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# Form of Agreement

This Agreement is made between Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, acting as part of the Crown,“the Client”, of Ralli Quays, 3 Stanley Street, Salford M60 9LA and Banner Business Services Limited “the Contractor” whose main or registered office is at K House, Sheffield Business Park, Europa Link, Sheffield S9 1XU, together referred to as “the Parties” and is effective as of 01 July 2016 (“Commencement Date”)

It is agreed that:

This Form of Agreement together with the Terms and Conditions and Schedules are the documents that collectively form the “Contract”.

The Contract effected by the signing of this Form of Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Contract and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or understandings whether written or oral.

Signed for and on behalf of:

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| HM Revenue and CustomsSignature: RedactedFull Name:Position:Date: Contact detailsAddress:Telephone:e-Mail: | Banner Business Services LimitedSignature: RedactedFull Name: Position: Date: Contact detailsAddress: Telephone: e-Mail:  |

# Terms and Conditions

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Definitions and Interpretation

#### In this Contract unless the context otherwise requires the following provisions shall have the meanings given to them below:

“Approval” means the written consent of the Client.

“BPSS” means the HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard staff vetting procedures, issued by the Cabinet Office Security Policy Division and Corporate Development Group.

“Change Request” means a request by the Contractor for a Variation to the Contract.

“Client” means Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs (HMRC) acting as part of the Crown.

“Client Data” means:

(a) 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, and which:

 (i) are supplied to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Client; or

(ii) theContractor is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Agreement; and/or

 (b) any Personal Data for which the Client is the Data Controller.

“Commencement Date” means the effective date shown within theForm of Agreement.

“Commercially Sensitive Information” means Information notified to the Client in writing (prior to the commencement of this Contract) which has been clearly marked by the Contractor as Commercially Sensitive Information, comprising of information:

(a) which is provided by the Contractor to the Client in confidence; and/or

(b) that constitutes a trade secret.

“Confidential Information” means all Information:

(a) however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is stored;

(b) which comes (or has come) to the attention of or into the possession of a Party before, on or after execution of the Contract; and

(c) which has been designated as confidential by either Party in writing or which ought to be considered as confidential (whether or not it is marked at the time of provision to show that it is imparted in confidence);

(d) including but not limited to Information the disclosure of which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, trade secrets, Intellectual Property Rights and know-how of either Party and all personal data and sensitive personal data within the meaning of the DPA;

(e) and which Information is not:

(i) in the public domain at the time of disclosure (otherwise then by breach of ClauseD4 (Confidential Information); or

(ii) received from a third Party (who has lawfully acquired it) without restriction as to its disclosure; or

(iii) independently developed without access to the Confidential Information

“Contract” means this written agreement between the Client and the Contractor consisting of these Clauses and any attached Schedules.

“Contracting Authority” means any Contracting Authority as defined in Regulation 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.

“Contractor” means the person, firm or company with whom the Client enters into the Contract.

“Contract Period” means the period from the Commencement Date to:

(a) the date of expiry set out in Clause A2 (Initial Contract Period); or

(b) following an extension pursuant to ClauseE6 (Extension of Initial Contract Period), the date of expiry of the extended period;

or such earlier date of termination or partial termination of the Contract in accordance with the Law or the provisions of the Contract.

“Contract Price” means the price (exclusive of any applicable VAT) payable to the Contractor by the Client under the Contract, as set out in the Pricing Schedule, for the full and proper performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract but before taking into account the effect of any adjustment of price in accordance with ClauseB6 (Price Adjustment on Extension of Initial Contract Period).

“Crown” means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Executive Committee and Northern Ireland Departments, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers, government departments, government and particular bodies and government agencies.

“Default” means any breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including but not limited to fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other Default, act, omission, negligence or negligent statement of the relevant Party or the Staff in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the other.

“DOTAS” means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue and Customs 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 by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992.

“DPA” means the Data Protection Act 1998 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Crown body in relation to such legislation.

“Due Diligence Information” means any information supplied to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Client prior to the Commencement Date.

“E-Sourcing Messaging Facility” means the ability to send and receive messages via the E-Sourcing application.

“Environmental Information Regulations” means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Crown body in relation to such regulations.

“Equipment” means the Contractor’s Equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

“Fees Regulations” means the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

“FOIA” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Crown body in relation to such legislation.

“Fraud” means any offence under Laws creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts or at common Law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to the Contract or defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Crown.

“General Anti-Abuse Rule” means (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions.

“Good Industry Practice” means standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and 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 in a similar type of undertaking under the same or similar circumstances.

“Goods” means the Goods to be supplied as specified in the Specification

“Halifax Abuse Principle” means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others.

“Information” has the meaning given under section 84 of the FOIA.

“Initial Contract Period” means the period from the Commencement Date to the date of expiry set out in Clause A2 (Initial Contract Period), or such earlier date of termination of the Contract in accordance with the Law or the provisions of the Contract.

“Installation Works” means, as the context so requires,

(a) collectively, all works which the Contractor is to carry out at the beginning of the Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Specification; or

(b) where there are a series of works to be carried out during the Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Specification, each set of Installation Works

“Intellectual Property Rights” means patents, inventions, trade marks, service marks, logos, design rights (whether registrable or otherwise), applications for any of the foregoing, copyright, database rights, domain names, trade or business names, moral rights and other similar rights or obligations whether registrable or not in any country (including but not limited to the United Kingdom) and the right to sue for passing off.

“Key Personnel” means those persons named in the Specification as being Key Personnel.

“Law” means any applicable Act of Parliament, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, exercise of the royal prerogative, enforceable community right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgment of a relevant court of Law, or directives or requirements or any Regulatory Body of which the Contractor is bound to comply.

“Month” means calendar Month.

“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance” means:

(a) any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found to be incorrect as a result of:

 (i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Contractor under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation 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 Contractor 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; and/or

(b) the Contractor’s tax affairs give rise on or after 1 April 2013 to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Commencement Date or to a penalty for civil fraud or evasion.

“Outgoing Contractor” means the Person, firm or company currently providing the Services and whose replacement is envisaged pursuant to the Contract.

“Party” means a Party to the Contract.

“Premises” means the location where the Services are to be supplied, as set out in the Specification.

“Pricing Schedule” means the Schedule containing details of the Contract Price.

“Property” means the Property, other than real Property, issued or made available to the Contractor by the Client in connection with the Contract.

“Quality Standards” means the Quality Standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardization or other reputable or equivalent body, (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Contractor would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with, and as may be further detailed in the Specification.

“Regulatory Bodies” means those Crown bodies and regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees, ombudsmen and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in the Contract or any other affairs of the Client and “Regulatory Body” shall be construed accordingly.

"Relevant Convictions" means a conviction that is relevant to the nature of the Services and/or relevant to the work of the Client as previously agreed between the Client and the Contractor.

“Relevant Tax Authority” means HM Revenue and Customs, or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Contractor is established.

“Relevant Transfer” shall have the meaning set out in the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (“TUPE”)

“Replacement Contractor” means any third Party service provider appointed by the Client to supply any Services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Client receives in substitution for any of the Services following the expiry, termination or partial termination of the Contract.

“Request for Information” shall have the meaning set out in the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations as relevant (where the meaning set out for the term “request” shall apply).

“Returning Employees” means those persons listed in a Schedule to be agreed by the Parties prior to the end of the Contract Period who it is agreed were employed by the Contractor (and/or any sub-contractor) wholly and/or mainly in the provision of the Services immediately before the end of the Contract Period.

“Schedule” means a Schedule attached to, and forming part of, the Contract.

"Security Plan" means the Contractor's Security Plan prepared pursuant to the Client’s instructions.

"Security Policy" means the Client's current Security Policy as updated from time to time.

“Services” means the Services to be supplied as specified in the Specification.

“Specification” means the description of the Services to be supplied under the Contract set out in Schedule A

“Staff” means all persons employed by the Contractor to perform its obligations under the Contract together with the Contractor’s servants, agents, suppliers and sub-contractors used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

“Tender” means the document(s) submitted by the Contractor to the Client in response to the Client’s invitation to suppliers for formal offers to supply it with the Services.

“Transfer Date” means the date that a Relevant Transfer takes place and may or may not be coincidental to the Commencement Date.

“Variation” has the meaning given to it in ClauseE3.1 (Variation).

“VAT” means value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

“Working Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in the City of London.

#### The interpretation and construction of this Contract shall be subject to the following provisions:

##### Words importing the singular meaning include where the context so admits the plural meaning and vice versa;

##### Words importing the masculine include the feminine and the neuter;

##### Reference to a Clause is a reference to the whole of that Clause unless stated otherwise;

##### Reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended by any subsequent enactment, modification, order, regulation or instrument as subsequently amended or re-enacted;

##### Reference to any person shall include natural persons and partnerships, firms and other incorporated bodies and all other legal persons of whatever kind and however constituted and their successors and permitted assigns or transferees;

##### The words “include”, “includes” and “including” are to be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words “without limitation”;

##### Headings are included in the Contract for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract.

### Initial Contract Period

#### The Contract shall take effect on the Commencement Date and shall expire automatically on 31st December 2016, unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated, or extended under ClauseE6 (Extension of Initial Contract Period).

### Contractor’s Status

#### At all times during the Contract Period the Contractor shall be an independent Contractor and nothing in the Contract shall create a contract of employment, a relationship of agency or partnership or a joint venture between the Parties and accordingly neither Party shall be authorised to act in the name of, or on behalf of, or otherwise bind the other Party save as expressly permitted by the terms of the Contract.

### Client’s Obligations

#### Save as otherwise expressly provided, the obligations of the Client under the Contract are obligations of the Client in its capacity as a contracting counterparty and nothing in the Contract shall operate as an obligation upon, or in any other way fetter or constrain the Client in any other capacity, nor shall the exercise by the Client of its duties and powers in any other capacity lead to any liability under the Contract (howsoever arising) on the part of the Client to the Contractor.

### Notices

#### Any notice or other communication which is to be given by either Party to the other shall be issued by the E-SourcingMessaging Facility. Where, for legal or other reasons, this is not possible, notice shall be given by letter, (sent by hand or post, registered post or recorded delivery), or transmitted by facsimile or e-mail, confirmed in either case by written letter. Such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given on the day when in the ordinary course of the means of transmission it would first be received by the addressee in normal business hours.

### Mistakes in Information

#### The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of all drawings, documentation and Information supplied to the Client by the Contractor in connection with the supply of the Services and shall pay the Client any extra costs occasioned by any discrepancies, errors or omissions therein.

### Conflicts of Interest

#### The Contractor shall take appropriate steps to ensure that, to the best of its knowledge, neither the Contractor nor any Staff is placed in a position where there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Client under the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor will disclose to the Client full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.

#### The Client reserves the right to terminate the Contract immediately by notice in writing and/or to take such other steps it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the Client, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Contractor and the duties owed to the Client under the provisions of the Contract. The actions of the Client pursuant to this Clause shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Client. The Client shall pay to the Contractor any sums outstanding in the event that the Contract is terminated under this Clause A7.2.

#### Clauses A7.1 and A7.2 shall apply during the continuance of the Contract.

### Inspection of Premises

#### Save as the Client may otherwise direct, the Contractor is deemed to have inspected the Premises before submitting its Tender and to have made appropriate enquiries so as to be satisfied in relation to all matters connected with the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

### Access to Client’s Premises

#### The Client may, by written notice to the Contractor, refuse to admit onto, or withdraw permission to remain on, the Premises to:

##### any member of the Staff; or

##### any person employed or engaged by any member of the Staff,

whose admission or continued presence would, in the reasonable opinion of the Client, be undesirable.

#### At the Client’s written request, the Contractor shall provide a list of the names and addresses of all persons who may require admission in connection with the Contract to the Premises specifying the capacities in which they are concerned with the Contract and giving such other particulars as the Client may reasonably request.

#### The Contractor’s Staff, engaged within the boundaries of the Premises, shall comply with such rules, regulations and requirements (including those relating to security arrangements) as may be in force from time to time for the conduct of personnel when at or outside the Premises.

#### If the Contractor fails to comply with ClauseA9.2 within 14 days of the date of the request and in the reasonable opinion of the Client such failure may be prejudicial to the interests of the Crown, then the Client may terminate the Contract, provided always that such termination shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Client.

#### The decision of the Client as to whether any person is to be refused access to the Premises and as to whether the Contractor has failed to comply with ClauseA9.2 shall be final and conclusive.

### Licence to occupy Premises

#### NOT APPLICABLE.

### Staff Vetting and Government Baseline Security Standard

#### The Contractor shall comply with the HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) in respect of all persons employed or engaged in the provision of the Services. The Contractor confirms that all persons employed or engaged by the Contractor have been vetted and recruited in accordance with the BPSS.

#### The Contractor hereby warrants and represents that the checks specified in the BPSS have been carried out in respect of each person assigned to access Premises, Property or Information belonging to the Client and that the results of those checks are satisfactory.

#### The Contractor shall maintain full and accurate records of BPSS checks such that the Client (or its authorised agents) may verify that the Contractor has carried out such checks in accordance with the BPSS.

#### Subject to legal requirements in respect of confidentiality, the Contractor shall grant to the Client (or its authorised agents) the right of reasonable access to all its records of BPSS checks and shall provide all reasonable assistance at all times for the purpose of carrying out an audit of the Contractor's compliance with the BPSS.

#### The Client may require the Contractor to ensure that any person employed in the provision of the Goods or Services has undertaken a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The Contractor shall ensure that no person who discloses that he/she has a Relevant Conviction, or is found by the Contractor to have a Relevant Conviction (whether as a result of a police check or through the Disclosure and Barring Service check or otherwise) is employed or engaged in the provision of any part of the Goods or Services.

### Security of Premises

#### The Client shall be responsible for maintaining the security of the Premises in accordance with its standard security requirements. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable security requirements of the Client while on the Premises, and shall ensure that all of its Staff comply with such requirements.

#### The Contractor shall take all steps reasonably required by the Client to prevent unauthorised persons from being admitted to the Client’s Premises. The Client shall afford to the authorised personnel of the Contractor at all reasonable times and with prior agreement such access to the Client’s Premises as may be necessary for the performance of the Contract provided always that the Client shall have the right to refuse admittance to or order the removal from the Premises any person employed by or acting on behalf of the Contractor or any sub-contractor who in the opinion of the Client (which shall be final) is not a fit and proper person to be on the Client’s Premises. Action taken under this Condition shall be confirmed in writing to the Contractor by the Client and shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract. At all times personnel of the Contractor shall obey the Client's directions relating to safety.

#### Where Staff are required to have a pass for admission to the Client’s Premises, the Client’s representative shall, subject to satisfactory completion of Approval procedures, arrange for passes to be issued.

#### The Client shall provide the Contractor upon request copies of its written security procedures and shall afford the Contractor upon request with an opportunity to inspect its physical security arrangements.

### Property

#### Where the Client issues Property free of charge to the Contractor such Property shall be and remain the Property of the Client and the Contractor irrevocably licences the Client and its agents to enter upon any Premises of the Contractor during normal business hours on reasonable notice to recover any such Property. The Contractor shall not in any circumstances have a lien or any other interest on the Property and the Contractor shall at all times possess the Property as fiduciary agent and bailee of the Client. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the title of the Client to the Property and the exclusion of any such lien or other interest are brought to the notice of all sub-contractors and other appropriate persons and shall, at the Client’s request, store the Property separately and ensure that it is clearly identifiable as belonging to the Client.

#### The Property shall be deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Contractor unless the Contractor notifies the Client otherwise within 5 Working Days of receipt.

#### The Contractor shall maintain the Property in good order and condition (excluding fair wear and tear), and shall use the Property solely in connection with the Contract and for no other purpose without prior Approval.

#### The Contractor shall ensure the security of all the Property whilst in its possession, either on the Premises or elsewhere during the supply of the Goods or Services, in accordance with the Client’s reasonable security requirements as required from time to time.

#### The Contractor shall be liable for all loss of, or damage to, the Property (excluding fair wear and tear), unless such loss or damage was caused by the Client’s Default. The Contractor shall inform the Client within 2 Working Days of becoming aware of any defects appearing in, or losses or damage occurring to, the Property.

### Due Diligence

A14.1 The Contractor acknowledges that:

 (a) the Client has made available to the Contractor all information, documents and Due Diligence Information that the Contractor considers necessary or relevant for the performance of its obligations under this Contract;

 (b) it has made its own enquiries to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and adequacy of the Due Diligence Information;

 (c) it has satisfied itself of all relevant details relating to:

 (i) the Client’s requirements;

 (ii) the processes and procedures and working methods of the Client

 (iii) the ownership, functionality, capacity, condition and suitability for use in the delivery of the Contract of any Client Property provided.

A14.2 The Contractor shall not be excused from the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract on the grounds of, and shall not be entitled to recover any additional costs or charges arising as a result of, any failure by the Contractor to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and adequacy of the Due Diligence Information.

## PAYMENT TERMS AND CONTRACT PRICE

### Contract Price

B1.1 The Contract Prices and Rates shall remain firm for the initial Contract Period, and for any extension of the Contract Period pursuant to clause E6.1.

B1.2 In the event that the Contract Price is increased or decreased as a result of any new legislation or regulation being made after the Commencement Date, the amount of any such increase or decrease shall be treated as a Variation to the Contract and will be assessed on an individual basis. Such Variations will not be allowed where new legislation or regulations are enacted after the commencement of the Contract but were made public prior to the Commencement Date. Any such Variations to price, which can be foreseen by the Contractor prior to the Commencement Date, will be deemed to have been included in the Contract Price.

### Payment Terms and VAT

B2.1 The Client shall pay all sums due to the Contractor within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice, submitted in accordance with the Client’s reasonable instructions.

B2.2 The Contractor shall ensure that each invoice contains all appropriate references and a detailed breakdown of the Services or Goods supplied and is supported by any other documentation reasonably required by the Client to substantiate the invoice.

B2.3 Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract with a supplier or sub-contractor for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract, it shall ensure that a provision is included in such a sub-contract which requires payment to be made of all sums due by the Contractor to the sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding 30 days from the receipt of a valid invoice.

B2.4 The Contractor shall add VAT to the Contract Price at the prevailing rate as applicable and the Client shall pay the VAT to the Contractor following its receipt of a valid VAT invoice.

B2.5 The Contractor shall indemnify the Client on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred, which is levied, demanded or assessed on the Client at any time in respect of the Contractor’s failure to account for or to pay any VAT relating to payments made to the Contractor under the Contract. Any amounts due under this ClauseB2.5 shall be paid by the Contractor to the Client not less than 5Working Days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Client.

B2.6 The Contractor shall not suspend the supply of the Goods or Services unless the Contractor is entitled to terminate the Contract under Clause G2.3 (Termination on Default) for failure to pay undisputed sums of money. If any amount payable under this Contract is not paid within 30 days of the due date for payment, interest shall be payable by the Client at a rate of 5% above the base rate of the Bank of England, from the due date to the date of actual payment.

### Recovery of Sums Due

B3.1 Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Client in respect of any breach of the Contract), that sum may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other agreement or Contract with the Client or the Crown.

B3.2 Any overpayment by either Party shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.

### Compliance with Value Added Tax and Other Tax Requirements

B4.1 The Contractor shall at all times comply with the Value Added Tax Act 1994 and all other statutes relating to direct or indirect taxes.

B4.2 Failure to comply may constitute a material breach of this Contract and the Client may exercise the rights and provisions conferred by Condition G2 (Termination on Default) hereof.

B4.3 The Contractor shall provide to the Client the name and, as applicable, the Value Added Tax registration number, PAYE collection number and either the Corporation Tax or Self Assessment reference of any agent, supplier or sub-contractor of the Contractor prior to the commencement of any work under this Contract by that agent, supplier or sub-contractor. Upon a request by the Client, the Contractor shall not employ or will cease to employ any agent, supplier or sub-contractor.

### Arrears of Value Added Tax

B5.1 Where an amount, including any assessed amount, is due from the Contractor as Value Added Tax under the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (as amended) an equivalent amount may be deducted by the Client from the amount of any sum due to the Contractor under the Contract.

B5.2 The Client shall give the Contractor at least 14 days notice in writing before exercising the right of deduction under Clause B5.1. The notice shall specify the amount to be deducted and shall contain a description of the VAT due from the Contractor in respect of which the deduction is made.

### Price adjustment on extension of the Initial Contract Period

B6.1 NOT APPLICABLE.

### Euro

B7.1 Any requirement of Law to account for the Services in Euro (or to prepare for such accounting) instead of and/or in addition to sterling, shall be implemented by the Contractor free of charge to the Client.

B7.2 The Client shall provide all reasonable assistance to facilitate compliance with Clause B7.1 by the Contractor.

## STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS AND REGULATIONS

### Prevention of Corruption and the Bribery Act 2010

C1.1 The Contractor shall comply, and shall ensure that its employees, agents and sub-contractors comply, with the provisions of the Bribery Act 2010

C1.2 The Contractor shall not offer or give, or agree to give, to the Client or any other Crown body or any person employed by or on behalf of the Client or any other Crown body any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing, refraining from doing, or for having done or refrained from doing, any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the Contract or any other Contract with the Client or any other Crown body, or for showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Contract or any such Contract.

C1.3 The Contractor warrants that it has not paid commission or agreed to pay commission to the Client or any other Crown body or any person employed by or on behalf of the Client or any other Crown body in connection with the Contract.

C1.4 If the Contractor, its Staff or anyone acting on the Contractor’s behalf, engages in conduct prohibited by Clauses C1.2 or C1.3, the Client may:

(a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Client resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Client of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Client throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or

(b) recover in full from the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Client in consequence of any breach of those Clauses.

### Prevention of Fraud

C2.1 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps, in accordance with Good Industry Practice, to prevent Fraud by Staff and the Contractor (including its shareholders, members, directors) in connection with the receipt of monies from the Client.

C2.2 The Contractor shall notify the Client immediately if it has reason to suspect that any Fraud has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur.

C2.3 If the Contractor or its Staff commits Fraud in relation to this or any other Contract with the Crown (including the Client) the Client may:

(a) terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Client resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Client of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Client throughout the remainder of the Contract Period; or

(b) recover in full from the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Client in consequence of any breach of this Clause.

### Discrimination

C3.1 The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly because of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, or age and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 (which replaces the following: Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976, the Equal Pay Act 1970, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007, the Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006, the Equality Act 2006), the Human Rights Act 1998 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

C3.2 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of Clause C3.1 by all Staff.

### The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

C4.1 A person who is not a Party to the Contract shall have no right to enforce any of its provisions which, expressly or by implication, confer a benefit on him, without the prior written agreement of both Parties. This Clause does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and does not apply to the Crown.

### Environmental Requirements

C5.1 The Contractor shall, when working on the Premises, perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Client’s environmental policy, which is 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.

### Health and Safety

C6.1 The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to Staff and other persons working on the Premises in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

C6.2 The Contractor shall promptly notify the Client of any health and safety hazards which may arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Client shall promptly notify the Contractor of any health and safety hazards which may exist or arise at the Premises and which may affect the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

C6.3 While on the Premises, the Contractor shall comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Client in respect of Staff and other persons working there.

C6.4 The Contractor shall notify the Client immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the Contract on the Premises where that incident causes any personal injury or damage to Property which could give rise to personal injury.

## DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

### Client Data

D1.1 The Contractor shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to Client Data.

D1.2 The Contractor shall not store, copy, disclose, or use Client Data except as necessary for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Client.

D1.3 To the extent that Client Data is held and/or processed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall supply that Client Data to the Client as may be requested by the Client and in the format specified by the Client.

D1.4 The Contractor shall take responsibility for preserving the integrity of Client Data and shall take all necessary steps to prevent the corruption or loss of Client Data.

D1.5 The Contractor shall perform secure back-ups of all Client Data and shall ensure that up-to-date back-ups are stored off-site in accordance with the Client’s instructions. The Contractor shall ensure that such back-ups are available to the Client at all times upon request and are delivered to the Client at agreed intervals.

D1.6 The Contractor shall ensure that any system on which the Contractor holds Client Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Client’s current Security Policy. If any Client Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Contractor's Default so as to be unusable, the Client may:

(a) require the Contractor (at the Contractor's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of the Client Data to the extent required by the Client and in accordance with the Client’s security requirements and the Contractor shall do so as soon as practicable but not later than any agreed timescale; and/or

(b) itself restore or procure the restoration of the Client Data, and shall be reimbursed by the Contractor any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so to the extent required by the Client and in accordance with the Client’s security requirements.

D1.7 If at any time the Contractor suspects or has reason to believe that Client Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded in any way for any reason, then the Contractor shall notify the Client immediately and inform the Client of the remedial action the Contractor proposes to take.

### Data Protection Act

D2.1 For the purposes of this Clause D2, the terms “Data Controller”, “Data Processor”, “Data Subject”, “Personal Data”, “Process” and “Processing” shall have the meaning prescribed under the DPA.

D2.2 The Contractor shall (and shall ensure that all Staff) comply with any notification requirements under the DPA and both Parties will duly observe all their obligations under the DPA which arise in connection with the Contract.

D2.3 Notwithstanding the general obligation in Clause D1.2, where the Contractor is processing Personal Data as a Data Processor for the Client the Contractor shall:

(a) Process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions from the Client (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Contract or as otherwise notified by the Client to the Contractor);

(b) Comply with all applicable Laws;

(c) Process the Personal Data only to the extent and in such manner as is necessary for the provision of the Contractor’s obligations under this Contract or as is required by Law or any Regulatory Body;

(d) Implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful Processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful Processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;

(e) Take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of Staff and agents who may have access to the Personal Data;

(f) Obtain prior written consent from the Client in order to transfer the Personal Data to any sub-contractor for the provision of the Services;

(g) Not cause or permit the Personal Data to be transferred outside of the European Economic Area without the prior consent of the Client;

(h) Ensure that all Staff and agents required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this Clause D2;

(i) Ensure that none of the Staff and agents publish disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third parties unless directed in writing to do so by the Client;

(j) Not disclose Personal Data to any third parties in any circumstances other than with the written consent of the Client or in compliance with a legal obligation imposed upon the Client; and

D2.4 Notify the Client within 5Working Days if it receives:

(a) A request from a Data Subject to have access to that person’s Personal Data; or

(b) A complaint or request relating to the Client’s obligations under the DPA;

D2.5 Provide the Client with reasonable cooperation and assistance in relation to any such complaint or request made, including by:

(a) Providing the Client with full details of the complaint or request;

(b) Assisting the Client to comply with any such request in accordance with the Client’s reasonable instructions; and

(c) Providing the Client with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the timescales reasonably required by the Client).

D2.6 The provision of this Clause D2 shall apply during the Contract Period and indefinitely after its expiry.

### Official Secrets Acts and related Legislation

D3.1 The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that its Staff comply with, the provisions of:

(a) the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989; and

1. Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989; and
2. Section 18 and Section 19 of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005

D3.2 In the event that the Contractor or its Staff fail to comply with this Clause, the Client reserves the right to terminate the Contract with immediate effect.

### Confidential Information

D4.1 Except to the extent set out in this Clause or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:

(a) treat the other Party's Confidential Information as confidential and safeguard it accordingly; and

(b) not disclose the other Party's Confidential Information to any other person without the Information owner's prior written consent.

D4.2 Clause D4.1 shall not apply to the extent that:

(a) such disclosure is a requirement of Law placed upon the Party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA, Code of Practice on Access to Government Information or the Environmental Information Regulations pursuant to ClauseD5 (Freedom of Information);

(b) such Information was in the possession of the Party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the Information owner;

(c) such Information was obtained from a third Party without obligation of confidentiality;

(d) such Information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of this Contract; or

(e) it is independently developed without access to the other Party's Confidential Information.

D4.3 The Contractor may only disclose the Client's Confidential Information to the Staff who are directly involved in the provision of theGoods andServices and who need to know the Information, and shall ensure that such Staff are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.

D4.4 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that the Staff do not, use any of the Client's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of the Contract.

D4.5 Where deemed appropriate by the Client, and at the written request of the Client, the Contractor shall procure that its Staff sign a confidentiality undertaking prior to commencing any work in accordance with the Contract.

D4.6 Nothing in this Contract shall prevent the Client from disclosing the Contractor's Confidential Information (including the Management Information obtained under Schedule C to this Contract):

(a) to the Crown or any other Contracting Authority. The Crown and any Contracting Authorities receiving such Confidential Information shall be entitled to further disclose the Confidential Information to the Crown or other Contracting Authorities on the basis that the information is confidential and is not to be disclosed to a third Party which is not part the Crown or any Contracting Authority;

(b) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;

(c) to the extent that the Client (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;

(d) on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, supplier or other person engaged by any of the entities described in clause D4.6(a) (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Contract;

(e) for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Client's accounts; or

(f) for any examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Client has used its resources.

(g) on a confidential basis to a proposed successor body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Contract

 and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Client under this clause D4.

D4.7 The Client shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any Crown body, Contracting Authority, employee, third Party or sub-contractor to whom the Contractor's Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to Clause D4.6 is made aware of the Client's obligations of confidentiality.

D4.8 Nothing in this Clause D4 shall prevent either Party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of the Contract in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in disclosure of the other Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of its Intellectual Property Rights.

### Freedom of Information

D5.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Client is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations and shall assist and cooperate with the Client to enable the Client to comply with its information disclosure obligations.

D5.2 The Contractor shall and shall procure that any sub-contractors shall:

(a) transfer to the Client all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within 2Working Days of receiving a Request for Information;

(b) provide the Client with a copy of all information in its possession or power in the form that the Client requires within 5Working Days (or such other period as the Client may reasonably specify) of the Client's request; and

(c) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Client to enable the Client to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or Regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.

D5.3 The Client shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Government Information, FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations.

D5.4 In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Client.

D5.5 If the Client receives a Request for Information relating to information previously considered by the Parties to be Commercially Sensitive Information that is exempt under the FOIA the Client shall:

(a) consider whether the information is, in fact, exempt and;

(b) consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information (unless the Information benefits from an absolute exemption) and;

(c) consult with the Contractor prior to disclosure of the information whenever reasonably practicable.

D5.6 Without prejudice to Clause D5.5 the Client shall consult with the Contractor before disclosing any Confidential Information of the Contractor unless the Client is obliged under the FOIA to disclose such Information without consulting the Contractor.

D5.7 The Client shall not be liable for any loss or damage suffered by the Contractor, whether in Contract, tort or any other way, as a result of the Client disclosing Information in response to a request made under the FOIA.

D5.8 The Contractor shall ensure that all information is retained for disclosure in accordance with any legislation or guidelines from time to time in place and shall permit the Client to inspect such records as requested from time to time.

### Security Requirements

D6.1 In the performance of this Contract, the Contractor shall comply with (and shall ensure that its Staff comply with) the Client’s specific security requirements as described in the Specification of Requirements at Schedule A as appropriate. Failure to do so may result in the termination of the Contract in accordance with Clause G2. The Contractor shall be obliged to inform the Client of any security incident, regardless of its size or perceived impact on the Client’s business, as soon as the Contractor becomes aware of such an incident, and shall maintain auditable records of such events.

D6.2 Where required by the Client, the Contractor shall comply, and shall procure the compliance of its Staff, with the HMRC Security Policy and the Security Plan at Schedule H of this Contract and the Contractor shall ensure that its Security Plan fully complies with the Security Policy.

D6.3 The Client shall notify the Contractor of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.

D6.4 If the Contractor believes that a change or proposed change to the Security Policy will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the Goods or Services it may submit a Change Request. In doing so, the Contractor must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate these costs. Any such change shall then be agreed in accordance with the change procedures previously agreed between the Client and the Contractor.

D6.5 Unless and/or until such a change is agreed by the Client pursuant to Clause D6.4 the Contractor shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with its existing obligations under the Contract.

D6.6 The Contractor shall, as an enduring obligation for the Contract Period, use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions available from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor to check for and delete Malicious Software from the ICT Environment.

D6.7 Notwithstanding Clause D6.6, if Malicious Software is found, the Parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Client Data, assist each other to mitigate any losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.

D6.8 Any cost arising out of the actions of the parties taken in compliance with the provisions of Clause D6.7 shall be borne by the parties as follows:

(a) by the Contractor where the Malicious Software originates from the Contractor Software, the Third Party Software or the Authority Data (whilst the Authority Data was under the control of the Contractor); and

(b) by the Client if the Malicious Software originates from the Client Software or the Client Data (whilst the Client Data was under the control of the Client).

### Publicity, Media and Official Enquiries

D7.1 The Contractor shall not:

 (a) make any press announcements or publicise this Contract or its contents in any way; or

 (b) use the Client’s name or brand in any promotion or marketing or announcement of orders;

 Without the prior written consent of the Client, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

D7.2 Each Party acknowledges to the other that nothing in this Contract either expressly or by implication constitutes an endorsement of any products or Services of the other Party and each Party agrees not to conduct itself in such a way as to imply or express any such Approval or endorsement.

D7.3 Both Parties shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that their servants, employees, agents, sub-contractors, suppliers, professional advisors and consultants comply with Clause D7.1.

### D8 Intellectual Property Rights

D8.1 Not Applicable.

D8.2 Not Applicable.

D8.3 Not Applicable.

D8.4 The Contractor shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third Party in supplying the Services and the Contractor shall, during and after the Contract Period, indemnify and keep indemnified and hold the Client and the Crown harmless from and against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, damages, costs and expenses and other liabilities which the Client or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Clause, except where any such claim arises from:

(a) items or materials based upon designs supplied by the Client; or

(b) the use of data supplied by the Client which is not required to be verified by the Contractor under any provision of the Contract.

D8.5 The Client shall notify the Contractor in writing of any claim or demand brought against the Client for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor.

D8.6 The Contractor shall at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with any claim for breach of Intellectual Property Rights in materials supplied or licensed by the Contractor.

D8.7 If a claim, demand or action for infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Right is made in connection with the Contract or in the reasonable opinion of the Contractor is likely to be made, the Contractor shall notify the Client and, at its own expense and subject to the consent of the Client (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), use its best endeavours to:

(a) modify any or all of the Goods or Services without reducing the performance or functionality of the same, or substitute alternative Goods or Services of equivalent performance and functionality, so as to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, provided that the provisions herein shall apply to such modified Goods or Services or to the substitute Goods or Services; or

(b) procure a licence to use and supply the Goods or Services which are the subject of the alleged infringement on terms which are acceptable to the Client, and in the event that the Contractor is unable to comply with Clauses D8.7(a) or (b) within 20 Working Days of receipt of the Contractor’s notification the Client may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

D8.8 The Contractor grants to the Client a royalty-free, irrevocable and non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-licence) to use any Intellectual Property Rights that the Contractor owned or developed prior to the Commencement Date and which the Client reasonably requires in order exercise its rights and take the benefit of this Contract including the Goods or Services provided.

### D9 Audit and the National Audit Office

D9.1 The Contractor shall keep and maintain until 6 years after the end of the Contract Period, or as long a period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Contract including the Goods or Services supplied under it, all expenditure reimbursed by the Client, and all payments made by the Client. The Contractor shall on request afford the Client or the Client’s representatives such access to those records as may be requested by the Client in connection with the Contract.

### D10 Client’s Right to Publish the Contract

D10.1 The parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of this Contract is not Confidential Information. The Client shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA.Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Contractor hereby gives his consent for the Client to publish the Contract in its entirety, (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted) including fromtime to time agreed changes to the Contract, to the general public.

D10.2 The Client may consult with the Contractor to inform its decision regarding any redactions but the Client shall have the final decision at its absolute discretion.

D10.3 The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Client to enable the Client to publish this Contract

## CONTROL OF THE CONTRACT

### Transfer, Sub-Contracting and Novation

E1.1 The Contractor shall not assign, novate or otherwise transfer or dispose of any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Client, which may be withheld at the Client’s absolute discretion, and any attempt by the Contractor to assign, novate or otherwise transfer or dispose of its rights or obligations in violation hereof shall be null and void as between the Parties.

E1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors as though they are its own.

E1.3 The Contractor shall not sub-contract any of its obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Client. Where the Client has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, copies of each sub-contract shall, at the request of the Client, be sent by the Contractor to the Client as soon as reasonably practicable.

E1.4 Notwithstanding Clause E1.1, the Contractor may assign to a third Party (the “Assignee”) the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Contractor under the Contract. Any assignment under this Clause E1.4 shall be subject to:

(a) deduction of any sums in respect of which the Client exercises its right of recovery under ClauseB3 (Recovery of Sums Due); and

(b) all related rights of the Client under the Contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid;

E1.5 In the event that the Contractor assigns the right to receive the Contract Price under Clause E1.4, the Contractor shall notify the Client if future payments are to be made directly to the Assignee and shall provide the Client with the relevant Information. The provisions of ClauseB2(Payment Terms and VAT) shall continue to apply in all other respects after the assignment and shall not be amended without the Approval of the Client.

E1.6 Subject to Clause E1.8, the Client may assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof to:

(a) any Contracting Authority; or

(b) any other body established by the Crown or under statute in order substantially to perform any of the functions that had previously been performed by the Client; or

(c) any private sector body which substantially performs the functions of the Client,

provided that any such assignment, novation or other disposal shall not increase the burden of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract.

E1.7 Any change in the legal status of the Client such that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority shall not, subject to ClauseE1.8, affect the validity of the Contract. In such circumstances, the Contract shall bind and inure to the benefit of any successor body to the Client.

E1.8 If the rights and obligations under the Contract are assigned, novated or otherwise disposed of pursuant to Clause E1.6 to a body which is not a Contracting Authority or if there is a change in the legal status of the Clientsuch that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority (in the remainder of this Clause both such bodies being referred to as the “Transferee”):

(a) the rights of termination of the Client in Clauses G1 (Termination on insolvency and change of control) and G2 (Termination on Default) shall be available to the Contractor in the event of, respectively, the bankruptcy or insolvency, or Default of the Transferee;

(b) the Transferee shall only be able to assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof with the previous consent in writing of the Contractor.

E1.9 The Client may disclose to any Transferee any Confidential Information of the Contractor which relates to the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract. In such circumstances the Client shall authorise the Transferee to use such Confidential Information only for purposes relating to the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract and for no other purpose and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Transferee gives a confidentiality undertaking in relation to such Confidential Information.

E1.10 Each Party shall at its own cost and expense carry out, or use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the carrying out of, whatever further actions (including the execution of further documents) the other Party reasonably requires from time to time for the purpose of giving that other Party the full benefit of the provisions of the Contract.

E1.11 The Client hereby consents that, by giving the Contractor prior written notice, the Client may assign, novate, sub-contract or otherwise dispose of, and be released from, any or all of its rights and/or obligations under the Agreement:

* to any Contracting Authority; or

#### to any successor Client following a reorganisation within government or to any body (including any private sector body) other than a Contracting Authority which substantially performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by the Clientprovided that

#### there will be, in the Contractor’s reasonable opinion, no change to the risks and their allocation within the Agreement; and

#### in the case of a private sector body only, if such body does not have a credit rating substantially similar to that of the Client, then the Parties shall agree a reasonable adjustment to the Service Charges to compensate the Contractor for any increase in its funding costs necessarily incurred as a result of such assignment, novation or other disposal); or

#### (only with the prior written consent of the Contractor (which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed)) to any other person, provided thatthe Client’s assignee or successor in title undertakes in writing to the Contractor to be bound by the obligations of the Client under the Agreement.

E1.12 Any change in the legal status of the Client such that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority shall not affect the validity of the Agreement. In such circumstances, the Agreement shall be binding on any successor body to the Client.

### Waiver

E2.1 The failure of either Party to insist upon strict performance of any provision of the Contract, or the failure of either Party to exercise, or any delay in exercising, any right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy and shall not cause a diminution of the obligations established by the Contract.

E2.2 No waiver shall be effective unless it is expressly stated to be a waiver and communicated to the other Party in writing in accordance with Clause A5 (Notices).

E2.3 A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of the Contract shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other or subsequent breach of the Contract.

### Variation

E3.1 Subject to the provisions of this Clause E3.1, the Client may request a Variation of the Specification provided that such Variation does not amount to a material change to the Specification. Such a change is hereinafter called a “Variation”.

E3.2 The Client may request a Variation by notifying the Contractor in writing giving the Contractor sufficient Information to assess the extent of the Variation and any additional cost that may be incurred by the Contractor. The Client shall specify a time limit within which the Contractor shall respond to the request for a Variation. Such time limits shall be reasonable having regard to the nature of the Variation. If the Contractor accepts the Variation it shall confirm the same in writing.

E3.3 In the event that the Contractor is unable to provide the Variation to the Specification or where the Parties are unable to agree a change to the Contract Price, the Client may;

(a) allow the Contractor to fulfil its obligations under the Contract without the Variation to the Specification;

(b) terminate the Contract with immediate effect, except where the Contractor has already delivered all or part of the Services or where the Contractor can show evidence of substantial work being carried out to fulfil the requirements of the Specification; and in such case the Parties shall attempt to agree upon a resolution to the matter. Where a resolution cannot be reached, the matter shall be dealt with under the Dispute Resolution procedure detailed at ClauseH2.

### Severability

E4.1 If any provision of the Contract is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and the remainder of the provisions of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect as if the Contract had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

### Remedies Cumulative

E5.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Contract, all remedies available to either Party for breach of the Contract are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.

### Extension of Initial Contract Period

E6.1 This Contract contains the option to extend for a further period of up to 6 monthssubject to the agreement of both parties. The Contract terms and conditions, including the Price, will apply throughout any such extended period.

### Entire Agreement

E7.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the matters dealt with therein. The Contract supersedes all prior negotiations between the Parties and all representations and undertakings made by one Party to the other, whether written or oral, except that this Clause shall not exclude liability in respect of any Fraud or Fraudulent misrepresentation.

E7.2 In the event of, and only to the extent of, any conflict between the Clauses of the Contract, any document referred to in those Clauses and the Schedules, the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:

(a) the Clauses of the Contract;

(b) the Schedules; and

(c) any other document referred to in the Clauses of the Contract.

## LIABILITIES AND WARRANTIES

### Liability, Indemnity and Insurance

F1.1 Neither Party excludes or limits liability to the other Party for:

(a) death or personal injury caused directly or indirectly by its negligence; or

(b) Fraud; or

(c) Fraudulent misrepresentation; or

(d) any breach of any obligations implied by Section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

F1.2 Subject to Clauses F1.3 and F1.4, the Contractor shall indemnify the Client and keep the Client indemnified against all claims, proceedings, actions, damages, costs, expenses and any other liabilities which may arise out of or in consequence of the supply, or the late or purported supply, of the Goods or Services, or the performance or non-performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, or the presence of the Contractor or any Staff on the Premises, including in respect of any death or personal injury, loss of or damage to the Client’s Property, financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor, or any other loss which is caused directly or indirectly by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor.

F1.3 The Contractor shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, cost or expense if and to the extent that it is solely caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of the Client or by breach by the Client of its obligations under the Contract.

F1.4 Subject always to ClauseF1.1, the liability of either Party for Defaults shall be subject to the following financial limits:

(a) the aggregate liability of either Party for all Defaults resulting in direct loss of or damage to the Property of the other under or in connection with the Contract shall in no event exceed 5million pounds; and

 (b) the annual aggregate liability under the Contract of either Party for all Defaults (other than a Default governed by Clauses D8.4 (Intellectual Property Rights) or F1.4(a) shall in no event exceed the greater of 5 million poundspaid or payable by the Client to the Contractor in the year in which the liability arises;

(c) The aggregate liability of the Contractor under Clause D8.4 (Intellectual Property Rights) where applicable shall in no event exceed 5 million pounds million pounds.

F1.5 Subject always to Clause F1.1, in no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any:

(a) loss of profits, business, revenue or goodwill; and/or

(b) loss of savings (whether anticipated or otherwise); and/or

(c) indirect or consequential loss or damage.

F1.6 The Contractor shall effect and maintain with a reputable insurance company a policy or policies of insurance providing an adequate level of cover in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Contractor, arising out of the Contractor’s performance of its obligations under the Contract, including in respect of death or personal injury, loss of or damage to Property or any other loss. Such policies shall include cover in respect of any financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Contractor and shall be maintained for the Contract Period

F1.7 The Contractor shall hold employer’s liability insurance to a minimum of £5,000,000 in respect of Staff in accordance with any legal requirement from time to time in force.

F1.8 The Contractor shall give the Client, on request, copies of all insurance policies referred to in this Clause or a broker’s verification of insurance to demonstrate that the appropriate cover is in place, together with receipts or other evidence of payment of the latest premiums due under those policies.

F1.9 If, for whatever reason, the Contractor fails to give effect to and maintain the insurances required by the provisions of the Contract the Client may make alternative arrangements to protect its interests and may recover the costs of such arrangements from the Contractor.

F1.10 The provisions of any insurance or the amount of cover shall not relieve the Contractor of any liabilities under the Contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to determine the amount of insurance cover that will be adequate to enable the Contractor to satisfy any liability referred to in Clause F1.2.

F1.11 Not Applicable.

### Warranties and Representations

F2.1 The Contractor warrants and represents that:

(a) it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents (including where its procedures so require, the consent of its parent company) to enter into and perform its obligations under the Contract and that the Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of the Contractor;

(b) in entering the Contract it has not committed any Fraud;

(c) as at the Commencement Date, all Information contained in the Tender remains true, accurate and not misleading, save as may have been specifically disclosed in writing to the Client prior to execution of the Contract;

(d) no claim is being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is presently in progress or, to the best of the Contractor’s knowledge and belief, pending or threatened against it or any of its assets which will or might have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;

(e) it is not subject to any Contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;

(f) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Contractor or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Contractor’s assets or revenue;

(g) it owns, has obtained or is able to obtain, valid licences for all Intellectual Property Rights that are necessary for the performance of its obligations under the Contract;

(h) in the 3 years prior to the date of the Contract:

(i) it has conducted all financial accounting and reporting activities in compliance in all material respects with the generally accepted accounting principles that apply to it in any country where it files accounts;

(ii) it has been in full compliance with all applicable securities and tax Laws and regulations in the jurisdiction in which it is established; and

(iii) it has not done or omitted to do anything which could have a material adverse effect on its assets, financial condition or position as an ongoing business concern or its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Contract.

### Professional Indemnity

F3.1 Not Applicable.

**F4 Tax Non-compliance**

F4.1 Not Applicable.

## DEFAULT, DISRUPTION AND TERMINATION

### Termination on insolvency and change of control

G1.1 The Client may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is a company and in respect of the Contractor:

(a) 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

(b) 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

(c) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 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

(d) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or

(e) an application order 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

(f) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(g) being a “small company” within the meaning of section 247(3) of the Companies Act 1985, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(h) any event similar to those listed in G1.1(a)-(g) occurs under the Law of any other jurisdiction.

G1.2 The Client may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is an individual and:

(a) an application for an interim order is made pursuant to Sections 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, the Contractor’s creditors; or

(b) a petition is presented and not dismissed within 14 days or order made for the Contractor’s bankruptcy; or

(c) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of the Contractor’s assets or a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver, or similar officer over the whole or any part of his assets; or

(d) the Contractor is unable to pay his debts or has no reasonable prospect of doing so, in either case within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(e) a creditor or encumbrancer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of the Contractor’s assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days; or

(f) he dies or is adjudged incapable of managing his affairs within the meaning of Part VII of the Mental Capacity Act 2005; or

(g) he suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of his business.

G1.3 The Client may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is a partnership and:

(a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Article 4 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 or a proposal is made for any other composition, scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or

(b) it is for any reason dissolved; or

(c) a petition is presented for its winding up or for the making of any administration order, or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator; or

(d) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its assets; or

(e) the partnership is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 222 or 223 of the Insolvency Act 1986 as applied and modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994; or

(f) any of the following occurs in relation to any of its partners:

(i) an application for an interim order is made pursuant to Section 252-253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, his creditors; or

(ii) a petition is presented for his bankruptcy; or

(iii) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of his assets.

G1.4 The Client may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor is a limited liability partnership and:

(a) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or a proposal is made for any other composition, scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or

(b) it is for any reason dissolved; or

(c) 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 within Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(d) any step is taken with a view to it being determined that it be wound up (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation) within Part IV of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(e) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within 14 days or its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator within Part IV of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(f) a receiver, or similar officer is appointed over the whole of any part of its assets; or

(g) it is or becomes unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

(h) a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

G1.5 References to the Insolvency Act 1986 in ClauseG1.3(a) shall be construed as being references to that Act as applied under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 subordinate legislation.

G1.6 The Contractor shall notify the Client immediately if the Contractor undergoes a change of control within the meaning of section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (“Change of Control”). The Client may terminate the Contract by notice in writing with immediate effect within six Months of:

(a) being notified that a Change of Control has occurred; or

(b) where no notification has been made, the date that the Client becomes aware of the Change of Control,

but shall not be permitted to terminate where an Approval was granted prior to the Change of Control.

### Termination on Default

G2.1 Either Party may terminate the Contract, or terminate a provision of any part of the Contract by written notice to the other Party with immediate effect if the other Party commits a Default and:

(a) has not remedied the Default to the satisfaction of the injured Party within 25 Working Days or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties, after issue of a written notice specifying the Default and requesting it to be remedied; or

(b) the Default is not, in the opinion of the injured Party, capable of remedy; or

(c) the Default is a material breach of the Contract.

G2.2 In the event that through any Default of the Contractor, data transmitted or processed in connection with the Contract is either lost or sufficiently degraded as to be unusable, the Contractor shall be liable for the cost of reconstitution of that data and shall reimburse the Client in respect of any charge levied for its transmission and any other costs charged in connection with such Default in accordance with Clause D1.

G2.3 If the Client fails to pay the Contractor any undisputed sums of money when due, the Contractor shall notify the Client in writing of such failure to pay. If the Client fails to pay such undisputed sums within 90 Working Days of the date of such written notice, the Contractor may terminate the Contract in writing with immediate effect, save that such right of termination shall not apply where the failure to pay is due to the Client exercising its rights under ClauseB3 (Recovery of Sums Due).

### Break

G3.1 The Client shall have the right to terminate the Contract or to terminate a provision of any part of the Contract at any time by giving 3 Months’ written notice to the Contractor. The Client may extend this period of notice at any time before it expires subject to agreement on the level of performance to be provided by the Contractor during the period of extension.

### Consequences of Expiry or Termination

G4.1 Where the Client terminates the Contract under Clause G2 (Termination on Default) and then makes other arrangements for the supply of Goods or Services, the Client may recover from the Contractor the cost reasonably incurred of making those other arrangements and any additional expenditure incurred by the Client throughout the remainder of the Contract Period. The Client shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate such additional expenditure. Where the Contract is terminated under Clause G2 (Termination on Default), no further payments shall be payable by the Client to the Contractor (for Goods or Services supplied by the Contractor prior to termination and in accordance with the Contract but where the payment has yet to be made by the Client), until the Client has established the final cost of making the other arrangements envisaged under this Clause.

G4.2 Subject to Clause F1, where the Client terminates the Contract under Clause G3 (Break), the Client shall indemnify the Contractor against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which represent an unavoidable direct loss to the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract, provided that the Contractor takes all reasonable steps to mitigate such loss. Where the Contractor holds insurance, the Client shall only indemnify the Contractor for those unavoidable direct costs that are not covered by the insurance available. The Contractor shall submit a fully itemised and costed list of unavoidable direct loss which it is seeking to recover from the Client, with supporting evidence, of losses reasonably and actually incurred by the Contractor as a result of termination under Clause G3 (Break).

G4.3 The Client shall not be liable under Clause G4.2 to pay any sum which:

(a) was claimable under insurance held by the Contractor, and the Contractor has failed to make a claim on its insurance, or has failed to make a claim in accordance with the procedural requirements of the insurance policy;

(b) when added to any sums paid or due to the Contractor under the Contract, exceeds the total sum that would have been payable to the Contractor if the Contract had not been terminated prior to the expiry of the Contract Period; or

(c) is a claim by the Contractor for loss of profit, due to early termination of the Contract.

G4.4 Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Contract:

(a) termination or expiry of the Contract shall be without prejudice to any rights, remedies or obligations accrued under the Contract prior to termination or expiration and nothing in the Contract shall prejudice the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at such termination or expiry; and

(b) termination of the Contract shall not affect the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Client or the Contractor under Clauses B2 (Payment Terms and VAT), B3 (Recovery of Sums Due), C1 (Prevention of Corruption), D2(Data Protection Act), D3 (Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989, Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989,Section 18 and Section 19Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005), D4 (Confidential Information), D5 (Freedom of Information), D8 (Intellectual Property Rights), D9 (Audit and National Audit Office), E5 Remedies Cumulative), F1 (Liability, Indemnity and Insurance), G4 (Consequences of Expiry or Termination), G6 (Recovery upon Termination) and H1 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction).

### Disruption

G5.1 The Contractor shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under the Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Client, the Client’s employees or any other Contractor employed by the Client.

G5.2 The Contractor shall immediately inform the Client of any actual or potential industrial action, whether such action is by its own employees or others, which affects or might affect its ability at any time to perform its obligations under the Contract.

G5.3 In the event of industrial action by the Staff, the Contractor shall seek Approval to its proposals to continue to perform its obligations under the Contract.

G5.4 If the Contractor’s proposals referred to in Clause G5.3 are considered insufficient or unacceptable by the Client acting reasonably, then the Contract may be terminated with immediate effect by the Client by notice in writing.

G5.5 If the Contractor is temporarily unable to fulfil the requirements of the Contract owing to disruption of normal business of the Client, the Contractor may request a reasonable allowance of time and in addition, the Client will reimburse any additional expense reasonably incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of such disruption.

**G6 Recovery upon Termination**

G6.1 At the end of the Contract Period (howsoever arising) the Contractor shall immediately deliver to the Client upon request all Property (including all materials, documents, Information and access keys) used in the performance of its obligations under the Contract that are in its possession or under its control or in the possession or under the control of any permitted suppliers or sub-contractors and in the event the Contractor fails to do so, the Client may recover immediate possession thereof and the Contractor hereby grants a licence to the Client or its appointed agents to enter (for the purposes of such recovery) any Premises of the Contractor where any such items may be held.

G6.2 At the end of the Contract Period (howsoever arising) and/or after the Contract Period the Contractor shall provide such assistance to the Client and the Replacement Contractor as the Client may reasonably require in order to ensure an effective handover of all work in progress at the material time. Where the end of the Contract Period arises due to the Contractor’s Default, the Contractor shall provide such assistance free of charge otherwise the Client shall pay the Contractor’s reasonable costs of providing such assistance provided that the Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate such costs.

### G7 Termination for Tax Non-Compliance

G7.1 Not Applicable.

## DISPUTES AND LAW

### Governing Law and Jurisdiction

H1.1 Subject to the provisions of Clause H2, the Client and the Contractor accept the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts and agree that the Contract and all non-Contractual obligations and other matters arising from or connected with the Contract are to be governed and construed according to English Law.

### Dispute Resolution

H2.1 The Parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with the Contract within 20Working Days of either Party notifying the other of the dispute and such efforts shall involve the escalation of the dispute to the finance director (or equivalent) of each Party.

H2.2 Nothing in this dispute resolution procedure shall prevent the Parties from seeking from any court of competent jurisdiction an interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.

H2.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties pursuant to Clause H2.1 the Parties shall refer it to mediation pursuant to the procedure set out in ClauseH2.5 unless (a) the Client considers that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation; or (b) the Contractor does not agree to mediation.

H2.4 The obligations of the Parties under the Contract shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation and the Contractor and the Staff shall comply fully with the requirements of the Contract at all times during the Contract Period.

H2.5 The procedure for mediation and consequential provisions relating to mediation are as follows:

(a) a neutral adviser or mediator (the “Mediator”) shall be chosen by agreement between the Parties or, if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within10Working Days after a request by one Party to the other or, if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party shall within 10Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within 10Working Days’ notice to either Party that the Mediator is unable or unwilling to act, apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (“CEDR”) or other mediation provider to appoint a Mediator.

(b) The Parties shall within 10Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet with him in order to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant Information and the structure to be adopted for negotiations to be held. If considered appropriate, the Parties may at any stage seek assistance from the CEDR or other mediation provider to provide guidance on a suitable procedure.

(c) Unless otherwise agreed, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it shall be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any future proceedings.

(d) If the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement shall be recorded in writing and shall be binding on the Parties once it is signed by their duly authorised representatives.

(e) Failing agreement, either of the Parties may invite the Mediator to provide a non-binding but informative written opinion. Such an opinion shall be provided on a without prejudice basis and shall not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to the Contract without the prior written consent of both Parties.

(f) If the Parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 60 Working Days of the Mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed by the Parties, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the Courts.

## SUPPLY OF SERVICES

### The Services

#### The Contractor shall supply the Services during the Contract Period in accordance with the Client’s requirements as set out in the Specification and the provisions of the Contract in consideration of the payment of the Contract Price. The Client may inspect and examine the manner in which the Contractor supplies the Services at the Premises during normal business hours on reasonable notice.

#### If the Client informs the Contractor in writing that the Client reasonably believes that any part of the Services does not meet the requirements of the Contract or differs in any way from those requirements, and this is other than as a result of a Default by the Client, the Contractor shall at its own expense re-schedule and carry out the Services in accordance with the requirements of the Contract within such reasonable time as may be specified by the Client.

### Manner of Carrying Out the Services

#### The Contractor shall at all times comply with the Quality Standards, and where applicable shall maintain accreditation with the relevant Quality Standards authorisation body. To the extent that the standard of Services has not been specified in the Contract, the Contractor shall agree the relevant standard of the Services with the Client prior to the supply of the Services and, in any event, the Contractor shall perform its obligations under the Contract in accordance with the Law and Good Industry Practice.

#### The Contractor shall ensure that all Staff supplying the Services shall do so with all due skill, care and diligence and shall possess such qualifications, skills and experience as are necessary for the proper supply of the Services.

### Remedies in the event of inadequate performance

I3.1 Where a complaint is received about the standard of Services or about the manner in which any Services have been supplied or work has been performed or about the materials or procedures used or about any other matter connected with the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract, then the Client shall notify the Contractor, and where considered appropriate by the Client, investigate the complaint. The Client may, in its sole discretion, uphold the complaint and take further action in accordance with Clause G2 (Termination on Default) of the Contract.

I3.2 In the event that the Client is of the reasonable opinion that there has been a material breach of the Contract by the Contractor, then the Client may, without prejudice to its rights under Clause G2 (Termination on Default), do any of the following:

(a) without terminating the Contract, itself supply or procure the supply of all or part of the Services until such time as the Contractor shall have demonstrated to the reasonable satisfaction of the Client that the Contractor will once more be able to supply all or such part of the Services in accordance with the Contract;

(b) without terminating the whole of the Contract, terminate the Contract in respect of part of the Services only (whereupon a corresponding reduction in the Contract Price shall be made) and thereafter itself supply or procure a third Party to supply such part of the Services; and/or

(c) terminate, in accordance with Clause G2 (Termination on Default), the whole of the Contract.

I3.3 Without prejudice to its right under Clause B3 (Recovery of Sums Due), the Client may charge the Contractor for any costs reasonably incurred and any reasonable administration costs in respect of the supply of any part of the Services by the Client or a third Party to the extent that such costs exceed the payment which would otherwise have been payable to the Contractor for such part of the Services and provided that the Client uses its reasonable endeavours to mitigate any additional expenditure in obtaining replacement Services.

I3.4 If the Contractor fails to supply any of the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract and such failure is capable of remedy, then the Client shall instruct the Contractor to remedy the failure and the Contractor shall at its own cost and expense remedy such failure (and any damage resulting from such failure) within10Working Days or such other period of time as the Client may direct.

I3.5 In the event that:

(a) the Contractor fails to comply with Clause I3.4 above and the failure is materially adverse to the interests of the Client or prevents the Client from discharging a statutory duty; or

(b) the Contractor persistently fails to comply with Clause I3.4 above,

the Client may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

### Key Personnel

#### Where Key Personnel are essential to the proper provision of specific Services to the Client, those Key Personnel shall not be released from supplying the Services without the agreement of the Client, except by reason of long-term sickness, maternity leave, paternity leave or termination of employment and other extenuating circumstances.

#### Any replacements to the Key Personnel shall be subject to the agreement of the Client. Such replacements shall be of at least equal status or of equivalent experience and skills to the Key Personnel being replaced and be suitable for the responsibilities of that person in relation to the Services.

#### The Client shall not unreasonably withhold its agreement under Clause I4.2. Such agreement shall be conditional on appropriate arrangements being made by the Contractor to minimise any adverse impact on the Contract which could be caused by a change in Key Personnel.

### Provision and Removal of Equipment

#### The Contractor shall provide all the Equipment necessary for the supply of the Services.

#### The Contractor shall not deliver any Equipment nor begin any work on the Premises without obtaining prior Approval.

#### All Equipment brought onto the Premises shall be at the Contractor’s own risk and the Client shall have no liability for any loss of or damage to any Equipment unless the Contractor is able to demonstrate that such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by the Client’s Default. The Contractor shall provide for the haulage or carriage thereof to the Premises and the removal of Equipment when no longer required at the Contractor’s sole cost. Unless otherwise agreed, Equipment brought onto the Premises will remain the Property of the Contractor.

#### The Contractor shall maintain all items of Equipment within the Premises in a safe, serviceable and clean condition.

#### The Contractor shall, at the Client’s written request, at its own expense and as soon as reasonably practicable:

##### remove from the PremisesanyEquipment which in the reasonable opinion of the Client is either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with the Contract; and

##### replace such item with a suitable substitute item of Equipment.

#### On completion of the Services the Contractor shall remove the Equipment together with any other materials used by the Contractor to supply the Services and shall leave the Premises in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Contractor is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Premises or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Contractor or any Staff.

### Offers of Employment

#### For the duration of the Contract Period and for a period of 12Months thereafter neither the Client nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party’s Staff who have been associated with the procurement and/or the contract management of the Services without that other Party’s prior written consent.

### TUPE

Not Applicable.

## SUPPLY OF GOODS

Not Applicable.

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# INTRODUCTION

## This Schedule (Specification of Requirements) outlines the specific requirements which apply to the provision of the secure collection and shredding service of HMRC’s and its executive agency, VOA’s protectively marked waste.

# BACKGROUND

## A key objective of central government is to ensure all protectively marked waste is disposed of securely in line with Cabinet Office guidelines.

## HMRC and its sub tenants occupy a national estate of approximately 200 locations which require a secure collection and shredding service to differing levels and customer requirement; whilst managing commercial value of waste to reduce disposal unit costs.

## To contribute to this, the following Specification of Requirements sets out the intended scope of the Services to be provided by the Contractor.

## HMRC is undergoing an estates transformation programme which will involve the rationalisation of the estate. HMRC is also increasing its digital capability in line with the Governments ‘Digital by Default’ agenda. It is therefore envisaged, that there will, over time, be a reduction in the amount of protectively marked waste produced and the number of locations to be collected from. However, as the estate reduces, it is likely that there will be an increased need for adhoc ‘bulk’ collections as premises are vacated. Any reduction in terms of volumes and locations is not likely to impact until 2017.

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## The Contractor will manage the process of securely collecting, shredding and disposal of the Client’s protectively marked waste.

## The Contractor must have the infrastructure in place to provide all service levels across the whole of the UK, including remote locations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to ensure that the resulting shredded and collected waste is recycled.

## The aim is to achieve this process based on a lowest mile, lowest CO2 emissions and cost efficient basis.

## The Contractor will recognise that the quality of waste received from HMRC can be varied and can contain contaminants.

## The Contractor will ensure the quantity of waste is weighed as accurately as possible for charging and reporting purposes.

## The Contractor will provide a single, centralised Customer Service Team, each member of which must be capable of effectively managing service shredding scheduling and Client enquiries related to the service provision. An escalation process will also be provided including contact details.

## The Contractor must be able to provide comprehensive and consolidated management information reports; including data of all service calls and material volume processed.

## The Client is subject to Freedom Of Information (FOI) requests and therefore may need access to ad-hoc management information reports. The Contractor must be able to provide the necessary information (where available) at no additional cost to the Client.

## The Contractor will be required to provide a service that ranges from managing complex high volume high capacity offices, through to remote small satellite offices. The key requirement is for a 100% off-site shredding service however, there will be a requirement for an on-site shredding service on an ad-hoc basis.

## The Contractor will recognise the core service requirement of this process is to supply a proven security document destruction service where security is the single most important priority compliant with BS’EN 15713.

## The Contractor should be CPNI approved for shredding of Government Classified Documents, including TOP Secret.

## The Contractor shall ensure that the Services are able to be delivered to all Client premises in the UK.

## The Contractor shall be required to work to specific operating hours as set within this Specification of Requirements. The Contractor must be capable of offering a scheduled collection and destruction service that happens at agreed intervals. The frequency of collections required will be determined, agreed and reviewed between the Contractor and the Client.

## The Contractor will monitor the utilisation of the Client’s containers to determine if any frequency changes can be made to reduce cost and improve efficiency. An initial assessment will be conducted after 1 month following the contract award. With the agreement of the Client, a ‘rightsizing’ exercise will then be implemented.

## All operational crew on vehicles, and working within the operational recycling centres, must be recruited to BS7858 accredited standards, must be readily identifiable and carry photographic identification. Vehicles must have GPS-tracking and mobile communication links with their operational bases, in line with BS EN 15713:2009.

## The Contractor will assume responsibility to provide all materials and consumables associated with the provision of this service including bins, sacks, bags, consoles or other suitable paper waste containers as required by the Client prior to contract commencement.

## The Contractor shall deliver, install and bring into service any Contractor equipment including that which is to be located at the Client’s Premises and needed to deliver the Services and shall provide ongoing support for this equipment. The Client insists that all protectively marked waste is stored within lockable containers so, where required, lockable containers must be provided.

## The Contractor will provide 3 service levels (see Annexe A for further details):

### Service Level 1 Protectively Marked Waste: Off-site shredding;

### Service Level 2 Protectively Marked Waste: Ad-hoc On-site shredding;

### Service Level 3 Protectively Marked Waste: Ad-hoc shredding e.g. for office purges.

## All waste shall be weighed and signed for by the nominated Contractor’s staff at the point of collection.

## The Client requires the service Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm.

# SECURITY

## The Contractor shall ensure that Client’s data is and remains protected in accordance with data protection legislation and policies issued by the Client.

## The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor’s staff and/or sub-contractor’s staff involved in providing the service have and maintain security clearance (i.e. BPSS) according to the Cabinet Office’s security policy framework, available at:

## <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/hmg-personnel-security-controls>

## Where the reference is made to ‘Departments’ and / or ‘Agencies’ in the above link, this should be treated as the ‘Contractor’. Where reference is made to ‘departments structure, HMG Staff, specific staff level’ etc this should be treated as ‘the Contractor’s organisational structure or staff level’.

## The Contractor shall ensure the secure collection, transportation using appropriately secure vehicles, storage, removal and disposal of all protectively marked materials, so that at no time these materials are out of the Contractor’s possession, or capable of being deciphered.

## Protectively marked waste shall be signed for by the nominated Contractor’s staff at the point of collection. All protectively marked waste is to be placed in secure vehicles which must not be left unattended when away from the Premises.

## In line with the requirements of BS EN 15713, once collected, protectively marked waste must be taken directly to the designated shredding and recycling centre, and destroyed within one Working Day in line with Level 3 (maximum 16mm shred width, maximum total area 2800mm sq).

## Some premises may not provide access for a vehicle within their grounds. The Contractor must ensure the secure transport of waste from the building in these instances.

## The Contractor must ensure a seamless transition from the Clients existing secure document destruction arrangements on implementation.

## The Contractor must comply with security standards BS8470, BS7858, or equivalent.

## The Contractor will provide a rebate to the Client for the waste collected. The rebate will be fixed and relevant to the market value for the duration of the contract and for the term of any subsequent extension.

## All waste collected will be recycled into tissue paper.

# ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

## A core objective is to maximise the environmental benefit of the Secure Shredding contract. A particular requirement is to achieve a reduced carbon footprint through the efficient collection of waste and the use of a regional network for recycling services thereby minimising the number and length of journeys required.

##  The Contractor must operate to the highest possible environmental standards and Government Buying Standards, details of which are available at:

## <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-procurement-the-gbs-for-paper-and-paper-products>

## employing best practice throughout their organisation. In particular, the Contractor must operate to BS ISO 14001 or equivalent accredited standards.

## The Contractor and its supply chain will provide appropriate environmental certificates and accreditations as part of the audit process (e.g. FSC, PEFC) for mixed/recycled fibre Goods and the waste paper management collection process.

## The Client’s target is zero waste to landfill. The Client will require MI which shows where and what bulk of the waste collected is recycled and how e.g. paper tissue, energy by incineration etc).

**ANNEXE A**

**SECURE SHREDDING SERVICE LEVEL OPTIONS**

The Contractor will provide 3 service levels:

Service Level 1 Protectively Marked Waste: Off-site shredding;

Service Level 2 Protectively Marked Waste: Ad-hoc On-site shredding;

Service Level 3 Protectively Marked Waste: Ad-hoc e.g. for office purges.

The protective marking and service level required will be determined by the Client.

The Contractor must have the infrastructure in place to provide all service levels across the whole of the UK, including remote locations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to ensure that the resulting shredded and collected waste is recycled.

The Contractor must operate to the EN 15713:2009 (E) process standard for both on-site and off-site document destruction, and this must be fully incorporated within a BS EN ISO 9001:2008 approved quality management process. This requirement applies to every aspect of the service, including staff, vehicles, business premises and recycling centres.

**Service Level 1- Protectively Marked Waste: Off-site shredding**

Waste that is intended for off-site destruction is stored in lockable 120 litre bins, lockable 240 litre bins or suitable equivalents and (in a small minority of cases) sacks, prior to collection by the Contractor. Some waste collected may be pre-shredded.

The large majority of containers / sacks must be collected from their locations within Clients premises; they will not be transported to “goods-in” / reception areas except in a very small number of instances. Please note that for larger Premises, this can take a considerable time. The Contractor must return the emptied bins to their allocated location within the Client’s building prior to their departure.

The Contractor must be capable of ensuring the absolute security of the protectively marked waste paper, from collection to destruction and recycling.

Off-site destruction:

Decanting

The waste from the lockable container or sack is transferred into a secure container and transferred to the vehicle for transportation off-site.

A waste transfer certificate must be provided after each collection of documents, signed by the Clients member of staff on-site prior to departure, and listing the number and type of containers collected.

Following destruction, a certificate of destruction must be provided for each collection made, cross referencing the transaction number, the number of types of containers, and the name of the authorised person that has witnessed the destruction.

**Service Level 2 - Protectively Marked Waste: On-site shredding (ad-hoc requirement)**

The security arrangements of the Client may require additional secure management of their paper waste. This could include on-site shedding performed in secure shredding vehicles at the Clients own site(s).

A certificate of destruction must be provided after each collection of waste paper has been destroyed, specifying who has witnessed the destruction and the weight of material destroyed.

The Contractor must be capable of ensuring the absolute security of the protectively marked waste paper, from collection to destruction and recycling.

**Service Level 3: Ad-hoc shredding e.g. for office purges**

The Client may require, as part of their document management processes, additional document destruction of extensive archived material.

The Contractor will apply the same security arrangements as for Service Levels 1 and 2.

ANNEXE B CLIENT LOCATIONS AND USER DATA

* HMRC has approximately 168 locations.
* VOA has approximately 49 locations.
* Average monthly tonnage from VOA = 12
* Average monthly tonnage from HMRC = 300
* Average yearly total tonnage = 3744

HMRC is undergoing an estates transformation programme which will involve the rationalisation of the estate. HMRC is also increasing its digital capability in line with the Governments ‘Digital by Default’ agenda. It is therefore envisaged, that there will, over time, be a reduction in the amount of protectively marked waste produced and the number of locations to be collected from. However, as the estate reduces, it is likely that there will be an increased need for adhoc ‘bulk’ collections as premises are vacated. Any reduction in terms of volumes and locations is not likely to impact until 2017

###### Schedule B Specific Responsibilities of the Parties

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| **Service Requirements** |
| **Question No** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 3.1.1 | Please confirm that you have read and understood Schedule A Specification of Requirements and that you have the capability to deliver the requirements therein. | Redacted |
| 3.1.2 | Please confirm that you are compliant with BSEN 15713 and attach relevant certification. | Redacted |
| 3.1.3 | Please confirm that you are CPNI approved for shredding of government classified documents, including Top Secret and attach relevant certification. | Redacted |
| 3.1.4 | Please confirm that you can meet the requirement set out in Paragraph 3.13 of the Specification of Requirements in respect of &apos;rightsizing&apos;. | Redacted |
| 3.1.5 | Please confirm that you are capable of meeting the requirement set out in Paragraph 5.4 of the Specification of Requirements in respect of Management Information. | Redacted |
| 3.1.6 | Please confirm that you are capable of providing the service options outlined in Annexe A of Schedule A, Specification of Requirements. | Redacted |
| 3.1.7 | Please provide details of your customer service team including (Schedule A, paragraph 3.6 refers):1. Helpdesk telephone number.2. Operating hours.3. Escalation route including contact details. | Redacted |
| 3.1.9 | Please explain the options available and the process by which you will rebate HMRC and VOA for the duration of this contract. Schedule A, paragraph 4.10 refers. | Redacted |
| 3.2.3 | H1 a) Please confirm that you understand that your responses to this questionnaire will form the initial Security Plan and will be included in the final signed version of any resulting agreement. | Redacted  |
| 3.2.4 | H1 b) Please confirm your organisation and any subcontractors' will conform to the requirements set out in the Government Security Policy Framework (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14), Client security and business continuity policy standards, and any Security Requirements recorded in the Schedules and/or Order Form. | Redacted |
| 3.2.5 | H1 c) If you believe that the Public Sector Network (PSN) Code of Connection will apply to your organisation and any sub-contractors, please provide details of how you will conform to this (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). | Redacted |
| 3.2.6 | H1 d) Please confirm that your organisation and any sub-contractors will handle Client assets in accordance with legislation including the Data Protection Act and in accordance with Clause D2 of the Contract (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). | Redacted |
| 3.2.7 | H1 e) Please also confirm your Data Protection registration number (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). | Redacted |
| 3.2.8 | H1 f) Please provide details of your organisations Security Policy (or include as an attachment), which should be approved and issued in the name of Senior Management. | Redacted |
| 3.2.9 | H1 g) If you are successful in the tender process, your Security Manager (or appointed person), may be required to sign a Security Aspects Letter (SAL) as part of the Contractual documentation. The SAL will define the Government Security Classification carried by the Client data; for information, the blank SAL template can be viewed at page 37 of the Contractual Process (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). Please provide the name of your Security Manager, who will act as a first point of contact and conduct ongoing management of security risks and incidents (including identification, managing, and reporting in line with agreed procedures for actual or suspected security breaches). | Redacted |
| 3.2.10 | H1 h) If you intend to involve sub-contractors at any stage during the Contract please list them and provide details of how you will ensure their compliance with all aspects of this Security Plan. | Redacted |
| 3.2.12 | H2 a) Please provide details of the procedures and security in place to control access to the site perimeter.Detail measures such as fencing, CCTV, guarding, and procedures and controls in place to handle staff and visitors requesting access to the site.Please also provide details of the maintenance schedule of your security controls to ensure their effectiveness. | Redacted |
| 3.2.13 | H2 b) Please provide details of the procedures and security in place to control access to premises and any secure areas.Detail measures such as automated access controls, locks, alarms, CCTV coverage and how the building structure meets the standard required for handling Client assets.Please also provide details of the maintenance schedule of your security controls to ensure their effectiveness. | Redacted |
| 3.2.15 | H3 a) Please provide details of the controls and processes you have in place covering patching, malware (anti-virus), boundary/network security (intruder detection), content checking/blocking (filters), lockdown (prevention), and how regularly you update them. | Redacted |
| 3.2.16 | H3 b) Please provide details of the overall security and access control policy of your systems covering physical and electronic assets (including communications connection equipment, e.g. bridge, routers, patch panels). You should record details of the formal registration/deregistration process, how users are Authorised, Authenticated and held Accountable for their actions. Also Include details of the measures in place to manage privilege access e.g. System Administrators and remote users. | Redacted |
| 3.2.17 | H3 c) Please provide details of how your security and access control policy complies with the Client’s Security Policy (including where necessary, use and control of back up systems, network storage and segregation of Client data (including 'cloud' solutions), and additional security for more sensitive information assets). | Redacted |
| 3.2.18 | H3 d) Please describe how you ensure all software and data is approved before being installed, and how your information systems are reviewed for compliance with security implementation standards (e.g. penetration testing). | Redacted |
| 3.2.19 | H3 e) Please provide details of the controls and processes (including level of encryption and controlled access procedures) you have in place for the use of portable media and storage devices exceptionally loaded with Client data. | Redacted |
| 3.2.20 | H3 f) Please provide details of how all equipment (e.g. hardware, portable media) that holds or has held data will be destroyed or decommissioned, and how all data will be rendered unreadable and irretrievable in line with HMG InfoSec Standard No. 5.  | Redacted |
| 3.2.22 | H4 a) Have all staff who will have access to, or come in to contact with Client data or assets undergone pre-employment checks as necessary? Please provide details of the measures you have in place. | Redacted |
| 3.2.23 | H4 b) Please provide details of how you will ensure that all staff accessing Client data are aware of the confidential nature of the data and comply with their legal and specific obligations under the Contract? | Redacted |
| 3.2.24 | H4 c) Please provide details of your procedures for on and off boarding staff? (Including removing access rights from staff). | Redacted |
| 3.2.25 | H4 d) Please provide details of the ongoing training you provide to staff in respect of data security, including risk awareness and the identification and reporting of security incidents. Please also provide details of your documented information security procedures and processes that are available to all staff who will have access to, or come in to contact with Client data. | Redacted |
| 3.2.26 | H4 e) The Client may request that the Contractor’s personnel who have access to Client data, and/or are directly involved in the service provision, sign a copy of the Client’s Confidentiality Agreement. Please confirm that, in the event that your bid is successful, you will provide signed hard copies of the Confidentiality Agreement for all personnel involved in this Contract if requested. | Redacted |
| 3.2.28 | H5 a) Please provide details of the format in which Client data will be held, how you will ensure segregation of Client data, and the locations where this data will be processed. | Redacted |
| 3.2.29 | H5 b) Please confirm your understanding and agreement that the transfer of any data to third parties (any individual or group other than the main Contractor including any associates/sub-contractors) is prohibited without prior written consent from the Client. If you anticipate transferring data, especially using portable media during the delivery of this project, please set out your proposed transfer procedures for consideration. | Redacted |
| 3.2.30 | H5 c) Please confirm that you understand that Client Data should not be processed or stored outside the United Kingdom without the express permission of the Client. If you intend to store data outside of the UK, please provide details on how and where the data will be stored and also provide details of how you comply with Cabinet Office policy for offshoring. | Redacted |
| 3.2.31 | H5 d) Client data must only be used as necessary for the performance of your obligations under the Contract, or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Client. In order to protect against loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure, and to ensure it is not stored, copied or generated except as necessary and authorised, please provide details of the technical and organisational measures you have in place (including segregation of duties and areas of responsibility) to protect against:1. accident, or;2. malicious intent (including theft, attempted theft, misuse or inappropriate accessing of data), within your organisation, and any subcontractors or partners you may use to deliver the contract. | Redacted |
| 3.2.32 | H5 e) Please set out your proposed incident handling procedures in the event of any of the above happening, and detail the remedial action (including a documented reporting process) you would implement to mitigate any data loss. | Redacted |
| 3.2.33 | H5 f) Please describe your disciplinary procedures in the event of a security breach involving Client data. | Redacted |
| 3.2.34 | H7 g) Please describe how you would sanitise information (paper and electronic) at the end of the retention period, and/or contract period and describe the destruction methods you would normally use. | Redacted |
| 3.2.36 | I2 a) Please provide an overview of your organisation’s business continuity and disaster recovery plans in terms of the Client data under the Contract, or attach a copy of your Business Continuity Plan. Please specify if you operate business continuity or disaster recovery from offshore. Also, please provide details on when and how frequently these plans are tested and advise when they were last tested and confirm that results of testing exercises are available for review if requested. Please provide details on how you will meet recovery times recorded in the schedules and/or Order Form. | Redacted |
| 3.2.37 | I3 a) Please provide details of your business continuity management strategy covering all services. | Redacted |
| 3.2.38 | I3 b) Please describe how you will ensure that any changes to the services or the services delivery solution will not weaken the business continuity arrangements (unless the Client expressly agrees otherwise) | Redacted |
| 3.2.39 | I4 a) Please describe how you will carry out a Business Impact Analysis to identify risk, threats and vulnerabilities which may lead to potential loss of, or disruption to services. | Redacted |
| 3.2.40 | I4 b) Please confirm that you will complete a Business Impact Analysis (BIA) and submit a report setting out it's findings no later than four (4) weeks prior to the Service Commencement Date. | Redacted |
| 3.2.41 | I5 a) Please confirm you will produce and maintain a Business Continuity Plan for these services incorporating all elements of the BIA within twenty (20) working days of the Client's written approval of the BIA. | Redacted |
| 3.2.42 | I6 a) Please describe the procedure you will use to notify the Client of all Business Continuity Events immediately after they occur or where you are unable to notify immediately, within twenty four (24) hours of the event. | Redacted |
| 3.2.43 | I7 a) Please describe how you will undertake a regular programme of Business Continuity exercises and tests in accordance with industry best practice. Please confirm that you will provide a report to the Client setting out the duration, scope, aims, programme and frequency of these exercises and tests within twenty (20) working days of their completion. | Redacted |

**Schedule C Contract Management Plan and Management Information**

**C1 General Contract Management**

C1.1 This Schedule is intended to set out the contract management arrangements to be followed by the parties during the term of this Contract and to outline a structure to;

1. provide direction for the relationship between the Client and the Contractor;
2. provide for effective decision making;
3. provide for oversight and monitoring for the contract;
4. represent key stakeholders;
5. ensure transparency of decision; and
6. balance the commercial requirements of the Contractor with the Client’s need for control, regulation and delivery of Services.

C1.2 The parties must perform their contract management obligations in accordance with the following principles;

1. the Contractor must bear all costs associated with Contract Management including any direct costs associated with attendance at Contract Management meetings (travel, subsistence), which may be held at either the Client’s or the Contractor’s premises.; and;
2. any Dispute between the parties arising from an action or decision made during contract management activity must be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure set out in Clause C8

C1.3 The Contractor must offer access to relevant documentation requested by representatives from the Client for the purpose of commercial assurance, risk assessment, security assurance, familiarisation on procedures etc. Full details of the Client’s requirement and timescales for the provision of management information reports are set out in Clause C9.

C1.4 The Client reserves the right to conduct site audits as part of the contract management activity.

C1.5 The Contractor must offer access to any part of their premises to representatives from the Client for the purpose of commercial assurance, risk assessment, security assurance, familiarisation on procedures etc.

C1.6 The Client reserves the right to attend meetings between the Contractor and any subcontractors it utilises to provide the service to ensure proper oversight, management, delivery and performance of the Services.

C1.7 The Contractor must ensure all correspondence regarding contractual issues is appropriately referenced and sent to the Client as appropriate.

C1.8 The Contractor must ensure that a Contractor’s representative is accessible to the Client at all times during normal working hours (Mon – Fri 08:00 to 18:00) in order to discuss operational matters. All contractual matters will be dealt with directly by the Contractors and the Client’s representative.

**C2 Efficiency Savings**

C2.1 As part of routine Contract Management activities the Contractor will be required to work with the Client to realise any possible efficiency savings during the term of the contract. Possible efficiency savings will be reviewed during Performance Review meetings and any savings realised annually will be distributed between the Contractor and the Client as agreed in advance.

**C3 Reviews**

C3.1 After the commencement of the Contract, the Contractor must attend performance review meetings with the Client to consider the progress of the contract, discuss the MI reports and to review any operational issues that have arisen in the preceding review meetings on the following basis:

Contract Review Quarterly

The nature of the meetings (face to face, telephone conference) is to be agreed between the Contractor and the Client in advance.

C3.2 The Contractor must provide the Client with the most up to date management information relating to the previous two quarters at least 5 working days before any meeting.

**Annual Review**

C3.3 An annual review meeting will be held, on a date to be agreed between the parties, each Contract Year throughout the Term of the contract or, in the absence of such agreement, within **XX(XX)** Working Days of the anniversary of the Operational Services Commencement Date. The annual review meeting will be attended by the Client’s Senior Responsible Owner or their representative and any appropriate Contract Management Team representatives from both parties or other such persons notified by the Client considered to be necessary for the review.

C3.4 In respect of the period under review, the Client will take into account any matters it considers necessary, including:

1. the Contractor’s performance in respect of the Service Levels and KPI’s as detailed at Schedule D (including any relevant Service Level trends analysis and whether the Service Levels reflect improvements in the Services over the Term and any efficiency gains made by the Contractor);
2. consideration of any Changes which may need to be made to the Services; and
3. a review of future requirements in relation to the Services.

C3.5 The Client will produce a report containing its findings from the annual review and discuss with the Contractor how any changes to the Contract and/or to the Services shall be addressed. Any Changes to be implemented in accordance with this clause C3.5 shall be implemented in accordance with the Clause C4 of this Schedule - Change Control Procedure.

**C4 Change Control Procedure**

C4.1 Either party may propose a Change in accordance with the Change Control Procedure as set out in this Schedule. Each party shall consider in good faith any proposal for Change from the other party and neither party shall unreasonably withhold its agreement to any Change proposed by the other party. Any discussions between the parties about a proposed Change prior to any agreement to such Change being reached shall be without prejudice to the rights of either party.

C4.2 If either party wishes to propose a Change ("Change Proposer"), it must submit to the other party ("Change Recipient") a written request detailing the proposed Change ("Change Request") specifying, in as much detail as is reasonably practicable, the nature of the proposed Change. Within ten (10) Working Days of receipt or issue of a Change Request (as the case may be) the party responsible for implementing the Change ("Change Implementer") must submit to the other party a Change Proposal in accordance with paragraph ‎C4.3 below.

C4.3 If paragraph ‎C4.2 of this schedule applies, the Change Implementer must provide the other party with a written proposal in relation to the relevant Change ("Change Proposal") which must include the following information (except where such information is not relevant to the proposed Change):

1. details of the proposed Change and its impact on the Services or other variations to this Contract;
2. which of the Services and Service Levels will be affected and how;
3. the cost of developing the proposed Change;
4. an initial estimate of the cost of implementation and on-going operation of the relevant Change, including any proposed increase or decrease in the Charges;
5. details, if relevant, of the proposed Change's compliance with any applicable Laws;
6. a high level of implementation plan and timetable for the proposed Change;
7. an assessment of the possible risks of introducing the proposed Change;
8. a review of the likely impact of the proposed Change on the timetable for the operational processes in this Contract including the Implementation Plan; and
9. a review of the resources required to implement the proposed Change.

C4.4 Within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the Change Proposal, the receiving party must notify the Change Implementer whether or not it agrees to the proposed Change. If the receiving party notifies the Change Implementer that it does not wish the proposed Change to be implemented, then no further action shall be taken unless either party wishes to challenge this decision through the dispute resolution procedure. If the receiving party notifies the Change Implementer that it accepts the proposed Change, then the parties shall agree a ‘Variation to Contract Form’ (set out in Appendix A to this schedule) as soon as reasonably practicable and must then implement the Change in accordance with the terms of the agreed Change Control Record.

C4.5 Until such time as both parties have agreed a proposed Change in accordance with this Change Control Procedure, both parties must, unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing, continue to perform their obligations under this Contract and any Order in accordance with its terms and will be under no obligation to perform any work in relation to a proposed Change except for complying with the obligations set out in this Change Control Procedure, including the production of a Change Proposal.

C4.6 Notwithstanding paragraph C5.‎12 of this schedule, any additional work undertaken by either party, its Sub-contractors or agents which has not been authorised in advance by a Change shall be undertaken entirely at the expense and liability of that party and the other party will have no obligation to make any payment in connection with such work.

C4.7 Without prejudice to the Contractor's obligations, if Change is required as a result of a change in applicable Laws or a Force Majeure Event, then the parties must comply with the procedures set out in this Change Procedure in so far as they are reasonably able in the circumstances. However, under no circumstances should a party seek to hold the other party to the Change Control Procedure, if to do so would result in either party failing to comply with the change in applicable Laws or the impact of the Force Majeure Event not being mitigated.

**Fast Track Changes**

C4.8 The parties acknowledge to ensure operational efficiency that there may be circumstances where it is desirable to expedite the processes set out above.

C4.9 If both parties agree in relation to a proposed Change that:

1. the Change does not involve any alteration to, or deviation from the contractual principles set out in the Agreement; and
2. the total number of Changes in relation to which this fast track procedure has been applied does not exceed four in any 12 month period (or such higher number as the Client may from time to time agree in writing); and
3. the value of the proposed Contract Change does not exceed £5,000 and the proposed Change is not significant (as determined by the Client acting reasonably),
4. then the parties must confirm to each other in writing that they will use the process set out in paragraphs C4.‎2‎, C4. 3, C4.‎4, C4.‎5, C4.‎6 and C4.‎7 above but with reduced timescales, such that any period of ten (10) Working Days is reduced to three (3) Working Days.

C4.10 The parameters set out in paragraph ‎C4.9(d) may be revised from time to time by agreement between the parties in writing.

**Emergency Changes**

C4.11 If the Client believes:

1. a Change is required to respond to an emergency whether by virtue of a change in Law or operational circumstances (in either case as the Client reasonably determines); and
2. that it would not be practicable to agree the content of a Change Record prior to the implementation of the Change,
3. the Client may require the Contractor to commence work immediately to implement the Change (without, therefore, a formal Change Request or Change Proposal) and the parties will subsequently agree the detail of the appropriate Change Record. In such a situation, the Contractor will use its best endeavours to comply with the Client's request as soon as possible.

**Business as Usual Changes**

C4.12 The parties agree that Business As Usual Changes shall not be subject to the Change Procedure. "Business As Usual Changes" for the purpose of this schedule means a Change which the parties agree is sufficiently small in the effort required to process it, such that it does not need to be processed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure (such a Change shall not exceed 5 man days of effort and cumulatively, such Changes shall not exceed 20 man days of effort in any Contract Year).

**Disputes**

C4.13 In the event of any dispute arising under this Change Control Procedure which cannot be resolved within ten (10) Working Days, either party will be entitled to refer the dispute for resolution in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provisions set out at clause C8 of this Schedule.

C4.14 The parties must meet as required and on request by either party to discuss the order in which agreed Changes are implemented and to monitor the implementation of such Changes.

**Charges for Changes**

C4.15 Not Applicable.

**C5 Variation**

C5.1 This Contract can be varied at any time by mutual agreement of the parties subject to a notice period of 30 working days, such agreement to be in writing and signed by the representatives of both parties using Standard Document SD 23, ‘Variation to Contract’ form as set out at Appendix A of this Schedule.

C6 Not Applicable

C7 Not applicable

**C8 Contract Management Roles and Dispute Escalation Points**

C8.1 The Client and the Contractor must assign personnel with the appropriate skills and experience to perform the Roles and Responsibilities listed in the table below and where indicated as a Key Role, the Terms and Conditions I4 Key Personnel will apply.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Role** | **Key****Role** | **Responsibilities** | **Contact Name, Title & Contact Details** |
| **Client** | **Contractor** |
| Senior Responsible Owner | No | Overall responsibility for delivery of the contract. Escalation point for issuesLevel 3 escalation point | Paul Greenwood |  |
| Commercial Director | No | Overall responsibility for the Commercial integrity of the contract.Level 2 escalation point | John Hatton |  |
| Commercial Lead | No | Responsible for overseeing the Contract Review process. Level 1 escalation point | Glenn Porter |  |
| Commercial Manager | Yes | Responsible for monitoring the performance of the Contract and managing the change control process.  | TBC |  |
| Contract Manager | Yes | Responsible for the day to day management of the contract.  | Glenn Porter |  |

**C9 Specific Contract Management Requirements**

To be agreed.

**Schedule C - Appendix A VARIATION TO CONTRACT FORM**

**CONTRACT TITLE:**

**CONTRACT REF: VARIATION No: DATE:**

**BETWEEN:**

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| The Commissioners of HM Revenue & Customs (hereinafter referred to as “the Client”) &**(Insert Contractor name)**(hereinafter referred to as “the Contractor”) |

1. The Contract is varied as follows:

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| 1. **Title of Change:**
2. **Originator:**
3. **Reason for the Change:**
4. **Description (giving full details, including any specifications):**
5. **Acceptance testing and criteria (if applicable):**
6. **The cost of the Change:**
7. **Timetable:**
8. **Impact on the Contract**
9. **Agree to proceed (Yes/No):**

1. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.2. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation. |
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**SIGNED:**

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| Signed for and on behalf of the Client | Signed for and on behalf of the Contractor |
| Name: | Name: |
| Signature: *(Signature)* | Signature: |
| Title/Role: | Title/Role: |
| Date of Signature: | Date of Signature: |

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###### Schedule D Service levels and KPIs

**Including but not limited to:**

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| **Activity** | **KPI** |
| Waste collected in adherence with the scheduled collection plan | 98% |
| Ad-hoc collections within 2 working days of request | 98% |
| Rightsizing analysis | Within month one of contract start date |
| Percentage of waste recycled | 100% |
| Provision of Management Information | Monthly |
| Reporting of security incidents | Immediately |
| Investigation and detailed report of findings in relation to the security incident to the client | Within 2 weeks of the incident being reported |
| Remedial action to reduce the risk of further incidents occurring | Within 1 month of report findings |
| Destruction of waste collected | Within 24 hours |
| Helpdesk coverage | Between 8.30am and 17.00pm Monday to Friday |
| Helpdesk issue response times | TBA |
| Holding response | TBA |

###### Schedule E Risk, Audit and Compliance Function

**E1 Introduction**

E1.1 This Schedule sets out the Client’s risk management, audit and compliance requirements for the prevention of financial crime and the Client’s rights to inspection and audit.

**E2 Risk Strategy**

E2.1 The Contractor must implement a risk management policy that is compliant with industry standard best practice and where applicable it should comply with the FCA Handbook, ISAE3402 and future equivalent certification standards.

E2.2 The Contractor must implement a set of operational risk management policies which shall capture all risk types across the Services, which must be formally communicated to the Contractor’s personnel involved in the Service delivery.

E2.3 The Contractors risk management policy must define the roles and responsibilities (including suitable training and specific separation of roles where applicable) to manage the Risk, Audit and Compliance Function for the prevention of financial crime.

**E3 Risk Appetite**

E3.1 The Contractor must have an established and documented appetite for risk as set out in a Risk Management Framework policy document for **1044-SCR-Protectively marked waste** which must be aligned to the Client’s risk appetite.

E3.2 The content of the Risk Management Framework policy document must be agreed with the Client prior to implementation and be the subject of further review during the term of the contract.

**E4 Risk Assurance**

E4.1 The Contractor must implement a risk assurance process in accordance with Industry Best Practice which shall include systems and controls to identify early warning indicators, mitigate risk and shall regularly report on such systems and controls.

E4.2 The Contractors risk assurance processes must include:

a) Risk Control Self Assessment (RCSA). RCSA processes will capture the results of 1st line risk identification, assessment and control processing in a consistent format which will define and test the effectiveness of the controls in mitigating the risks to the business;

 b) An independent risk based annual assurance plan to review and consider key controls and activities. To be based on an annual risk assessment taking account of inherent risks of the service, changes to people systems and process and emergence of external threats and regulatory challenges; and

 c) A full audit trail of the assurance undertaken, together with the results, issues and actions arising and the progress of any remedial action.

**E5 Inspection and Audit Rights**

E5.1 The Contractor must permit, must fully co-operate and must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that its Sub-contractors cooperate, with the Client, their third party representatives or Regulatory Bodies, to audit or otherwise inspect for any purpose relating to the delivery of the Services.

E5.2 The Client will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conduct of any audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Contractor or delay the provision of the Services.

E5.3 The Client may at any time carry out a security audit of the Services, including in relation to the Assets used, the Information System or any component of it or the Sites, and the Contractor must facilitate such audit.

E5.4 If the Client suspects the Contractor or any person is in breach of Prevention of Corruption or Security Requirements clauses, the Client and it’s third party representatives have the right to immediately access and take copies of any records and any other information held at the Contractor’s premises and to meet with the Contractor Personnel to audit the Contractor’s compliance with its obligations under Prevention of Corruption and Security Requirements. The Contractor must give all necessary assistance to the conduct of such audit during the term of this Contract and for a period of three (3) years after termination of this Agreement.

E5.5 The Contractor must not withhold information or delay access unreasonably and must provide the Client (and/or the Client’s agents or representatives) with all reasonable co-operation and assistance in relation to each audit.

E5.6 Save as provided elsewhere in this Schedule, the Client will use reasonable endeavours to provide at least fifteen (15) Working Days’ notice of its intention to conduct an audit.

E5.7 The Client agrees that it shall bear all costs and expenses incurred by it in respect of compliance with its obligations under this Schedule. Should the audit identify a material Default by the Contractor, the Contractor must reimburse the Client for all the Client’s reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the course of any activities required to resolve such Default.

**E6 Internal Audit Follow Up**

E6.1 The Contractor must, on a monthly basis, provide the Client with an update on all outstanding audit issues relative to the services, detailing their progress and must provide any evidence requested by the Client to satisfy that outstanding Audit issues have been resolved to the agreed tolerance.

**E7 Compliance Scope**

E7.1 The Contractor must maintain an internal control environment appropriate to ensure compliance with current and future regulation and legislation, including:

1. Data Protection Act 1998;
2. Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and Environment Information Regulations 2004 (EIR); and
3. Money Laundering Regulations 2007 and Terrorism Act;

**E8 Complaints Management.**

E8.1 The Contractor must ensure that the risks of non-compliance with the Standards and Law have been defined and documented for all processes related to the delivery of the Services.

E8.2 In the event of the risk materialising the Contractor must mitigate any impact upon the Client and the Customers to within agreed tolerances.

**E9 Breach Reporting**

E9.1 The Contractor must report any breaches of the Client’s Requirements to the Client immediately or in any case within twenty four hours of a breach and shall record and investigate such breaches and take any remedial action within timescales agreed by the Client. Records of breaches shall include classification of significance of the issue in accordance with the Contractor’s Risk Management Framework Policy and Appetite for Risk, the root cause of the breach, where the breach originated, any financial and non-financial impact on Customers, the number of Customers impacted, any remedial action required or undertaken, as directed and agreed with the Client and the remedial action owner.

E9.2 In all circumstances, the Contractor must ensure that the Client is the first notification point when a breach is identified which could result in a reputational risk to the Client, so as to allow the Client to prepare corporate communications in respect of the matter.

E9.3 Under no circumstances should the Contractor or any its personnel, contractors etc. make public any breach identified, without the prior agreement of the Client.

E9.4 The Contractor must monitor the occurrence of regulatory breaches to identify trends and, report such trends and actions to the Client on a monthly basis and, wherethe Client requires, take remedial action.

E9.5 The Contractor must ensure all its personnel have adequate understanding to enable them to identify regulatory breaches within their area of responsibility and the wider business, and to report, investigate and address the issues.

E9.6 The Contractor must provide a summary of all compliance, fraud, security and business continuity breach reports to each of the relevant Governance committees, summarising all breaches occurring since the previous committee sitting. The Contractor must, as requested by the Client, submit a report detailing all breaches that are deemed by the Client to be significant in nature.

**E10 Financial Crime**

E10.1 The Client as the Accounting Officer is responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient risk profiling and business rules in place to both prevent and monitor suspicious activity, including money laundering attempts, and in return, the Contractor is responsible for providing to the Client all necessary assurance that such controls are in placeas is agreed in advance between the Parties

E10.2 The Service Delivery Solution must be aligned with current guidance from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) (PS11/15 Financial Crime - A Guide for Firms) and advice from the Joint Money Laundering Steering Group (JMLSG). This will be managed by a financial crime unit responsible for the oversight of fraud and anti-money laundering.

**E11 Fraud Investigation**

E11.1 The parties shall work together to agree a framework and will document the agreed processes and procedures for the investigation of internal and external fraud and for loss recovery.

E11.2 This framework will take into consideration the differing powers of the respective parties, particularly the powers of prosecution that the Client has in this case.

###### Schedule F Implementation Plan/Delivery Schedule

No implementation plan necessary as business continuity will be maintained.

Within 1 month of contract start date, the Contractor will have reviewed HMRC/VOAs utilisation of containers to determine if any frequency change can be made to reduce cost and improve efficiency.

At the start of month 2 of the contract start date, the Contractor will implement necessary changes to achieve a ‘rightsizing’ service model if appropriate.

The Contractor will draft a proposal for a new service model and present to the Client. Once agreed, the new service model will be implemented.

###### Schedule G Exit Management

## G1 Exit Planning

G1.1 The Contractor must, within three (3) Months after the Service Commencement Date, deliver to the Client a plan (the "Exit Plan") which sets out the Contractor's proposed methodology for achieving orderly transition of the provision of the Services from the Contractor to the Client and/or the Replacement Contractor on the expiry or termination of this Contract.

**G2 Assistance on Expiry or Termination**

G2.1 The Contractor must include in their Exit Plan details of how the1044-Protecitvely marked waste service will be maintained for the Client during any Exit Phase as a result of the Contract expiring or being terminated.

G2.2 In the event that this Contract expires or is terminated, the Contractor must, where so requested by the Client, provide assistance to the Client to migrate the provision of the Services to the Client or a Replacement Contractor.

###### Schedule H Security Plan

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| **Schedule H - I Security and Business Continuity** |
| **Question** | **Response** |
| H1 a) Please confirm that you understand that your responses to this questionnaire will form the initial Security Plan and will be included in the final signed version of any resulting agreement. | Redacted |
| H1 b) Please confirm your organisation and any subcontractors' will conform to the requirements set out in the Government Security Policy Framework (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14), Client security and business continuity policy standards, and any Security Requirements recorded in the Schedules and/or Order Form. | Redacted |
| H1 c) If you believe that the Public Sector Network (PSN) Code of Connection will apply to your organisation and any sub-contractors, please provide details of how you will conform to this (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). | Redacted |
| H1 d) Please confirm that your organisation and any sub-contractors will handle Client assets in accordance with legislation including the Data Protection Act and in accordance with Clause D2 of the Contract (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). | Redacted |
| H1 e) Please also confirm your Data Protection registration number (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). | Redacted  |
| H1 f) Please provide details of your organisations Security Policy (or include as an attachment), which should be approved and issued in the name of Senior Management. | Redacted  |
| H1 g) If you are successful in the tender process, your Security Manager (or appointed person), may be required to sign a Security Aspects Letter (SAL) as part of the Contractual documentation. The SAL will define the Government Security Classification carried by the Client data; for information, the blank SAL template can be viewed at page 37 of the Contractual Process (see Tendering Instructions para 16.14). Please provide the name of your Security Manager, who will act as a first point of contact and conduct ongoing management of security risks and incidents (including identification, managing, and reporting in line with agreed procedures for actual or suspected security breaches). | Redacted  |
| H1 h) If you intend to involve sub-contractors at any stage during the Contract please list them and provide details of how you will ensure their compliance with all aspects of this Security Plan. | Redacted |
| **H2 Physical Security (For requirements please see Appendix A – Physical Security)** |
| H2 a) Please provide details of the procedures and security in place to control access to the site perimeter.Detail measures such as fencing, CCTV, guarding, and procedures and controls in place to handle staff and visitors requesting access to the site.Please also provide details of the maintenance schedule of your security controls to ensure their effectiveness. | Redacted  |
| H2 b) Please provide details of the procedures and security in place to control access to premises and any secure areas.Detail measures such as automated access controls, locks, alarms, CCTV coverage and how the building structure meets the standard required for handling Client assets.Please also provide details of the maintenance schedule of your security controls to ensure their effectiveness. | Redacted  |
| **H3. IT Security** |
| H3 a) Please provide details of the controls and processes you have in place covering patching, malware (anti-virus), boundary/network security (intruder detection), content checking/blocking (filters), lockdown (prevention), and how regularly you update them. | Redacted  |
| H3 b) Please provide details of the overall security and access control policy of your systems covering physical and electronic assets (including communications connection equipment, e.g. bridge, routers, patch panels). You should record details of the formal registration/deregistration process, how users are Authorised, Authenticated and held Accountable for their actions. Also Include details of the measures in place to manage privilege access e.g. System Administrators and remote users. | Redacted  |
| H3 c) Please provide details of how your security and access control policy complies with the Client’s Security Policy (including where necessary, use and control of back up systems, network storage and segregation of Client data (including 'cloud' solutions), and additional security for more sensitive information assets). | Redacted  |
| H3 d) Please describe how you ensure all software and data is approved before being installed, and how your information systems are reviewed for compliance with security implementation standards (e.g. penetration testing). | Redacted  |
| H3 e) Please provide details of the controls and processes (including level of encryption and controlled access procedures) you have in place for the use of portable media and storage devices exceptionally loaded with Client data. | Redacted  |
| H3 f) Please provide details of how all equipment (e.g. hardware, portable media) that holds or has held data will be destroyed or decommissioned, and how all data will be rendered unreadable and irretrievable in line with HMG InfoSec Standard No. 5. | Redacted  |
| **H4 Personnel Security (For requirements please see Appendix C – Personnel Security)** |
| H4 a) Have all staff who will have access to, or come in to contact with Client data or assets undergone pre-employment checks as necessary? Please provide details of the measures you have in place. | Redacted  |
| H4 b) Please provide details of how you will ensure that all staff accessing Client data are aware of the confidential nature of the data and comply with their legal and specific obligations under the Contract? | Redacted  |
| H4 c) Please provide details of your procedures for on and off boarding staff? (Including removing access rights from staff). | Redacted  |
| H4 d) Please provide details of the ongoing training you provide to staff in respect of data security, including risk awareness and the identification and reporting of security incidents. Please also provide details of your documented information security procedures and processes that are available to all staff who will have access to, or come in to contact with Client data. | Redacted |
| H4 e) The Client may request that the Contractor’s personnel who have access to Client data, and/or are directly involved in the service provision, sign a copy of the Client’s Confidentiality Agreement. Please confirm that, in the event that your bid is successful, you will provide signed hard copies of the Confidentiality Agreement for all personnel involved in this Contract if requested. | Redacted  |
| **H5 Process Security (For requirements please see Appendix D – Process Security)** |
| H5 a) Please provide details of the format in which Client data will be held, how you will ensure segregation of Client data, and the locations where this data will be processed. | Redacted |
| H5 b) Please confirm your understanding and agreement that the transfer of any data to third parties (any individual or group other than the main Contractor including any associates/sub-contractors) is prohibited without prior written consent from the Client. If you anticipate transferring data, especially using portable media during the delivery of this project, please set out your proposed transfer procedures for consideration. | Redacted  |
| H5 c) Please confirm that you understand that Client Data should not be processed or stored outside the United Kingdom without the express permission of the Client. If you intend to store data outside of the UK, please provide details on how and where the data will be stored and also provide details of how you comply with Cabinet Office policy for offshoring. | Redacted  |
| H5 d) Client data must only be used as necessary for the performance of your obligations under the Contract, or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Client. In order to protect against loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure, and to ensure it is not stored, copied or generated except as necessary and authorised, please provide details of the technical and organisational measures you have in place (including segregation of duties and areas of responsibility) to protect against:1. accident, or;2. malicious intent (including theft, attempted theft, misuse or inappropriate accessing of data), within your organisation, and any subcontractors or partners you may use to deliver the contract. | Redacted  |
| H5 e) Please set out your proposed incident handling procedures in the event of any of the above happening, and detail the remedial action (including a documented reporting process) you would implement to mitigate any data loss. | Redacted |
| H5 f) Please describe your disciplinary procedures in the event of a security breach involving Client data. | Redacted |
| H7 g) Please describe how you would sanitise information (paper and electronic) at the end of the retention period, and/or contract period and describe the destruction methods you would normally use. | Redacted |
| **Schedule I - Business Continuity** |
| I2 a) Please provide an overview of your organisation’s business continuity and disaster recovery plans in terms of the Client data under the Contract, or attach a copy of your Business Continuity Plan. Please specify if you operate business continuity or disaster recovery from offshore. Also, please provide details on when and how frequently these plans are tested and advise when they were last tested and confirm that results of testing exercises are available for review if requested. Please provide details on how you will meet recovery times recorded in the schedules and/or Order Form. | Redacted  |
| I3 a) Please provide details of your business continuity management strategy covering all services. | Redacted  |
| I3 b) Please describe how you will ensure that any changes to the services or the services delivery solution will not weaken the business continuity arrangements (unless the Client expressly agrees otherwise) | Redacted |
| I4 a) Please describe how you will carry out a Business Impact Analysis to identify risk, threats and vulnerabilities which may lead to potential loss of, or disruption to services. | Redacted |
| I4 b) Please confirm that you will complete a Business Impact Analysis (BIA) and submit a report setting out it's findings no later than four (4) weeks prior to the Service Commencement Date. | Redacted |
| I5 a) Please confirm you will produce and maintain a Business Continuity Plan for these services incorporating all elements of the BIA within twenty (20) working days of the Client's written approval of the BIA. | Redacted  |
| I6 a) Please describe the procedure you will use to notify the Client of all Business Continuity Events immediately after they occur or where you are unable to notify immediately, within twenty four (24) hours of the event. | Redacted  |
| I7 a) Please describe how you will undertake a regular programme of Business Continuity exercises and tests in accordance with industry best practice. Please confirm that you will provide a report to the Client setting out the duration, scope, aims, programme and frequency of these exercises and tests within twenty (20) working days of their completion. | Redacted |

**Appendix A – Physical SecurityIL4**

Please consider: the effect of topographic features and landscaping on perimeter security; the possibility of being overlooked; the ease of access and communications; the existence and proximity of public rights of way and neighbouring buildings; the existence of emergency and evacuation routes from adjacent buildings; the implications of shared accommodation; the location of police and emergency services; the build of the structure.

Building Security - Preferably there should be as few points of exit and entry as possible but in line with Health & Safety and Fire Regulations. Where exit and entry points exist then physical security controls, such as window bars, grilles shutters Security Doors etc may be installed. The effectiveness of these protection measures may be enhanced by the use of Intruder Detection Systems (IDS), CCTV or Guard Service.

| **Physical Security**  | **Requirements** | **Security Control Examples(IL4)** |
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| Secure Rooms | Sufficient lockable storage for protectively marked material.Locked during ‘silent hours’ and keys secured.Lockable storage must be at least Class 2. Intruder Alarm with key holder response | Class 2 secure rooms with Class 2 door and lock.Security film on externally accessible windows. |
| Perimeter Security | A intermediate security barrier | CCTV Coverage.Use of fencing that offers a degree of resistance to climbing and to deter an opportunist e.g. anti-intruder fencing.Reception basedManned guarding 24/7 with internal and perimeter patrols. Fencing to meet BS1722 part 10 (welded mesh) or part 12 (Security Palisade)External lighting along fence and building line suitable for Closed Circuit Television.Monitored Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) with the ability to identify individuals with coverage of the external building and fence lineA ‘Intermediate Security Barrier should be considered. |
| Physical Access - secure areas | Security passes for authorised staffVisitors should be escorted at all times. A visitor log must be maintained and all ‘visitors’ and staff must sign-in and out of ‘secure’ rooms.Visitors should be issued with identifying visitor badges upon arrival.Public or uncontrolled access to ‘secure’ areas should be prevented.External doors to be of solid construction.Loading bays should be alarmed and manned when open and closed when no longer in use. | Class 2 Intruder Detection sensors on building entrances, externally accessible windows and internal rooms housing HMRC assets.Exterior doors that open out should have sealed hinge pins. |
| Building | Should be constructed of robust building materials typically, brick or lightweight block walls.External doors should be of solid construction and locked during silent hours.Access to keys should be checked and lock combinations changed at regular intervals not exceeding 12 months. A record of key/combination holders should be maintained.The number of keys to a lock should be kept to a minimum. Spare keys should not be held in the same container as ‘working keys’.3rd party suppliers, their premises and people handling protectively marked assets at IL4 /CONFIDENTIAL and above to gain List X Certification.Non essential windows to be made secure.Class 2 Intruder detector system required on all entry and exit points.Security Keys should not be removed from the premises. | Security film on accessible windows.Double glazed or similar unit (from the inside)[[1]](#footnote-1). Non essential windows should be made secure. Intruder detector system.External doors open outwards and fitted with supplementary dog bolts.Security film on existing viewing panels in doors.Letter boxes to be blocked or otherwise protected (alternative postal arrangements to be made).Emergency exit doors included on intruder detection system.Security Keys should not be removed from the premises.Security film on accessible windows.External doors open outwards and fitted with supplementary dog bolts.Security film on existing viewing panels in doors.Letter boxes to be blocked or otherwise protected (alternative postal arrangements to be made.) |
| Environmental | Heating, ventilation & air conditioning lockdown processes in place.Fire risk assessment should be carried out. Uninterruptible power supply for security and health & safety equipment.UPS for IT systems holding HMRC assets | Smoke detection system e.g. VESDA. |
| Transport and Storage | Lockable storage for protectively marked material.CSE Class 2 Containers with Class 2 lockVehicle security – slam door locks; GPS Tracking; duel skinned | CSE Class 2 Secure room with CSE Class 2 lock |

**Appendix B – IT Security**

| **IT Security**  | **Requirements** | **Security Control Examples(IL4)** |
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| Authorisation | Users and Administrators must be authorised to use the System/Service. | Security Management SystemPassword controlAccess logs |
| Authentication[[2]](#footnote-2) | Individual passwords must be used to maintain accountability;Robust passwords should be used, that are designed to resist machine based attacks as well as more basic guessing attacks.Passwords must be stored in an encrypted form using a one-way hashing algorithm.Passwords must be able to be changed by the end user, if there is suspicion of compromise. Password must be changed at least every 3 months.  | Machine generated passwords.Multi-factor authentication should be considered for exposed environments and remote access.Passwords for privileged accounts/users (Administrators) etc. should be changed more frequently than every 3 months. Multi Factor Authentication |
| Access Control | Access rights to Client information assets must be revoked on termination of employment.Audit logs for access management in place showing a minimum of 30 days of activity. | Access logs |
| Malware Protection[[3]](#footnote-3) | Controls such as anti-virus software must detect and prevent infection by known malicious code.[[4]](#footnote-4)AV Administrators and users should be trained on use of AV software.Users should receive awareness training so that they are aware of risk posed by malicious code from the use of email and attachments, internet and removable media (CD, DVD, USB devices etc).Software should be patched and devices, systems, operating systems and applications should be ‘locked down’ to remove unnecessary services and functionality.File types should be limited.System designs/architectural blue prints and network designs should be protected from unauthorised access, loss and destruction.All users, systems and services must be provided on a least privilege basis to reduce the potential for accidental introduction of malicious code.Application code development should be tightly controlled and subject to strict quality control to reduce the potential for insertion of backdoors that could be exploited by an attacker.For systems attaching to Client network, dual layered malware protection and detection capabilityUnusual and undesirable behaviour must be detected in networks, systems and applications E.g. IDS/IPS and Firewall logs | Consideration should be given to allowing privilege users (System Administrators) to only use a limited ‘non-privilege role’ to conduct vulnerable operations such as browsing or importing via removable media.Dual layered malware protection and detection capability. |
| Network Security | Boundary controls that have a content checking and blocking policy in place e.g. firewalls. | Dual paired firewalls, different vendors.Anomaly detection capability e.g. Network intruder detection system.Enhanced grade encryption (CAPS Approved) for remote connections/data in transit. |
| Disposal of media | Client information assets must be sanitised in line with HMG IA Infosec Standard 5 Secure Sanitisation. |  |
| Technical Testing | IT health check aka penetration testing for front facing internet services delivered to the Client. | Consideration for regular IT health check of application and infrastructure services delivered to the Client. |
| Use of Laptops and removable recordable media. | Laptops holding any information supplied or generated as a consequence of a Contract with the Client must have, as a minimum, CAPS approved ‘full disk’ encryption solution installed.(Baseline)Approval from the Client must be obtained before information assets are placed on removable media[[5]](#footnote-5). This approval must be documented sufficiently to establish an audit trail of responsibility. All removable media containing information assets must be encrypted. The level of encryption to be applied is determined by the highest Security Classification of an individual record on the removable media. Unencrypted media containing Client information assets must not be taken outside secure locations; the use of unencrypted media to store Client information assets must be approved by the Client. |  |

**Appendix C – Personnel Security**

| **Personnel Security**  | **Requirements** | **Security Control Examples(IL4)** |
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| Pre-employment checks | Pre-employment checks equivalent to Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) must be completed by all staff with potential or actual access to Client information assets. |  |
| Non Disclosure Agreements | Non Disclosure Agreements (NDA) and Confidentiality Agreements (CA) must be completed by all staff with potential or actual access to Client information assets as requested. NDA/CA must give reference to the Commissioners for Revenue & Customs Act 2005. |  |
| Vetting | All 3rd Party supplier staff associated with handling HMRC assets to be Security Checked (SC).In addition the premises and company are to be assessed for inclusion in List X.HMRC staff do not require additional vetting to handle CONFIDENTIAL assets. Counter Terrorist Check must be completed for all Security Guards | Although not specifically required for HMRC staff to access CONFIDENTIAL assets it may be appropriate to have certain personnel with increased privileges vetted. These roles include System Administrators/ Managers, where they have responsibility for systems processing information that has a higher Impact Level, e.g.processing applications or managing accounts relating to secure customer records |
| Security Awareness Training | All staff must undergo security awareness training and be familiar with Client security policy, standards and guidance.Enhanced security training should be considered with special emphasis placed on Data Protection | Training records |
| Contractors & Maintenance Staff | All Contractors staff (including cleaning staff) must undergo pre-employment checks equivalent to BPSS. |  |

**Appendix D – Process Security**

| **Process Security**  | **Requirements** | **Security Control Examples (IL4)** |
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| Disciplinary Process | There should be an organisational disciplinary process. Staff must be briefed on this and the penalties that may result from failure to comply with documented security policies | Security Management SystemCertificate of Assurance |
| Asset Management | A full inventory of assets should be maintained |  |
| Security Policies, Processes and Procedures | Procedures should be in place to determine whether any compromise of Client assets e.g. loss or modification of information, software and hardware has occurred.Procedures for the handling and storage of Client information assets should be established to protect from unauthorised disclosure and/or misuse.Procedures should be in place to reduce the potential for ‘phishing attacks[[6]](#footnote-6)and social engineering attacks.End of day procedures should ensure that Client information assets are adequately protected from unauthorised access. A clear desk policy should be enforced.A challenge culture should be fostered, so that staff or visitors not wearing a pass are challenged. Tailgating should be discouraged. | Security Management System.Certificate of AssuranceInformation Management/Security Training (Mandatory for all staff) |
| Transfer of Client Data | Proposed transfer of Client data must be approved by the Client’s in writing. If the Contractor is unsure whether approval has been given, the data transfer must not proceed.Where data transfers are necessary in the performance of the Contract, they should be made by automated electronic secure transmission via the Government Secure Internet (GSI) with the appropriate level of security control. Individual data records (unless as part of a bulk transfer of an anonymised respondent survey data) will require specific transfer arrangements. Transfer of aggregated data such as results, presentations, draft and final reports may also need discussion and agreement, again in advance of any such transfer.  | Whenever possible, putting data on to removable media should be avoided. **Where this is unavoidable, hard drives and personal digital assistants, CD-ROM/DVD/floppy/USB sticks are only to be used after discussion and agreement with the Client in advance of any such transfer.** **If the use of removable media is approved, data must be written to them in a secure, centralised environment and be encrypted to the Clients standards.****If you anticipate transferring data on removable media during the delivery of this project please set out your proposed transfer procedures.** |
| Incident Management[[7]](#footnote-7) | Arrangements should be in place for reporting, notification and investigation of information security breaches and/or weaknesses to the asset owner. | Security Management SystemCertificate of Assurance |

**Appendix E – Business Continuity**

| **Business Continuity Requirements** | **Requirements** | **Security Control Examples (IL4)** |
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| Business Continuity Management | 3rd party suppliers should provide the Client with clear evidence of the effectiveness of its Business Continuity management arrangements and alignment with recognised industry standards, by assessing risks to their operations and producing and maintaining business continuity specific documentation as follows:* BCM Policy.
* BCM Programme Management arrangements.
* Business Impact Analysis that identifies the Contractors critical activities, recovery time objectives and maximum tolerable periods of disruption.
* Strategy options for the ongoing delivery of the activities that are provided under the Contract in the event of incidents and business disruption for, but not restricted to: people; premises; technology; information; supplies; incident response structure; business continuity plans; incident management plans; exercising/rehearsal arrangements; maintenance, monitoring and review of BCM arrangements.
 | Agreed BCP in placePlan of BCP tests in placeLessons learned documented and acted upon |

###### Schedule I Business Continuity

Supplier response to be inserted.

**Schedule J Pricing Schedules**

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###### Schedule K Certificates and additional Information

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1. Care should be taken with all glazing to ensure the glazing bead, or material used to secure the glass to the frame, is not accessible from the outside. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Authentication is the process by which people “prove” to the system that they are the person they claim to be. There are three possible authentication factors: Passwords (something a person knows), tokens (something a person possesses), and biometrics (something a person inherently is or how they behave). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. CESG Good Practice Guide No 7 provides information on the threats and vulnerabilities and risks associated with malicious code and also provides guidance on appropriate risk management measures. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Heuristic scanning capabilities can help detect against previously undocumented attacks but AV products are generally ineffective against day zero attacks and are therefore only effective against known malicious code attacks. It is important therefore that systems and applications are locked down, patched against known vulnerabilities that could allow execution of malicious code e.g. in browsers and email clients. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The term drives includes all removable, recordable media e.g. memory sticks, compact flash, recordable optical media and external hard drives. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. These are attacks that may be used to entice users to divulging sensitive or, personal or financial information. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Staff should be encouraged to report Security Incidents timeously; processes and procedures should ensure that Security Incidents/weaknesses impacting HMRC Information assets are reported to HMRC with 48 hours of these being identified/observed. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)