policy, referred to in the Order Form, in force as at the Call-Off Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time and notified to the Supplier;
"Self Audit Certificate"	means the certificate in the form as set out in Framework Schedule 8 (Self Audit Certificate);
"Serious Fraud Office"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Service Levels"	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under the Call Off Contract (which, where Call Off Schedule 14 (Service Credits) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
"Service Period"	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;

"Services"	services made available by the Supplier as specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Call-Off Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Service Transfer"	any transfer of the Deliverables (or any part of the Deliverables), for whatever reason, from the Supplier or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Supplier or a Replacement Subcontractor;
"Service Transfer Date"	the date of a Service Transfer;
"Sites"	any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which: a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or b) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;
"SME"	an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises;
"Software as a Service (SaaS)"	a software solution that involves the Buyer using applications sourced via the Supplier and running on a cloud infrastructure which is not managed or controlled by the Buyer. The applications are accessed from client devices through a thin client interface such as a web browser or a program interface
"Special Terms"	any additional Clauses set out in the Framework Award Form or Order Form which shall form part of the respective Contract;
"Specific Change in Law"	a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Buyer and which would not affect a Comparable Supply where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Deliverables is not reasonably foreseeable at the Start Date;
"Specification"	the specification set out in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification), as may, in relation to a Call-Off Contract, be supplemented by the Order Form;
"Standards"	any: a) standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other reputable or equivalent bodies (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Supplier would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with; b) standards detailed in the specification in Schedule 1 (Specification); c) standards detailed by the Buyer in the Order Form or agreed between the Parties from time to time; d) relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;
"Start Date"	in the case of the Framework Contract, the date specified on the Framework Award Form, and in the case of a Call-Off Contract, the date specified in the Order Form;
"Statement of Requirements"	a statement issued by the Buyer detailing its requirements in respect of Deliverables issued in accordance with the Call-Off Procedure;
"Storage Media"	the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;

"Sub-Contract"	any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than a Call-Off Contract or the Framework Contract, pursuant to which a third party: a) provides the Deliverables (or any part of them); b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them); and/or c) is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them);
"Subcontractor"	any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
"Subprocessor"	any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Processor related to a Contract;
"Supplier"	the person, firm or company identified in the Framework Award Form or Order Form as appropriate;
"Supplier Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Call-Off Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;
"Supplier Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the Framework Award Form, or later defined in a Call-Off Contract;
"Supplier's Confidential Information"	a) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Supplier (including the Supplier Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Supplier; b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential and which comes (or has come) to the Supplier's attention or into the Supplier's possession in connection with a Contract; c) Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;
"Supplier's Contract Manager"	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of the Call-Off Contract and any alternative person whom the Supplier intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Supplier informs the Buyer prior to the appointment;
"Supplier Equipment"	the Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract;
"Supplier Framework Manager"	a suitably qualified contact nominated by the Supplier who will take overall responsibility for delivering the Goods and/or Services required within the Framework Contract.
"Supplier Non-Performance"	where the Supplier has failed to: a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date; b) provide the Goods and/or Services in accordance with the Service Levels ; and/or c) comply with an obligation under a Contract;
"Supplier Profit"	in relation to a period, the difference between the total Charges (in nominal cash flow terms but excluding any Deductions and total Costs (in nominal cash flow terms) in respect of a Call-Off Contract for the relevant period;

"Supplier Profit Margin"	in relation to a period or a Milestone (as the context requires), the Supplier Profit for the relevant period or in relation to the relevant Milestone divided by the total Charges over the same period or in relation to the relevant Milestone and expressed as a percentage;
"Supplier Review Meeting"	a performance review meeting to take regularly place throughout the Framework Contract Period at which the Parties will review the Supplier's performance under the Framework Contract
"Supplier Staff"	all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract;
"Supply Chain Information Report Template"	the document at Annex 1 of Schedule 12 Supply Chain Visibility;
"Supporting Documentation"	sufficient information in writing to enable the Buyer to reasonably assess whether the Charges, Reimbursable Expenses and other sums due from the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract detailed in the information are properly payable;
"Termination Notice"	a written notice of termination given by one Party to the other, notifying the Party receiving the notice of the intention of the Party giving the notice to terminate a Contract on a specified date and setting out the grounds for termination;
"Test"	any test required to be carried out pursuant to the Call-Off Contract as set out in a) the Order Form, or b) the Test Plan agreed pursuant to Part B of Call-Off Schedule 13, and "Testing" and "Tested" shall be construed accordingly;
"Test Device"	means a device provided by the Supplier to the Buyer for the purposes of testing compatibility of the Goods with the Buyer's IT infrastructure. The Test Device shall be an exact sample of the Goods specified in the Order Form;
"Test Period"	the period specified in a) the Order Form, or b) Part A to Call-Off Schedule 13 during which Testing shall be carried out.
"Test Success Criteria"	the criteria specified in a) the Order Form, or b) the Test Plan agreed pursuant to Part B of Call-Off Schedule 13 that the relevant Deliverables must satisfy for the relevant Test to be recorded as successful.
"Third Party IPR"	Intellectual Property Rights owned by a third party which is or will be used by the Supplier for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
"Transferring Supplier Employees"	those employees of the Supplier and/or the Supplier's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Service Transfer Date;
"Transparency Information"	the Transparency Reports and the content of a Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for – (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Relevant Authority; and (ii) Commercially Sensitive Information;
"Transparency Reports"	the information relating to the Deliverables and performance of the Contracts which the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports);
"US-EU Privacy Shield Register"	a list of companies maintained by the United States of America Department for Commerce that have self-certified their commitment to

	adhere to the European legislation relating to the processing of personal data to non-EU countries which is available online at: https://www.privacyshield.gov/list ;
"Variation"	has the meaning given to it in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
"Variation Form"	the form set out in Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form);
"Variation Procedure"	the procedure set out in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);
"VAT"	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
"VCSE"	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;
"Worker"	any one of the Supplier Staff which the Buyer, in its reasonable opinion, considers is an individual to which Procurement Policy Note 08/15 (Tax Arrangements of Public Appointees) (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees) applies in respect of the Deliverables; and
"Working Day"	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Order Form.

Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause 24 (Changing the Contract)

Contract Details							
This variation is between:	[delete] as applicable: CCS / Buyer] (" CCS " " the Buyer ") And [insert] name of Supplier] (" the Supplier ")						
Contract name:	[insert] name of contract to be changed] (" the Contract ")						
Contract reference number:	[insert] contract reference number]						
Details of Proposed Variation							
Variation initiated by:	[delete] as applicable: CCS/Buyer/Supplier]						
Variation number:	[insert] variation number]						
Date variation is raised:	[insert] date]						
Proposed variation							
Reason for the variation:	[insert] reason]						
An Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	[insert] number] days						
Impact of Variation							
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	[Supplier to insert] assessment of impact]						
Outcome of Variation							
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is varied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [CCS/Buyer to insert] original Clauses or Paragraphs to be varied and the changed clause] 						
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New Contract value:	£ [insert] amount]						

1. This Variation must be agreed and signed by both Parties to the Contract and shall only be effective from the date it is signed by **[delete]** as applicable: CCS / Buyer]
2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
3. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

Signed by an authorised signatory for and on behalf of the **[delete]** as applicable: CCS / Buyer]

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

Signed by an authorised signatory to sign for and on behalf of Supplier

Signature

Date

Name (in Capitals)

Address

Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

1. The insurance you need to have

- 1.1 The Supplier shall take out and maintain, or procure the taking out and maintenance of the insurances as set out in the Annex to this Schedule, any additional insurances required under a Call-Off Contract (specified in the applicable Order Form) ("**Additional Insurances**") and any other insurances as may be required by applicable Law (together the "**Insurances**"). The Supplier shall ensure that each of the Insurances is effective no later than:
 - 1.1.1 the Framework Start Date in respect of those Insurances set out in the Annex to this Schedule and those required by applicable Law; and
 - 1.1.2 the Call-Off Contract Effective Date in respect of the Additional Insurances.
- 1.2 The Insurances shall be:
 - 1.2.1 maintained in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
 - 1.2.2 (so far as is reasonably practicable) on terms no less favourable than those generally available to a prudent contractor in respect of risks insured in the international insurance market from time to time;
 - 1.2.3 taken out and maintained with insurers of good financial standing and good repute in the international insurance market; and
 - 1.2.4 maintained for at least six (6) years after the End Date.
- 1.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the public and products liability policy contain an indemnity to principals clause under which the Relevant Authority shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Relevant Authority in respect of death or bodily injury or third party property damage arising out of or in connection with the Deliverables and for which the Supplier is legally liable.

2. How to manage the insurance

- 2.1 Without limiting the other provisions of this Contract, the Supplier shall:
 - 2.1.1 take or procure the taking of all reasonable risk management and risk control measures in relation to Deliverables as it would be reasonable to expect of a prudent contractor acting in accordance with Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of relevant claims to insurers;
 - 2.1.2 promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances of which the Supplier is or becomes aware; and
 - 2.1.3 hold all policies in respect of the Insurances and cause any insurance broker effecting the Insurances to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of placing cover representing any of the Insurances to which it is a party.

3. What happens if you aren't insured

- 3.1 The Supplier shall not take any action or fail to take any action or (insofar as is reasonably within its power) permit anything to occur in relation to it which would entitle any insurer to refuse to pay any claim under any of the Insurances.
- 3.2 Where the Supplier has failed to purchase or maintain any of the Insurances in full force and effect, the Relevant Authority may elect (but shall not be obliged) following written notice to the Supplier to purchase the relevant Insurances and recover the reasonable premium and other reasonable costs incurred in connection therewith as a debt due from the Supplier.

4. Evidence of insurance you must provide

- 4.1 The Supplier shall upon the Start Date and within 15 Working Days after the renewal of each of the Insurances, provide evidence, in a form satisfactory to the Relevant Authority, that the Insurances are in force and effect and meet in full the requirements of this Schedule.

5. Making sure you are insured to the required amount

- 5.1 The Supplier shall ensure that any Insurances which are stated to have a minimum limit "in the aggregate" are maintained at all times for the minimum limit of indemnity specified in this Contract and if any claims are made which do not relate to this Contract then the Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

6. Cancelled Insurance

- 6.1 The Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority in writing at least five (5) Working Days prior to the cancellation, suspension, termination or non-renewal of any of the Insurances.
- 6.2 The Supplier shall ensure that nothing is done which would entitle the relevant insurer to cancel, rescind or suspend any insurance or cover, or to treat any insurance, cover or claim as voided in whole or part. The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Relevant Authority (subject to third party confidentiality obligations) as soon as practicable when it becomes aware of any relevant fact, circumstance or matter which has caused, or is reasonably likely to provide grounds to, the relevant insurer to give notice to cancel, rescind, suspend or void any insurance, or any cover or claim under any insurance in whole or in part.

7. Insurance claims

- 7.1 The Supplier shall promptly notify to insurers any matter arising from, or in relation to, the Deliverables, or each Contract for which it may be entitled to claim under any of the Insurances. In the event that the Relevant Authority receives a claim relating to or arising out of a Contract or the Deliverables, the Supplier shall co-operate with the Relevant Authority and assist it in dealing with such claims including without limitation providing information and documentation in a timely manner.
- 7.2 Except where the Relevant Authority is the claimant party, the Supplier shall give the Relevant Authority notice within twenty (20) Working Days after any

insurance claim in excess of 10% of the sum required to be insured pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 relating to or arising out of the provision of the Deliverables or this Contract on any of the Insurances or which, but for the application of the applicable policy excess, would be made on any of the Insurances and (if required by the Relevant Authority) full details of the incident giving rise to the claim.

- 7.3 Where any Insurance requires payment of a premium, the Supplier shall be liable for and shall promptly pay such premium.
- 7.4 Where any Insurance is subject to an excess or deductible below which the indemnity from insurers is excluded, the Supplier shall be liable for such excess or deductible. The Supplier shall not be entitled to recover from the Relevant Authority any sum paid by way of excess or deductible under the Insurances whether under the terms of this Contract or otherwise.

ANNEX: REQUIRED INSURANCES

1. The Supplier shall hold the following standard insurance cover from the Framework Start Date in accordance with this Schedule:
 - 1.1 professional indemnity insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than one million pounds (£1,000,000) – all Lots ;
 - 1.2 public liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than one million pounds (£1,000,000) – all Lots;
 - 1.3 employers' liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than five million pounds (£5,000,000) – all Lots
 - 1.4 product liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than one million pounds (£1,000,000) – all Lots

Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

1. What is the Commercially Sensitive Information?

- 1.1 In this Schedule the Parties have sought to identify the Supplier's Confidential Information that is genuinely commercially sensitive and the disclosure of which would be the subject of an exemption under the FOIA and the EIRs.
- 1.2 Where possible, the Parties have sought to identify when any relevant Information will cease to fall into the category of Information to which this Schedule applies in the table below and in the Order Form (which shall be deemed incorporated into the table below).
- 1.3 Without prejudice to the Relevant Authority's obligation to disclose Information in accordance with FOIA or Clause 16 (When you can share information), the Relevant Authority will, in its sole discretion, acting reasonably, seek to apply the relevant exemption set out in the FOIA to the following Information:

No.	Date	Item(s)	Duration of Confidentiality
1	Contract signature	Supplier Tender Response	Contract duration + 2 years
2	Contract signature	Pricing Schedule	Contract Duration + 2 years

Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility)

1. What we expect from our Suppliers

- 1.1 In September 2017, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government. (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/646497/2017-09-13_Official_Sensitive_Supplier_Code_of_Conduct_September_2017.pdf)
- 1.2 CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to meet the standards set out in that Code. In addition, CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to comply with the standards set out in this Schedule.
- 1.3 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may have additional requirements in relation to corporate social responsibility. The Buyer expects that the Supplier and its Subcontractors will comply with such corporate social responsibility requirements as the Buyer may notify to the Supplier from time to time.

2. Equality and Accessibility

- 2.1 In addition to legal obligations, the Supplier shall support CCS and the Buyer in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under each Contract in a way that seeks to:
 - 2.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation of any kind; and
 - 2.1.2 advance equality of opportunity and good relations between those with a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership) and those who do not share it.

3. Modern Slavery, Child Labour and Inhumane Treatment

"Modern Slavery Helpline" means the mechanism for reporting suspicion, seeking help or advice and information on the subject of modern slavery available online at <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report> or by telephone on 08000 121 700.

- 3.1 The Supplier:
 - 3.1.1 shall not use, nor allow its Subcontractors to use forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour;
 - 3.1.2 shall not require any Supplier Staff or Subcontractor Staff to lodge deposits or identify papers with the Employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice;
 - 3.1.3 warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.

- 3.1.4 warrants that to the best of its knowledge it is not currently under investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings in relation to any allegation of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.5 shall make reasonable enquires to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.6 shall have and maintain throughout the term of each Contract its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act and include in its contracts with its Subcontractors anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions;
- 3.1.7 shall implement due diligence procedures to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in any part of its supply chain performing obligations under a Contract;
- 3.1.8 shall prepare and deliver to CCS, an annual slavery and human trafficking report setting out the steps it has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains or in any part of its business with its annual certification of compliance with Paragraph 3;
- 3.1.9 shall not use, nor allow its employees or Subcontractors to use physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation of its employees or Subcontractors;
- 3.1.10 shall not use or allow child or slave labour to be used by its Subcontractors;
- 3.1.11 shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to CCS, the Buyer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

4. Income Security

4.1 The Supplier shall:

- 4.1.1 ensure that that all wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards in the country of employment;
- 4.1.2 ensure that all Supplier Staff are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter;
- 4.1.3 All workers shall be provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid;
- 4.1.4 not make deductions from wages:
 - (a) as a disciplinary measure
 - (b) except where permitted by law; or
 - (c) without expressed permission of the worker concerned;

- 4.1.5 record all disciplinary measures taken against Supplier Staff;
and
- 4.1.6 ensure that Supplier Staff are engaged under a recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

5. Working Hours

5.1 The Supplier shall:

- 5.1.1 ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff comply with national laws, and any collective agreements;
- 5.1.2 that the working hours of Supplier Staff, excluding overtime, shall be defined by contract, and shall not exceed 48 hours per week unless the individual has agreed in writing;
- 5.1.3 ensure that use of overtime used responsibly, taking into account:
 - (a) the extent;
 - (b) frequency; and
 - (c) hours worked;

by individuals and by the Supplier Staff as a whole;

- 5.2 The total hours worked in any seven day period shall not exceed 60 hours, except where covered by Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 5.3 Working hours may exceed 60 hours in any seven day period only in exceptional circumstances where all of the following are met:
 - 5.3.1 this is allowed by national law;
 - 5.3.2 this is allowed by a collective agreement freely negotiated with a workers' organisation representing a significant portion of the workforce;
appropriate safeguards are taken to protect the workers' health and safety; and
 - 5.3.3 the employer can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply such as unexpected production peaks, accidents or emergencies.
- 5.4 All Supplier Staff shall be provided with at least one (1) day off in every seven (7) day period or, where allowed by national law, two (2) days off in every fourteen (14) day period.

6. Sustainability

- 6.1 The supplier shall meet the applicable Government Buying Standards applicable to Deliverables which can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-procurement-the-government-buying-standards-gbs>

Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Credit Rating Threshold" the minimum credit rating level for the Monitored Company as set out in the third Column of the table at Annex 2 and

"Financial Distress Event" the occurrence or one or more of the following events:

- a) the credit rating of the Monitored Company dropping below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold;
- b) the Monitored Company issuing a profits warning to a stock exchange or making any other public announcement about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects;
- c) there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of the Monitored Party;
- d) Monitored Company committing a material breach of covenant to its lenders;
- e) a Key Subcontractor (where applicable) notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute; or
- f) any of the following:
 - i) commencement of any litigation against the Monitored Company with respect to financial indebtedness or obligations under a contract;
 - ii) non-payment by the Monitored Company of any financial indebtedness;
 - iii) any financial indebtedness of the Monitored Company becoming due as a result of an event of default; or
 - iv) the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of the Monitored Company

	in each case which CCS reasonably believes (or would be likely reasonably to believe) could directly impact on the continued performance of any Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with any Call-Off Contract;
"Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan"	a plan setting out how the Supplier will ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract in the event that a Financial Distress Event occurs;
"Monitored Company"	Supplier
"Rating Agency"	the rating agency stated in Annex 1.

2. When this Schedule applies

- 2.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in relation to the assessment of the financial standing of the Monitored Companies and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.
- 2.2 The terms of this Schedule shall survive termination or expiry of this Contract.

3. What happens when your credit rating changes

- 3.1 The Supplier warrants and represents to CCS that as at the Start Date the credit rating issued for the Monitored Companies by the Rating Agency is as set out in Annex 2.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Working Days) notify CCS in writing if there is any downgrade in the credit rating issued by the Rating Agency for a Monitored Company which means that the credit rating for the Monitored company falls below the Credit Rating Threshold.
- 3.3 If there is any such downgrade credit rating issued by the Rating Agency for a Monitored Company the Supplier shall at CCS' request ensure that the Monitored Company's auditors thereafter provide CCS within 10 Working Days of the end of each Contract Year and within 10 Working Days of written request by CCS (such requests not to exceed 4 in any Contract Year) with written calculations of the quick ratio for the Monitored Company as at the end of each Contract Year or such other date as may be requested by CCS. For these purposes the "quick ratio" on any date means:

$$\frac{A + B + C}{D}$$

where:

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|---|---|
| A | is the value at the relevant date of all cash in hand and at the bank of the Monitored Company]; |
| B | is the value of all marketable securities held by the Supplier the Monitored Company determined using |

closing prices on the Working Day preceding the relevant date;

C is the value at the relevant date of all account receivables of the Monitored]; and

D is the value at the relevant date of the current liabilities of the Monitored Company].

3.4 The Supplier shall:

3.4.1 regularly monitor the credit ratings of each Monitored Company with the Rating Agency; and

3.4.2 promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) CCS in writing following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event or any fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event and in any event, ensure that such notification is made within 10 Working Days of the date on which the Supplier first becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event or the fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event.

3.5 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred the credit rating of the Monitored Company shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold if the Rating Agency has rated the Monitored Company at or below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold.

4. What happens if there is a financial distress event

4.1 In the event of a Financial Distress Event then, immediately upon notification of the Financial Distress Event (or if CCS becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event without notification and brings the event to the attention of the Supplier), the Supplier shall have the obligations and CCS shall have the rights and remedies as set out in Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6.

4.2 In the event that a Financial Distress Event arises due to a Key Subcontractor notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute then, CCS shall not exercise any of its rights or remedies under Paragraph 4.3 without first giving the Supplier ten (10) Working Days to:

4.2.1 rectify such late or non-payment; or

4.2.2 demonstrate to CCS's reasonable satisfaction that there is a valid reason for late or non-payment.

4.3 The Supplier shall and shall procure that the other Monitored Companies shall:

4.3.1 at the request of CCS meet CCS as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within three (3) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event) to review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance each Call-Off Contract; and

- 4.3.2 where CCS reasonably believes (taking into account the discussions and any representations made under Paragraph 4.3.1) that the Financial Distress Event could impact on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Call-Off Contract:
- (a) submit to CCS for its Approval, a draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event, within ten (10) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event); and
 - (b) provide such financial information relating to the Monitored Company as CCS may reasonably require.
- 4.4 If CCS does not (acting reasonably) approve the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, it shall inform the Supplier of its reasons and the Supplier shall take those reasons into account in the preparation of a further draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, which shall be resubmitted to CCS within five (5) Working Days of the rejection of the first or subsequent (as the case may be) drafts. This process shall be repeated until the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is Approved by CCS or referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.5 If CCS considers that the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is insufficiently detailed to be properly evaluated, will take too long to complete or will not remedy the relevant Financial Distress Event, then it may either agree a further time period for the development and agreement of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan or escalate any issues with the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan using the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.6 Following Approval of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan by CCS, the Supplier shall:
- 4.6.1 on a regular basis (which shall not be less than Monthly), review the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan and assess whether it remains adequate and up to date to ensure the continued performance each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Call-Off Contract;
 - 4.6.2 where the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is not adequate or up to date in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.1, submit an updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan to CCS for its Approval, and the provisions of Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 shall apply to the review and Approval process for the updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan; and
 - 4.6.3 comply with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (including any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan).
- 4.7 Where the Supplier reasonably believes that the relevant Financial Distress Event (or the circumstance or matter which has caused or otherwise led to it) no longer exists, it shall notify CCS and subject to the agreement of the Parties, the Supplier may be relieved of its obligations under Paragraph 4.6.

- 4.8 CCS shall be able to share any information it receives from the Supplier in accordance with this Paragraph with any Buyer who has entered into a Call-Off Contract with the Supplier.

5. When CCS or the Buyer can terminate for financial distress

- 5.1 CCS shall be entitled to terminate this Contract and Buyers shall be entitled to terminate their Call-Off Contracts for material Default if:
- 5.1.1 the Supplier fails to notify CCS of a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Paragraph 3.4;
 - 5.1.2 CCS and the Supplier fail to agree a Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.5; and/or
 - 5.1.3 the Supplier fails to comply with the terms of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.3.

6. What happens If your credit rating is still good

- 6.1 Without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations and CCS' and the Buyer's rights and remedies under Paragraph 5, if, following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event, the Rating Agency reviews and reports subsequently that the credit rating does not drop below the relevant Credit Rating Threshold, then:
- 6.1.1 the Supplier shall be relieved automatically of its obligations under Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6; and
 - 6.1.2 CCS shall not be entitled to require the Supplier to provide financial information in accordance with Paragraph 4.3.2(b).

ANNEX 1: RATING AGENCY

Dun & Bradstreet

ANNEX 2: CREDIT RATINGS & CREDIT RATING THRESHOLDS

Part 1: Current Rating

Entity	Credit rating (D&B Failure Rating)	Credit Rating Threshold
Supplier	D&B Failure Rating	51%

Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)

Request for [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Details of the Default:	[Guidance: Explain the Default, with clear schedule and clause references as appropriate]		
Deadline for receiving the [Revised] Rectification Plan:	[add] date (minimum 10 days from request)]		
Signed by [CCS/Buyer] :		Date:	
Supplier [Revised] Rectification Plan			
Cause of the Default	[add] cause]		
Anticipated impact assessment:	[add] impact]		
Actual effect of Default:	[add] effect]		
Steps to be taken to rectification:	Steps	Timescale	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	
Timescale for complete Rectification of Default	[X] Working Days		
Steps taken to prevent recurrence of Default	Steps	Timescale	
	1.	[date]	
	2.	[date]	
	3.	[date]	
	4.	[date]	
	[...]	[date]	
Signed by the Supplier:		Date:	
Review of Rectification Plan [CCS/Buyer]			

Outcome of review	[Plan Accepted] [Plan Rejected] [Revised Plan Requested]		
Reasons for Rejection (if applicable)	[add reasons]		
Signed by [CCS/Buyer]		Date:	

Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call Off Tender)

REDACTED

Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)

REDACTED

Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)

- 1.1 The Annex 1 to this Schedule lists the key roles (“**Key Roles**”) and names of the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles at the Start Date.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Staff fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Contract Period.
- 1.3 The Buyer may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Staff.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall not and shall procure that any Subcontractor shall not remove or replace any Key Staff unless:
 - 1.4.1 requested to do so by the Buyer or the Buyer Approves such removal or replacement (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);
 - 1.4.2 the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long-term sick leave; or
 - 1.4.3 the person’s employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or Subcontractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee.
- 1.5 The Supplier shall:
 - 1.5.1 notify the Buyer promptly of the absence of any Key Staff (other than for short-term sickness or holidays of two (2) weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
 - 1.5.2 ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
 - 1.5.3 give as much notice as is reasonably practicable of its intention to remove or replace any member of Key Staff and, except in the cases of death, unexpected ill health or a material breach of the Key Staff’s employment contract, this will mean at least three (3) Months’ notice;
 - 1.5.4 ensure that all arrangements for planned changes in Key Staff provide adequate periods during which incoming and outgoing staff work together to transfer responsibilities and ensure that such change does not have an adverse impact on the provision of the Deliverables; and
 - 1.5.5 ensure that any replacement for a Key Role has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role and is fully competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Staff whom he or she has replaced.

- 1.6 The Buyer may require the Supplier to remove or procure that any Subcontractor shall remove any Key Staff that the Buyer considers in any respect unsatisfactory. The Buyer shall not be liable for the cost of replacing any Key Staff.

Annex 1- Key Roles

Key Role	Key Staff	Contract Details
REDACTED		

Call-Off Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)

Part A: Long Form Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Not used.

Part B: Short Form Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery

- 1 The Supplier's business continuity and disaster recovery plan is appended at Annex 1 hereto.
- 2 The Supplier's business continuity and disaster recovery services are part of the Services and will be performed by the Supplier if required at no additional cost to the Buyer.
- 3 If requested by the Buyer prior to entering into this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier must ensure that its business continuity and disaster recovery plan is consistent with the Buyer's own plans.

Annex 1 Supplier's BCDR Plan

REDACTED

Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

Part A: Long Form Exit Management Requirements

Not used.

Part B: Short Form Exit Management Requirements

1. Within 20 (twenty) working days of the Start Date the Supplier must provide the Buyer with an exit plan which ensures continuity of service and which the Supplier will follow.
2. The Supplier must ensure that the exit plan clearly sets out the Supplier's methodology for achieving an orderly transition of the Services from the Supplier to the Buyer or its Replacement Supplier at the expiry or if the contract ends before the scheduled expiry.
3. The exit plan should set out full details of timescales, activities and roles and responsibilities of the Parties for:
 - the transfer to the Buyer of any technical information, instructions, manuals and code reasonably required by the Buyer to enable a smooth migration from the Supplier
 - the strategy for export and migration of Buyer data from the Supplier system to the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier, including conversion to open standards or other standards required by the Buyer
 - the transfer of project- specific IPR items and other Buyer customisations, configurations and databases to the Buyer or a replacement supplier
 - the testing and assurance strategy for exported Buyer data
 - if relevant, TUPE-related activity to comply with the TUPE regulations
 - any other activities and information which are reasonably required to ensure continuity of Service during the exit period and an orderly transition
4. When requested, the Supplier will help the Buyer to migrate the Services to a Replacement Supplier in line with the exit plan. This will be at the Supplier's own expense if the Call-Off Contract ended before the Expiry Date due to Supplier cause. Otherwise any additional costs incurred by the Supplier in providing such assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.

Call-Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels)

Definitions

In this Part Call-Off Schedule 14, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

“Critical Service Failure” Means a failure to meet a Service Level Threshold in respect of a Service Level

Performance Monitoring Report Means a Performance Monitoring Report as specified by Section 3 of this Call-Off Schedule 14

"Service Level Failure" means a failure to meet the Service Level Performance Measure in respect of a Service Level;

"Service Level Performance Measure" shall be as set out against the relevant Service Level in the Annex to Section 2 of this Call-Off Schedule 14; and

"Service Level Threshold" shall be as set out against the relevant Service Level in the Annex to Section 2 to this Call-Off Schedule 14

1. What happens if you don't meet the Service Levels

- 1.1 The Supplier shall at all times provide the Deliverables to meet the Service Level Performance Measure for each Service Level.
- 1.2 The Supplier acknowledges that any Service Level Failure shall entitle the Buyer to the rights set out in Section 2 to this Schedule 14.
- 1.3 The Supplier shall send Performance Monitoring Reports to the Buyer in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 (Performance Monitoring) of this Call-Off Schedule 14.

2. Critical Service Level Failure

On the occurrence of a Critical Service Level Failure:

- 2.1 the Buyer shall be entitled to withhold and retain as compensation a sum equal to any Charges which would otherwise have been due to the Supplier in respect of that Service Period ("Compensation for Critical Service Level Failure"),
provided that the operation of this paragraph 2 shall be without prejudice to the right of the Buyer to terminate this Contract and/or to claim damages from the Supplier for material Default.

Section 2: Service Levels

1. Service Levels

- 1.1 If the level of performance of the Supplier is likely to or fails to meet any Service Level Performance Measure the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer in writing and the Buyer, in its absolute discretion and without limiting any other of its rights, may:
 - 1.1.1 require the Supplier to immediately take all remedial action that is reasonable to mitigate the impact on the Buyer;
 - 1.1.2 instruct the Supplier to comply with the Rectification Plan Process; and/or
 - 1.1.3 if a Critical Service Level Failure has occurred, exercise its right to Compensation for Critical Service Level Failure (including the right to terminate for material Default).

ANNEX 1 TO SECTION 2: SERVICES LEVELS TABLE

Service Levels			
Service Level Performance Criterion	Key Indicator	Service Level Performance Measure	Service Level Threshold
Percentage of invoices that are both accurate and submitted within 30 calendar days of the Buyer's receipt of the Deliverables.	Accuracy / Timelines	95% of invoices.	n/a
Orders Delivered on time and in full according to the agreed timescales.	Quality / Timelines	95% of Orders.	n/a
Accurate and timely quotations provided within 48 hours (on Working Days) of a quotation request.	Availability / Responsiveness	95% of quotations.	n/a
Service Level(s) linked to environmental obligations from the Tender Response, to be mutually agreed by no later than 3 months after the Start Date.	Environmental	TBC	TBC

For the avoidance of doubt these are not Critical Service Levels.

Section 3: Performance Monitoring

1. Performance Monitoring and Performance Review

- 1.1 Within twenty (20) Working Days of the Start Date the Supplier shall provide the Buyer with details of the proposed process for monitoring and reporting of Service Levels, and the Parties will try to agree the process as soon as reasonably possible.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with performance monitoring reports ("Performance Monitoring Reports") as agreed pursuant to paragraph 1.1 above which shall contain, as a minimum, the following information in respect of the relevant Service Period just ended:
 - 1.2.1 for each Service Level, the actual performance achieved over the relevant Service Period;
 - 1.2.2 a summary of all failures to achieve Service Levels;
 - 1.2.3 details of any Critical Service Level Failures;
 - 1.2.4 for any repeat failures, actions taken to resolve the underlying cause and prevent recurrence; and
 - 1.2.5 such other details as the Buyer may reasonably require.
- 1.3 The Parties shall attend meetings to discuss Performance Monitoring Reports ("Performance Review Meetings") on a quarterly basis to review by Performance Monitoring Reports. The Performance Review Meetings shall:
 - 1.3.1 take place within one (1) week of the Performance Monitoring Reports being issued at such location and time (within normal business hours) as the Parties may agree;
 - 1.3.2 be attended by the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative; and
 - 1.3.3 be fully minuted by the Supplier, with the minutes circulated by to all attendees at the relevant meeting and also any other recipients agreed at the relevant meeting.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide to the Buyer such documentation as the Buyer may reasonably require in order to verify the level of the performance by the Supplier for any specified Service Period.

Call-Off Schedule 15 (Call-Off Contract Management)

1 Definitions

- 1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Project Manager" the manager appointed in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule;

2 Project Management

- 2.1 The Supplier and the Buyer shall each appoint a Project Manager for the purposes of this Contract through whom the provision of the Services and the Deliverables shall be managed day-to-day.
- 2.2 The Parties shall ensure that appropriate resource is made available on a regular basis such that the aims, objectives and specific provisions of this Contract can be fully realised.
- 2.3 Without prejudice to paragraph 4 below, the Parties agree to operate the boards specified as set out in the Annex to this Schedule.

3 Role of the Supplier Contract Manager

- 3.1 The Supplier's Contract Manager's shall be:
- 3.1.1 the primary point of contact to receive communication from the Buyer and will also be the person primarily responsible for providing information to the Buyer;
- 3.1.2 able to delegate his position to another person at the Supplier but must inform the Buyer before proceeding with the delegation and it will be delegated person's responsibility to fulfil the Contract Manager's responsibilities and obligations;
- 3.1.3 able to cancel any delegation and recommence the position himself; and
- 3.1.4 replaced only after the Buyer has received notification of the proposed change.
- 3.2 The Buyer may provide revised instructions to the Supplier's Contract Manager's in regards to the Contract and it will be the Supplier's Contract Manager's responsibility to ensure the information is provided to the Supplier and the actions implemented.
- 3.3 Receipt of communication from the Supplier's Contract Manager's by the Buyer does not absolve the Supplier from its responsibilities, obligations or liabilities under the Contract.

4 Contract Risk Management

- 4.1 Both Parties shall pro-actively manage risks attributed to them under the terms of this Call-Off Contract.
- 4.2 The Supplier shall develop, operate, maintain and amend, as agreed with the Buyer, processes for:
- 4.2.1 the identification and management of risks;
- 4.2.2 the identification and management of issues; and

- 4.2.3 monitoring and controlling project plans.
- 4.3 The Supplier allows the Buyer to inspect at any time within working hours the accounts and records which the Supplier is required to keep.
- 4.4 The Supplier will maintain a risk register of the risks relating to the Call-Off Contract which the Buyer's and the Supplier have identified.

Annex: Contract Boards

The Parties agree to operate the following boards at the locations and at the frequencies set out below:

No additional boards.

Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking)

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Schedule, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Benchmark Review" - a review of the Deliverables carried out in accordance with this Schedule to determine whether those Deliverables represent Good Value;

"Benchmarked Deliverables" - any Deliverables included within the scope of a Benchmark Review pursuant to this Schedule;

"Comparable Rates" - the Charges for Comparable Deliverables;

"Comparable Deliverables" - deliverables that are identical or materially similar to the Benchmark Deliverables (including in terms of scope, specification, volume and quality of performance) provided that if no identical or materially similar Deliverables exist in the market, the Supplier shall propose an approach for developing a comparable Deliverables benchmark;

"Comparison Group" - a sample group of organisations providing Comparable Deliverables which consists of organisations which are either of similar size to the Supplier or which are similarly structured in terms of their business and their service offering so as to be fair comparators with the Supplier or which, are best practice organisations;

"Equivalent Data" - data derived from an analysis of the Comparable Rates and/or the Comparable Deliverables (as applicable) provided by the Comparison Group;

"Good Value" - that the Benchmark Rates are within the Upper Quartile; and

"Upper Quartile" - in respect of Benchmark Rates, that based on an analysis of Equivalent Data, the Benchmark Rates, as compared to the range of prices for Comparable Deliverables, are within the top 25% in terms of best value for money for the recipients of Comparable Deliverables.

2 When you should use this Schedule

- 2.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer wishes to ensure that the Deliverables, represent value for money to the taxpayer throughout the Contract Period.
- 2.2 This Schedule sets to ensure the Contracts represent value for money throughout and that the Buyer may terminate the Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier if the Supplier refuses or fails to comply with its obligations as set out in Paragraphs 3 of this Schedule.
- 2.3 Amounts payable under this Schedule shall not fall with the definition of a Cost.

3 Benchmarking

3.1 How benchmarking works

- 3.1.1 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management), the Buyer may give CCS the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
- 3.1.2 The Buyer may, by written notice to the Supplier, require a Benchmark Review of any or all of the Deliverables.
- 3.1.3 The Buyer shall not be entitled to request a Benchmark Review during the first six (6) Month period from the Contract Commencement Date or at intervals of less than twelve (12) Months after any previous Benchmark Review.
- 3.1.4 The purpose of a Benchmark Review will be to establish whether the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually and/or as a whole, Good Value.
- 3.1.5 The Deliverables that are to be the Benchmarked Deliverables will be identified by the Buyer in writing.
- 3.1.6 Upon its request for a Benchmark Review the Buyer shall nominate a benchmarker. The Supplier must approve the nomination within ten (10) Working Days unless the Supplier provides a reasonable explanation for rejecting the appointment. If the appointment is rejected then the Buyer may propose an alternative benchmarker. If the Parties cannot agree the appointment within twenty (20) days of the initial request for Benchmark review then a benchmarker shall be selected by the Chartered Institute of Financial Accountants.
- 3.1.7 The cost of a benchmarker shall be borne by the Buyer (provided that each Party shall bear its own internal costs of the Benchmark Review) except where the Benchmark Review demonstrates that the Benchmarked Service and/or the Benchmarked Deliverables are not Good Value, in which case the Parties shall share the cost of the benchmarker in such proportions as the Parties agree (acting reasonably). Invoices by the benchmarker shall be raised against the Supplier and the relevant portion shall be reimbursed by the Buyer.

3.2 Benchmarking Process

- 3.2.1 The benchmarker shall produce and send to the Buyer, for Approval, a draft plan for the Benchmark Review which must include:
 - (a) proposed cost and timetable for the Benchmark Review;
 - (b) a description of the benchmarking methodology to be used which must demonstrate that the methodology to be used is capable of fulfilling the benchmarking purpose; and
 - (c) a description of how the benchmarker will scope and identify the Comparison Group.
- 3.2.2 The benchmarker, acting reasonably, shall be entitled to use any model to determine the achievement of value for money and to carry out the benchmarking.
- 3.2.3 The Buyer must give notice in writing to the Supplier within ten (10) Working Days after receiving the draft plan, advising the benchmarker and the Supplier whether it Approves the draft plan, or, if it does not approve the draft plan, suggesting amendments to that plan (which must be reasonable). If amendments are

suggested then the benchmarker must produce an amended draft plan and this Paragraph 3.2.3 shall apply to any amended draft plan.

- 3.2.4 Once both Parties have approved the draft plan then they will notify the benchmarker. No Party may unreasonably withhold or delay its Approval of the draft plan.
- 3.2.5 Once it has received the Approval of the draft plan, the benchmarker shall:
- (a) finalise the Comparison Group and collect data relating to Comparable Rates. The selection of the Comparable Rates (both in terms of number and identity) shall be a matter for the Supplier's professional judgment using:
 - i. market intelligence;
 - ii. the benchmarker's own data and experience;
 - iii. relevant published information; and
 - iv. pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.6 below, information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates;
 - (b) by applying the adjustment factors listed in Paragraph 3.2.7 and from an analysis of the Comparable Rates, derive the Equivalent Data;
 - (c) using the Equivalent Data, calculate the Upper Quartile;
 - (d) determine whether or not each Benchmarked Rate is, and/or the Benchmarked Rates as a whole are, Good Value.
- 3.2.6 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours and act in good faith to supply information required by the benchmarker in order to undertake the benchmarking. The Supplier agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to obtain information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates.
- 3.2.7 In carrying out the benchmarking analysis the benchmarker may have regard to the following matters when performing a comparative assessment of the Benchmarked Rates and the Comparable Rates in order to derive Equivalent Data:
- (a) the contractual terms and business environment under which the Comparable Rates are being provided (including the scale and geographical spread of the customers);
 - (b) exchange rates;
 - (c) any other factors reasonably identified by the Supplier, which, if not taken into consideration, could unfairly cause the Supplier's pricing to appear non-competitive.

3.3 Benchmarking Report

- 3.3.1 For the purposes of this Schedule "**Benchmarking Report**" shall mean the report produced by the benchmarker following the Benchmark Review and as further described in this Schedule;
- 3.3.2 The benchmarker shall prepare a Benchmarking Report and deliver it to the Buyer, at the time specified in the plan Approved pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.3, setting out its findings. Those findings shall be required to:

- (a) include a finding as to whether or not a Benchmarked Service and/or whether the Benchmarked Deliverables as a whole are, Good Value;
- (b) if any of the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually or as a whole, not Good Value, specify the changes that would be required to make that Benchmarked Service or the Benchmarked Deliverables as a whole Good Value; and
- (c) include sufficient detail and transparency so that the Party requesting the Benchmarking can interpret and understand how the Supplier has calculated whether or not the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually or as a whole, Good Value.

3.3.3 The Parties agree that any changes required to this Contract identified in the Benchmarking Report shall be implemented at the direction of the Buyer in accordance with Clause 24 (Changing the contract).

Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)

This Schedule sets out the characteristics of the Deliverables that the Supplier will be required to make to the Buyers under this Call-Off Contract. For the avoidance of doubt certain provisions have been superseded by the Supplier Tender Response and Pricing in Appendix C.1.

1. Introduction and Background to the Authority

- 1.1. The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) is an Arm's Length Body of the Department of Health and Social Care. We manage over £35 billion of NHS spend annually delivering a range of national services to NHS organisations, NHS contractors, patients and the public. Our purpose is to be a catalyst for better health and our vision is to be the delivery partner of choice for the NHS.
- 1.2. NHSBSA is a national organisation with multiple offices throughout England and around 3,700 employees. Homeworking has been embraced by the organisation and is continuing in a significant capacity despite our offices now being reopen.
- 1.3. Further information on the NHSBSA can be found at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/what-we-do>.
- 1.4. The NHSBSA also provide end user services to the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA), an NHS organisation with approximately 200 employees. The NHSCFA may also utilise this Call-Off Contract.

2. Background to Requirements / Overview of Requirement

- 2.1. NHSBSA operates a disaggregated IT service, with some functions provided in-house and others outsourced to specialist third-party suppliers. The End User Compute (EUC) team is in-house and is currently supported by a third-party contract to provide IT hardware. This contract is due to expire in May 2022 and therefore a new contract is required beyond this.
- 2.2. The EUC team run an ongoing device refresh operation, with a refresh cycle of approximately three to four years and carried out on a rolling department-by-department basis. As such, the majority of the device estate is likely to be replaced throughout the contract term.

3. Specification

- 3.1. The Authority is seeking the provision of an IT Hardware contract for a period of 36 months from June 2022 to June 2025. The Contract will include two Extension Periods of up to 12 months each, as detailed in the Order Form, taking the maximum Term to 60 months.
- 3.2. All quotations are to be sourced from *Lot 2 – Hardware & Associated Services* under the *CCS Technology Products & Associated Services framework agreement (RM6068)*.
- 3.3. The requirement covers a supplier to deliver, and potentially to store, IT hardware relating to the EUC function and any associated peripherals. Deliveries may be made to any Authority Site, as located throughout England and Wales. The majority of deliveries will be made to Greenfinch Way at the following address:

- 3.4. Unit 5, Greenfinch Way, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle, NE15 8NX.
- 3.5. The different hardware device types that are required to be available to purchase throughout the Contract are:
 - 3.5.1. Standard specification laptop;
 - 3.5.2. High-specification laptop;
 - 3.5.3. Lightweight Microsoft devices (Surface Pro or equivalent specification); and
 - 3.5.4. MacOS device (Macbook Pro or equivalent specification).
- 3.6. As part of the evaluation process, Potential Providers will be required to deliver to the Authority a single physical device, built to the Potential Provider's proposed specification, for each device type (with the exception of the MacOS device). Evaluators will test these devices in order to assess in line with Appendix C (Further Competition Questionnaire).
- 3.7. In addition to the Goods detailed in Paragraph 3.4, NHSBSA may also wish at its discretion to purchase other technology hardware items throughout the contract term on an ad-hoc basis. These may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 3.7.1. Docking stations;
 - 3.7.2. Monitors;
 - 3.7.3. Microsoft Surface Hubs (used in collaboration spaces in NHSBSA offices);
 - 3.7.4. Associated peripherals including a range of items such as:
 - 3.7.4.1. Headsets;
 - 3.7.4.2. Keyboards and mice;
 - 3.7.4.3. Chargers and cables; and
 - 3.7.4.4. Laptop bags.
- 3.8. The minimum hardware specifications required for the different types of devices that we wish to call-off throughout the contract are detailed in the following table:

Minimum Hardware Specifications				
	Laptop Standard Specification (TEST DEVICE REQUIRED)	Laptop Higher Specification (TEST DEVICE REQUIRED)	Lightweight Microsoft Device (Surface Pro or equivalent) (TEST DEVICE REQUIRED)	MacOS Device (Macbook Pro or Equivalent) (TEST DEVICE NOT REQUIRED)
Processor	Min I5 Dual core 7 th gen with 6MB cache	Min I7 8 th gen processor with 8MB cache	Min I5 Processor	Min 2.6GHz 6-core 8th-generation Intel Core
Memory	8GB DDR4	16GB DDR4	Min 8GB	Min 16GB LPDDR3
Hard Drive	512GB SSD	512GB SSD	Min 256GB SSD	Min 512GB SSD

Graphics	Min Intel UHD 620	Min Intel UHD 620	Min Intel UHD 620	Radeon Pro 560X with 4GB of GDDR5 memory
Wireless Card	802.11ac dual band	802.11ac dual band	802.11ac dual band	802.11ac dual band
O/S	Windows 10 or windows 11 64bit (latest supported version)	Windows 10 or windows 11 64bit (latest supported version)	Windows 10 or windows 11 64bit (latest supported version)	MacOS (latest supported version)
Camera (integral)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TPM	Min 2.0	Min 2.0	Min 2.0	min 2.0 or equivalent T2
Battery	Min 9 hours	Min 9 hours	Min 9 hours	Min 9 hours
On board ports	Power 2 x USB 3.0 1 x USB Type-C 1 x HDMI 1 x RJ45 1 x universal audio jack	2 x USB 3.0, 1 x USB Type-C 1 x HDMI 1 x universal audio jack	1 x USB 3.0 1 x Surface connect 1 x USB Type-C	4 * thunderbolt ports
Weight	Lightweight < 3.5 lbs	Lightweight < 3.5 lbs	< 2lbs	< 4lbs
VPro	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled	Enabled
Screen size	between 12.1" and 14.1"	between 12.1" and 14.1"	between 12.1" and 14.1"	15"
Indicative Quantities over 36 months	1,700	500	150	150

Minimum Manufacturer Supplied Dock Specifications				
	Laptop Standard Specification	Laptop Higher Specification	Lightweight Microsoft Device (Surface Pro or equivalent)	MacOS Device (Macbook Pro or Equivalent)
Ports	2 x display ports 1 x HDMI port 2 x USB Type-C 3 x USB 3.0 1 x RJ45	2 x display ports 1 x HDMI port 2 x USB Type-C 3 x USB 3.0 1 x RJ45	2 x mini display ports 4 x USB Type 3.0 1 x headphone jack 1 x RJ45	4 * thunderbolt ports

Output	All connectivity and power via single cable	All connectivity and power via single cable	All connectivity and power via single cable	All connectivity via single cable
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3.9. The intention is to use manufacturer docks to provide additional port and display capabilities.

3.10. The indicative volumes for the hardware refresh programme during the first 36 months is detailed in the following table:

Item	Quantity
Standard spec laptop	1,700
High spec laptop	500
Surface Pro (full bundle)	150
Macbook	150
Docking station	2,500
Monitor 22"	2,250
Surface Hub	20

3.11. It is envisaged that large orders will be placed two to three times a year, ahead of each stage of the hardware refresh cycle. The NHSBSA will work with the supplier to ensure that supply chain lead times and stock levels are closely managed. The following table details an indicative delivery schedule for the refresh of laptops users (which would be expected to include docking stations and a dual monitor setup):

Indicative Delivery Schedule for Laptop Users (i.e. when Goods need to be at NHSBSA Site)													
2022			2023				2024				2025		
Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	TOTAL
	250		500		350		500		350		250		2,200

3.12. Please note that the indicative hardware volumes provided are for evaluation purposes only and to help give an indication of what may be purchased under the contract. There is no commitment from the NHSBSA to purchase these volumes from the Supplier. NHSBSA reserves the right to vary the volumes across the device types during the course of the contract without any consequence.

3.13. Over the life of the Call-Off Contract we expect the successful supplier to offer access to the latest release of hardware specifications in line with their product roadmap, always meeting the specifications at the same, better or very similar price. The product roadmap should be provided as part of this tender exercise where possible. The successful supplier will be required to give 3 months' notice to inform of a product

change to ensure NHSBSA have ample time to test the new product prior to being accepted.

- 3.14. Additionally, where the IT hardware is becoming end of life the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to give the NHSBSA three (3) Months' notice of this event; in any event, the Supplier shall notify the NHSBSA when Goods are End of Life.
- 3.15. The supplier guarantees the 90-day warranty period for defects in goods and will repair faults in line with Clause 3.1.2 of the Core Terms.
- 3.16. All devices (and other hardware items as applicable) must be provided with a standard manufacturer warranty and assignable to the Authority in line with Clause 3.2.2 of the Core Terms.
- 3.17. The Authority also requires that all MacOS devices are provided with a 3-year extended manufacturer warranty.
- 3.18. For the avoidance of doubt, the Authority does not intend to purchase extended warranties for any devices other than the MacOS devices.
- 3.19. Hardware must be delivered with the operating system detailed in the minimum hardware specifications in Paragraph 3.7 installed as standard, with appropriate security measures in place for storage, transit and delivery. Any additional build work to add additional software will be carried out by the NHSBSA's in-house End User Compute team
- 3.20. The intention is for asset tagging and image loading to be completed in-house. However, the Supplier may be required to provide these as an Additional Service upon the Authority's request.
- 3.21. Suppliers are requested to provide details of additional optional services that can be provided. This catalogue of additional services should detail what is included and the level of service available e.g. if potential suppliers are able to undertake asset tagging of our hardware, what does this service entail and what is the quality level of the service. These service descriptions will be included in the contract as additional optional services that may be received over the life of the contract as required by NHSBSA.
- 3.22. Under the awarded contract, NHSBSA may purchase peripheral goods such as keyboards, mice, and monitors. As requested in Appendix C.1, please provide a catalogue or pricelist for all of the peripheral goods that you can supply under the contract. This catalogue will be for information only and not evaluated, but the catalogue items will be available for NHSBSA to call-off as additional purchases over the life of the contract as required. The successful supplier will be expected to inform NHSBSA of any updates to the catalogue as soon as reasonably possible, and this will be updated in the contract.

Sustainability

- 3.23. The Supplier must support, where applicable, the Authority with its implementation of the *Greening government: ICT and digital services strategy 2020-2025*, as detailed [here](#). This includes, but is not limited to, the requirement for the Supplier to:
 - 3.23.1. Commit to science-based net zero targets in line with the Paris Agreement (or procuring department target, whichever is sooner) and have either already developed, or will develop during the contract, carbon mitigation and adaptation strategies. This must include regular reporting on the Supplier's scope 1 and scope 2 carbon footprint, proportionate to the contract; and

- 3.23.2. Ensuring that refurbished/remanufactured Goods are available for the Authority to purchase throughout the contract if desired. The Supplier must provide an annual report showing the Authority's percentage of ICT equipment purchased that is remanufactured/refurbished.
- 3.24. The supply of IT hardware must be in line with the *Government Sustainable Procurement Buying Standards* as detailed [here](#).

Account and Supply Chain Management

- 3.25. Due to the risks associated with global supply chains, the Supplier should ensure that it has robust supply chain management practices in place in relation to the Contract.
- 3.26. An effective risk management strategy should be adopted to proactively identify, monitor and action risks and issues affecting the supply of the Deliverables to the Authority. These risks should be identified throughout the supply chain at all tiers.
- 3.27. Supply chain risks should be highlighted to the Authority as appropriate and discussed regularly at the Performance Review Meetings.
- 3.28. With regards to downstream supply chain management, the Supplier should work collaboratively with the Authority to understand its requirements and volumes. Insight into stock availability and lead times should be provided to assist the EUC Team with planning its hardware refresh rollout and day-to-day support operations.

Pricing Mechanism

- 3.29. The Charges shall operate on a cost plus fixed markup percentage pricing mechanism, using an Open Book Data approach. The fixed markup percentage must remain fixed (or improved) for the duration of the Call-Off Contract. Prices of items to be called-off throughout the Call-Off Contract will be subject to regular benchmarking in accordance with Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) and with assistance from CCS.
- 3.30. Prices should be fixed on a quarterly basis throughout the Call-Off Contract, although these may be subject to positive and negative tolerance thresholds linked to foreign currency exchange rates.

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