

Request for Proposal

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

Subject: Mobilising local net zero investment: Diverse solutions for diverse places

Sourcing Reference Number: PS22408

Section 6 – Response Evaluation Questionnaires

Introduction

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

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OPEN ABOVE THRESHOLD PROCEDURE

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

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

The authority confirms that it will keep confidential and will not disclose to any third parties any information obtained from a named customer contact, other than to the Cabinet Office and/or contracting authorities defined by the regulations, or pursuant to an order of the court or demand made by any competent authority or body where the authority is under a legal or regulatory obligation to make such a disclosure.

Section 6 – Evaluation Response Questionnaires

6.1. Qualification / Selection Questionnaire

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

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Part 1: Potential supplier Information

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

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

¹ See EU definition of SME https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en

1.1 (n)	<p>Details of Persons of Significant Control (PSC), where appropriate: ²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name; - Date of birth; - Nationality; - Country, state or part of the UK where the PSC usually lives; - Service address; - The date he or she became a PSC in relation to the company (for existing companies the 6 April 2016 should be used); - Which conditions for being a PSC are met; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 25% up to (and including) 50%, - More than 50% and less than 75%, - 75% or more. ³ <p>(Please enter N/A if not applicable)</p>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
1.1 (o)	<p>Details of immediate parent company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full name of the immediate parent company - Registered office address (if applicable) - Registration number (if applicable) - Head office DUNS number (if applicable) - Head office VAT number (if applicable) <p>(Please enter N/A if not applicable)</p>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
1.1 (p)	<p>Details of ultimate parent company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full name of the ultimate parent company - Registered office address (if applicable) - Registration number (if applicable) - Head office DUNS number (if applicable) - Head office VAT number (if applicable) <p>(Please enter N/A if not applicable)</p>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section 1	Bidding Model	
Question Number	Question	Response
1.2 (a) - (i)	Are you bidding as the lead contact for a group of economic operators?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

³ Central Government contracting authorities should use this information to have the PSC information for the preferred supplier checked before award.

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

Contact details and declaration

1)I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted, and information contained in this document are correct and accurate.

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

3)I understand that the information will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement.

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

5) I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.

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

Part 2: Exclusion Grounds

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

Section 2	Grounds for Mandatory Exclusion	
Question Number	Question	Response
2.1 (a)	Regulations 57(1) and (2) The detailed grounds for mandatory exclusion of an organisation are set out on this webpage , which should be referred to before completing these questions. Please indicate if, within the past five years you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation been convicted anywhere in the world of any of the offences within the summary below and listed on the webpage .	
2.1 (a) - (i)	Participation in a criminal organisation.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)
2.1 (a) - (ii)	Corruption.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)
2.1 (a) - (iii)	Fraud.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)
2.1 (a) - (iv)	Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)
2.1 (a) - (v)	Money laundering or terrorist financing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)
2.1 (a) - (vi)	Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide details at 2.1(b)
2.1 (b)	If you have answered yes to question 2.1(a), please provide further details. Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted If the relevant documentation is available electronically please provide the web address, issuing authority, precise reference of the documents.	
2.2	If you have answered Yes to any of the points above have measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section 3	Grounds for discretionary exclusion	
Question Number	Question	Response
3.1	Regulation 57 (8) The detailed grounds for discretionary exclusion of an organisation are set out on this webpage , which should be referred to before completing these questions. Please indicate if, within the past three years, anywhere in the world any of the following situations have applied to you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation.	
3.1 (a)	Breach of environmental obligations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (b)	Breach of social obligations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (c)	Breach of labour law obligations?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide details at 3.2
3.1 (d)	Bankrupt or is the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where the organisation's assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an arrangement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide details at 3.2

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

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

Part 3: Selection Questions

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

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

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

	<p>Consortia bids should provide relevant examples of where the consortium has delivered similar requirements. If this is not possible (e.g. the consortium is newly formed or a Special Purpose Vehicle is to be created for this contract) then three separate examples should be provided between the principal member(s) of the proposed consortium or Special Purpose Vehicle (three examples are not required from each member).</p> <p>Where the Supplier is a Special Purpose Vehicle, or a managing agent not intending to be the main provider of the supplies or services, the information requested should be provided in respect of the main intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s) who will deliver the contract.</p> <p>If you cannot provide examples, see question 6.3</p>
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	Contract 1	Contract 2	Contract 3
Name of customer organisation			
Point of contact in the organisation			
Position in the organisation			
E-mail address			
Description of contract			
Contract Start date			
Contract completion date			
Estimated contract value			

6.2	<p>Where you intend to sub-contract a proportion of the contract, please demonstrate how you have previously maintained healthy supply chains with your sub-contractor(s)</p> <p>Evidence should include, but is not limited to, details of your supply chain management tracking systems to ensure performance of the contract and including prompt payment or membership of the UK Prompt Payment Code (or equivalent schemes in other countries)</p>
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6.3	<p>If you cannot provide at least one example for questions 6.1, in no more than 500 words please provide an explanation for this e.g. your organisation is a new start-up, or you have provided services in the past but not under a contract.</p>
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Section 7	Modern Slavery Act 2015: Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015	
7.1	<p>Are you a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 ("Transparency in supply chains etc.") of the Modern Slavery Act 2015("the Act")?</p> <p>Bidder guidance - Bidder shall confirm they are or are not a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 by answering Yes or No.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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

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

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

Section 8	Additional Questions
8.1	Insurance
8.1 (a)	<p>Please self-certify whether you already have, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:</p> <p>Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5,000,000 Public Liability Insurance = £5,000,000 Professional Indemnity Insurance = £5,000,000</p> <p>*It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5 million as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.</p>

Section 9	Payment to Sub-contractors and Supply Chain (Self-declarations)	
Question Number	Question	Response
	<p>Bidder guidance all questions in section 9 :</p> <p>If you intend to use a supply chain for this contract, you must demonstrate you have effective systems in place to ensure a reliable supply chain. This criterion is focused on exploring your payment systems. If your response to question 9.1 is that you do not intend to use a supply chain</p>	

	<p>for this contract, you are not required to complete the rest of this section as Yes / No declaration, please simply select the N/A option for all questions, Note bidders must not leave any question unanswered.</p> <p>References to supply chain means suppliers or sub-contractors of any tier that execute any works, supply any products or provide any services that are used wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of the contract.</p> <p>Not all payments involve an invoice, this may be the submission of timesheets for a payment that is due for a services-based contract, therefore procedures apply to all payments that are due.</p> <p>Reporting periods are referred to in the following BEIS guidance and link below :</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-payment-practices-and-performance-reporting-requirements</p> <p>Bidder guidance (continued)</p> <p>Call-off Contracts from Framework Agreements (if applicable to this procurement):</p> <p>In answering question 9.1, bidders must confirm whether they intend to use a supply chain to deliver any call off contract that may be awarded under the framework agreement. In the event a bidder does not propose to use a supply chain, but during the procurement (i.e. after selection has taken place) its circumstances change such that it then proposes to do so, it must advise the Contracting Authority immediately. Where such a change is permissible in the circumstances, the bidder should be asked to complete the remainder of the selection questions and provide the relevant payment data (applicable at the time the remainder of the questions are completed).</p> <p>Evidence for self-declarations (questions 9.2- 9.4) : Prior to moving to the bidding stage in this procedure and prior to any contract award the following evidence will be required from the successful bidder (where the bidder has answered "Yes" to question 1 above) in order to verify the bidder's responses</p> <p>Q9.2 Evidence required A copy of your standard payment terms for all of your supply chain contracts.</p> <p>Q9.3 Evidence required</p>	
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	<p>A copy of your procedures for resolving disputed invoices promptly and effectively.</p> <p>Details of any payments of interest for late payments you have paid in the past twelve months or which became due during the past twelve months and remain payable (contractually or under late payment legislation) and, if any such payment has been made (or arose), an explanation as to why this occurred and an outline of what remedial steps have been taken to ensure this does not occur again.</p> <p>Q9.4 Evidence required A copy of your standard payment terms used with sub-contractors on public sector contracts subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015(as amended)</p> <p>If any bidder provides false / misleading information in their responses, they may face sanctions, including exclusion from the procurement and bidding for other contracts for between three and five years (depending on the circumstances), rescission of any contract that had been entered into, damages and in some cases criminal prosecution.</p>	
9.1	<p>Bidder guidance : If your answer is No to this question please ensure that you select N/A for all remaining questions.</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer yes or no</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.2	<p>Please confirm that you have systems in place to pay those in your supply chain promptly and effectively, i.e. within your agreed contractual terms</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer yes or no or N/A</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail N/A – Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
9.3	<p>Please confirm you have procedures for resolving disputed invoices with those in your supply chain promptly and effectively.</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer yes or no or N/A</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail N/A - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

9.4	<p>PUBLIC SECTOR CONTRACTS ONLY – Requirement under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (Regulation 113)</p> <p>Please confirm that for public sector contracts awarded under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015(as amended) you have systems in place to include (as a minimum) 30 day payment terms in all of your supply chain contracts and require that such terms are passed down through your supply chain.</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer yes or no or N/A</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail N/A - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
9.5	<p>PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRACTS</p> <p>9.5.1 Please provide the percentage of invoices paid by you to those in your immediate supply chain on all contracts for each of the two previous six month reporting periods</p> <p>This should include the percentage of invoices paid within each of the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. within 30 days 2. in 31 to 60 days 3. in 61 days or more 4. due but not paid by the last date for payment under agreed contractual terms. <p>It is acceptable to cross refer to information that has previously been submitted to Government or other bodies or is publicly available (provided it covers the required reporting periods), including data published in accordance with the Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance Regulations 2017. If you do wish to cross refer, please provide details and/or insert link(s).</p> <p>9.5.2 If you are unable to demonstrate that all invoices have been paid within the agreed contractual terms, please explain why. Note: if you are required to submit an action plan under question 9.5.3, this action plan must also set out steps to address your payment within agreed terms, in order to achieve a pass for question 9.5.3.</p> <p>9.5.3 If you are unable to demonstrate that ≥95% of invoices payable to your supply chain on all contracts have been paid within 60 days of the receipt of the invoice in at least one of the last two six months reporting periods please provide an action plan for improvement which includes (as a minimum) the following:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <p>Please ensure you provide an explanation and supporting evidence if required to justify a 'No'</p>

	<p>1. Identification of the primary causes of failure to pay: (a) 95% of all supply chain invoices within 60 days; and b) if relevant under question 9.5.2, all invoices within agreed terms.</p> <p>2. Actions to address each of these causes.</p> <p>3. A mechanism for and commitment to regular reporting on progress to the bidder's audit committee (or equivalent).</p> <p>4. Plan signed off by director.</p> <p>5. Plan published on its website (this can be a shorter, summary plan).</p> <p>If you have an existing action plan prepared for a different purpose, it is acceptable to attach this but it should contain the above 5 features.</p> <p>Bidder guidance : Methodology that will apply to the evaluation of 9.5.3</p> <p>Selection criteria</p> <p>Bidders performance Bidder pays $\geq 95\%$ of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the previous two six month reporting periods</p> <p>Assessment criteria and methodology Bidder meets the required standard.</p> <p>Assessment outcome Pass</p> <p>Bidders performance Bidder pays $\geq 95\%$ of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the two previous six month reporting periods after removing intercompany payments.</p> <p>Assessment criteria and methodology Bidder meets the required standard.</p> <p>Assessment outcome Pass</p> <p>Bidders performance Bidder pays $\geq 90\% < 95\%$ of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the two previous six month reporting periods after removing intercompany payments (if relevant).</p> <p>Assessment criteria and methodology Bidder demonstrates action plan that includes (as a minimum) the following: 1. Identification of the primary causes of failure to pay: (a) 95% of all supply chain invoices within 60 days; and;</p>	
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	<p>(b) (if relevant) all supply chain invoices within agreed terms.</p> <p>2. Actions to address each of these causes.</p> <p>3. Regular reporting on progress to the bidder's audit committee (or equivalent).</p> <p>4. Plan signed off by a director.</p> <p>5. Plan published on its website. (This can be a shorter, summary plan)</p> <p>If you have an existing action plan prepared for a different purpose, it is acceptable to attach this but it should contain the above 5 features.</p> <p>Assessment criteria and methodology Action plan provided that meets the required standard</p> <p>Assessment outcome Pass</p> <p>Assessment criteria and methodology No action plan or action plan does not include all of the above 5 features.</p> <p>Assessment outcome Fail</p> <p>Bidders performance Bidder does not pay $\geq 90\%$ of all supply chain invoices in 60 days in at least one of the two previous six month reporting periods after removing intercompany payments (if relevant).</p> <p>Assessment criteria and methodology Bidder's payment performance falls substantially below the required standard.</p> <p>Assessment outcome Fail</p> <p>Section 9.0 – Bidder guidance The Bidder Shall answer all section 9.0 questions in one of the following ways:</p> <p>Yes No (with explanation) No N/A as applicable</p> <p>Do not leave any question unanswered, this may result in your bid being rejected.</p> <p>Yes – Pass Bidder guidance – a pass is a submission that demonstrates a specific payment compliance within 60</p>	
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	<p>days</p> <p>No with acceptable explanation or (if required) Action Plan to the Contracting Authority – Pass</p> <p>No without an acceptable explanation or (if required) Action Plan to the Contracting Authority – Fail</p> <p>N/A – Pass if the question is not applicable to your bid</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	
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SEL5.5	Please self-certify that your organisation has a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislative requirements. These should consider not only where your organisation is based but also any needs that are required in the country of delivery of the procurement.
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No – Fail</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	<p>Option List</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No – Fail</p>

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

SEL5.6.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.6 - Enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years?
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Bidder Guidance	<p>Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.6 please provide details of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes that you have made as a result of the conviction or notices served.</p> <p>*The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under Health and Safety legislation in the last 3 years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.</p> <p>This information should be provided as an attachment to this question. Any bidder declaring enforcement or remedial action within SEL5.6 but not providing evidence may not be considered.</p>
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

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

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

Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

SEL5.8	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of these organisations have been convicted or had a notice served upon them for infringement of environmental legislation?
Bidder Guidance	The Bidder Shall answer Yes/No/Not Applicable A response of ' Yes ' or ' Not Applicable ' will result in a pass and a response of ' No ' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Multiple Choice Dropdown Yes – Pass No – Fail N/A – Pass

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

SEL5.9.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.9
Bidder Guidance	<p>Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.9 please provide a supporting document attached to this question, including a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.</p> <p>If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.</p> <p>You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action(s) have been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.</p> <p>This information should be provided as an attachment to this question. Any bidder declaring unlawful discrimination within SEL5.9 but not providing evidence may not be considered.</p>
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

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

Answer Type	Option List Yes – Fail* - Please provide details within SEL5.10.1 No – Pass – No response required to SEL5.10.1
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SEL5.10.1	Supporting Documentation for SEL5.10
Bidder Guidance	<p>Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to SEL5.10 please provide a supporting document attached to this question, including a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.</p> <p>If the investigation upheld the complaint against your subcontractor, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) your subcontractor or your organisation has taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.</p> <p>If it is your organisations unequivocal intention to use the same subcontractor? should you be successful in being awarded this procurement opportunity, you may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action(s) have been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.</p> <p>This information should be provided as an attachment to this question.</p> <p>Any bidder declaring unlawful discrimination within SEL5.10 but not providing evidence may not be considered.</p>
Scoring Criteria	For Information Only
Answer Type	Attachment

FOI1.1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) Information provided in the course of the procurement process may be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOIA exemptions and EIR exceptions. More information on applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the information Commissioners Office (ICO) website http://ico.org.uk Please confirm you have been informed that information provided under this Bid may be disclosed under the FOI Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and agree to it being published irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid.
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail

Answer Type	Option List Yes – Pass No – Fail
FOI1.2	<p>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) EXEMPTIONS</p> <p>Please complete this section <u>only</u> if you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1. If you have not agreed to your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete a field 'N/A' (Not applicable)</p> <p>If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or exceptions may apply to your information and why?</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in the fields below.</p> <p>The Bidder shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested exemptions or exceptions have not been applied properly, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting Authority.</p> <p>Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'yes' you have agreed for the Contracting Authority to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004; therefore, you will not be approached for consent.</p> <p>Bidders are required to complete the table fields below, highlighting your proposed exemptions to this question.</p> <p>If you are not relying on any exemptions or exceptions, please complete each field 'N/A' (not applicable).</p>
Scoring Criteria	For information only
Answer Type	Confidential Information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
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	Commercially sensitive information and justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
	Text

Section 6 – Evaluation Response Questionnaires

6.2. Technical and Commercial Questionnaire

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

RFP Governance

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

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

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

AW1.3	CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID The essence of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide competitive Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a bona fide Bid, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of Bid by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other person. We also certify that we have not done, and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this Bid any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these Bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed Bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the Bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the Bid; (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any Bid to be submitted; (c) Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other Bid or proposed Bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of the sort described above.
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	<p>In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and anybody or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in Bidding for this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or execution of this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority.</p> <p>We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders information / documentation (submitted to the Contracting Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	<p>Option List</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail</p>

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

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

AW3.2.1	<p>Where a Bidder has answered question AW3.2 with 'No with justification' they must provide full details of any current or potential interest or conflict in relation to this project (including any subcontractors or consortium member where applicable) which could be reasonably perceived to affect the actual or perceived deliverables.</p> <p>Bidders are also required to give a full account of the actions or processes that it will use to ensure that a conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, bidders are to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the project.</p> <p>Where a bidder has responded 'Yes' to AW3.2 you are not required to respond to this question.</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>By conflict of interest, we mean, anything which could be reasonably perceived to affect the impartiality of this project, or to indicate a professional or personal interest in the outcomes from this project.</p> <p>If your situation changes during the procurement process you must promptly notify the Contracting Authority via Jaggaer eSourcing Portal if any conflicts of interest arise or any additional information arise in relation to the conflict of interest you have declared.</p> <p>Where there is an actual or potential conflict of interest, it is suggested the organisation (or consortia where applicable) design a working arrangement such that the deliverables cannot be influenced (or perceived to be influenced) by the organisation which is the owner of an actual or potential conflict of interest. For example, consideration should be given to maintain an impartial approach to the project.</p> <p>Bidders are required to give a full account of the actions or processes that it will use to ensure that a conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, bidders are to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the project.</p> <p>The information received will be subject a Pass or Fail, according to whether based on the information provided there remains a conflict of interest which may affect the impartiality of the project and the deliverables.</p> <p>Failure to declare or avoid a conflict of interest at this or a later stage may result in exclusion from the procurement process.</p>

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

Compliance to the Contract Terms

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

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

	<p>justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Contract Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the Contracting Authority and are reasonably necessary and proportionate to ensure the Bidder complies with the legal requirements and statutory regulations. <p>In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark-up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail.</p> <p>Any bidder selecting 'No with Justification' to AW4.1 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above may not be considered further.</p> <p>Bidders are to note that any requested modifications to the Contracting Authority Terms and Conditions on the grounds of statutory and legal matters only, should be raised as a formal clarification during the permitted clarification period.</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/Fail
Answer Type	Attachment

AW6.3	<p>Non-Disclosure Agreement – Part 1</p> <p>In the event of a Bidder successfully providing the most advantageous offer to Contracting Authority against this procurement requirement, the Bidder is expected to agree to the Non-Disclosure Agreement attached prior to the award of any Contract.</p> <p>If the Bidder fails to agree to this the Contracting Authority reserves the right to not award this Contract to the relevant Bidder and either award to the Bidder with the second most advantageous response or abandon the procurement.</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder is not required to complete the non-disclosure agreement at this stage but will be required to respond to the question in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to UK SBS against a procurement requirement.</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer Yes, No with justification or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass We accept the non-disclosure agreement in their entirety No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW6.3 with details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail</p> <p>For absolute clarity should a bidder select 'Yes' or 'No' you are not required to respond to AW6.4, however if you select 'No with Justification' you will be required to complete AW6.4 in order to be considered.</p>

Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Option List Yes , we accept the terms and condition in their entirety – Pass No with justification – Pass. Complete the document upload attached to AW4.2 with details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail

AW6.4	Non-Disclosure Agreement – Part 2 Where a Bidder has answered question AW6.3 with ‘No with justification’ they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause. Where a bidder has responded ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to AW6.3 you are not required to respond to this question.
Bidder Guidance	<p>A justification for not agreeing to sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation).</p> <p>Where the Bidder has answered question AW6.3 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide the justification. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers the following requirements are satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Non-Disclosure Contract due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and <p>In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW6.3 and then providing a justification then the response will be a Fail.</p> <p>Any bidder selecting ‘No with Justification’ to AW6.3 and failing to upload an attachment to this question detailing the information above may not be considered further.</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Answer Type	Attachment

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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

PROJ1.1	<u>Approach</u> Please clearly explain and give reasoning for your proposed methodology and approach to achieving the objectives and delivering the outputs highlighted in the specification.
Bidder guidance	As a minimum your response should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Methodological Challenges.</i> • Give a <u>detailed description</u> of the methods to be used in undertaking the project, indicating the resources that will be utilised, outlining a clear justification as to why your chosen methodology will provide the best outcome; • Set out how your methods meet the project objectives; • Please include a recommendation for the size and composition of the sample and justification for your approach. Dissemination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide details of how you would propose to work with UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to disseminate emerging and final findings to stimulate policy debate.

	This question is limited to 5 sides of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology. Maximum Mark: 30%
Response Type	Attachment

PROJ1.2	<u>Staff to Deliver</u> Please demonstrate your knowledge of the skills and expertise that are essential to the successful delivery of this project. Please provide your methodology as to how you will maintain your ability to deliver these through the lifetime of the project.
Bidder guidance	As a minimum your response should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any support that would be needed and from whom, in order to undertake and complete this project. <p>This question is limited to 5 sides of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.</p>
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology. Maximum Mark: 20%
Response Type	Attachment

PROJ1.3	<u>Understanding the Project Environment</u> Demonstrate your understanding of the project environment, detailing any knowledge relevant to the project and policy/programme area, including any data sources or research relevant to the project.
Bidder guidance	As a minimum your response should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretation of the project and what is required. How the bidder will ensure the successful deliver of this project within the working environment. <p>This question is limited to 4 sides of A4. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process. Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm.</p>
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology. Maximum Mark: 20%
Response Type	Attachment

PROJ1.4	<p><u>Project Plan and Timescales</u></p> <p>Please outline your proposed project plan and timescales, ensuring the key deadlines outlined in the specification are met.</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>As a minimum your response should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed timetable for carrying out the work based on the proposed approach and method. • Highlight key milestones and deadlines, including suggested meetings and progress reports. • Provide details of any possible risks that could affect the delivery of this project as per the specification. • Demonstration of your tools and processes to mitigate risk in this project. <p>This question is limited to 3 sides of A4 plus a Gantt Chart and risk register in a Word table or Excel sheet. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.</p> <p>Responses should be submitted in Font Arial 11pt using single line spacing. Please use the Normal margin setting 2.54cm</p>
Scoring criteria	<p>Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.</p> <p>Maximum Mark: 10%</p>
Response Type	Attachment

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.1	<p>Please confirm your bid submission price for completion of all the Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification.</p> <p>All prices shall be in £ GBP and exclusive of VAT.</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>Bidders shall provide their bid submission price for completion of all Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification.</p> <p>The scoring methodology for this question shall be:</p> <p>The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100.</p> <p>All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.</p> <p>Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50</p> <p>In the example if a supplier scores 80 from the available 100 points this will equate to 40% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points multiplied by 50 ($80/100 \times 50 = 40$)</p> <p>The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.</p> <p>The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100. All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The lowest score possible is 0.</p> <p>For example, assuming the lowest bid is £100,000.</p> <p>Bid Price £100,000 Differential to the lowest price which meets mandatory pass criteria ('Differential') 0 Score 100</p> <p>Bid price - £120,000 Differential - 20% Score - 80 Bid price - £140,000 Differential - 40% Score - 60 Bid Price - £150,000 Differential - 50% Score - 50 Bid Price - £175,000 Differential - 75% Score - 25 Bid Price - £200,000 Differential - 100% Score - 0 Bid Price - £300,000 Differential - 200% Score - 0</p>
Scoring Criteria	Maximum Marks: 20%
Answer Type	Numeric
AW5.2	<p>Based on the Bidders AW5.1 bid submission price for completion of all the Services as detailed in the Section 4 Specification, Bidders are now required to complete the attached Excel AW5.2 Pricing Schedule</p>

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

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

AW5.4	<p><u>Maximum Budget</u></p> <p>As stated within the tender documents, the maximum budget for this requirement will be £300,000.00 ex VAT.</p> <p>Please confirm that your final price submitted within AW5.2 will fall within this budget.</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass No – Fail</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail

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

AW5.6	Bidders are asked to provide a monthly spend profile based on their AW5.1 & AW5.2 Pricing submission
Bidder Guidance	<p>Bidders are asked to provide a monthly spend profile based on their AW5.1 & AW5.2 Pricing submission.</p> <p>The spend profile can be presented in a format of the bidders choosing</p>
Scoring Criteria	For information only
Answer Type	Attachment