



Contract for the Maintenance of Fire Protection and Detection Systems at Thames Barrier and associated gates

between
the Environment Agency and Channel Fire Systems Ltd.

1st December 2020 – 30th November 2022

(with extension options up to 30th November 2024)

Contract Number: ECM-59852

***This is a call-off contract under NHS London Procurement Partnership DPS
LPP/2020/011. OJEU Reference: - 2020/S 085-203399***

CONTRACT No: 59852

ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE: £162,000 fixed per annum (excl VAT) plus variable costs arising

CONTRACT RELATING TO: The supply of Fire Detection and Protection Systems Maintenance Services at Thames Barrier & Associated Sites.

CONTRACT dated 1st December 2020 between:

(1) The Environment Agency South East whose regional headquarters is at Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 8DQ ("the Agency"); and

(2) Channel Fire Systems Ltd., 44 High St, New Romney, Kent, TN28 8BZ ("the Contractor").

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. The provisions of the following documents form part of this Contract:
 - the attached Conditions of Contract Services, Issue 1: (1/12/20)
 - the attached Pricing Schedule - Issue 1: (1/12/20)
 - the attached Specification - TBAG Fire General Specification –v7 & TBAG Fire Technical Specification – v8

and which, in the case of conflict, have precedence in the order listed.

2. In consideration of the Agency's obligations under this Contract, the Contractor shall complete and deliver to the Agency such Goods and/or Services and/or such Work (as the case may be) as the Agency may order from time to time within the Contract Period in accordance with and subject to, the provisions of this Contract.
3. NO VARIATION TO THIS CONTRACT SHALL HAVE EFFECT UNLESS AGREED IN WRITING BY AN AUTHORISED OFFICER OF THE AGENCY.

Contract to be electronically accepted via the BRAVO e-procurement portal.

PRICING SCHEDULE
W.E.F. 01 DECEMBER 2020

1 PRICING - GENERAL

1.1 The prices to be paid for the Services supplied in accordance with the contract are:

Table 1: Pricing

Item No	Item Description	Start Date	Completion Date	Total Price £s (ex VAT)
1	Maintenance of Fire Protection and Detection Systems at Thames Barrier & Associated Sites.	01 December 2020	30 November 2022	The prices, rates & percentages stated in Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

1.2 All prices shall be held fixed for the duration of the initial Contract Period (1st December 2020 – 30th November 2022) Thereafter on exercising extension options EA will consider increases aligned to the current CPI rate unless the contractor can offer convincing reasons why a larger increase should be applied.

1.3 The rates payable by the Agency shall include all ancillary work and charges incurred by the Contractor in carrying out the services specified. For the avoidance of doubt all rates include, but are not limited to fuel, travel time, equipment, labour, materials (with the exception of those shown in Sections 7 & 8 below) and reports.

1.4 All rates shall be inclusive of overheads and profit.

1.5 All prices shown in the Contract are exclusive of Value Added Tax.

2 PRICING - PLANNED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS

2.1 The prices to be paid for these Services supplied in accordance with the Contract are as follows:

Table 2: Planned Preventative Maintenance during Normal Working Hours

Item No	Item Description	Completion Date	Qty	Unit	Unit Price £s	Total Price £s
DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS (07:30 to 16:30 hrs Monday-Friday)						
Y1	Planned Preventative Maintenance	20 November 2021	12	per month	xxxx	xxxx
Y2	Planned Preventative Maintenance.	30 November 2022	12	per month	xxxx	xxxx
Y3&4	Monthly PPM fixed rate for extensions (EA's option) to be agreed with EA based on previous year plus CPI rate increase.					
					Total Fixed Price (ex VAT) £s	xxxx

3 SCHEDULE OF RATES - 4 HOUR BREAKDOWN RESPONSE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS

3.1 The prices to be paid for these Services supplied in accordance with the Contract are as follows:

Table 3: 4 Hour Breakdown Response during Normal Working Hours

Item No	Item Description	Completion Date	Unit	Rate £s (ex VAT)
BREAKDOWN RESPONSE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS (07:30 to 16:30 hrs Monday-Friday)				
Y1	Engineer or equivalent.	30 November 2021	per hour	xxxx
Y2	Engineer or equivalent	30 November 2022	per hour	xxxx
Y3&4	Hourly rates for extensions (EA's option) to be agreed with EA based on previous year plus CPI rate increase.			

3.2 Time based charges shall be calculated to the nearest half-hour.

4 SCHEDULE OF RATES – 4 HOUR BREAKDOWN RESPONSE OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS

- 4.1 The prices to be paid for these Services supplied in accordance with the Contract are as follows:

Table 4: 4 Hour Breakdown Response outside Normal Working Hours

Item No	Item Description	Completion Date	Unit	Rate £s (ex VAT)
BREAKDOWN RESPONSE OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS (16:30 to 07:30 hrs Mon-Fri, all day Sat, Sun & Public/Bank Holidays)				
Y1	Call out charge	30 November 2021	per visit	xxxx
Y1	Engineer or equivalent.	30 November 2021	per hour	xxxx
Y2	Call out charge	30 November 2022	per visit	xxxx
Y2	Engineer or equivalent	30 November 2022	per hour	xxxx
Y3&4	Call-out rates for extensions (EA's option) to be agreed with EA based on previous year plus CPI rate increase.			
Y3&4	Hourly rates for extensions (EA's option) to be agreed with EA based on previous year plus CPI rate increase.			

- 4.2 No work shall be performed outside normal working hours without the prior permission of the Agency's Contract Supervisor.

- 4.3 Time based charges shall be calculated to the nearest half-hour.

5 SCHEDULE OF RATES - REPLACEMENT & SPARE PARTS

- 5.1 The prices to be paid for Replacement and Spare Parts supplied in accordance with the Contract are as follows:

Table 5: Replacement & Spare Parts Mark Up

Item No	Item Description	Unit	Percentage Rate %
REPLACEMENT & SPARE PARTS			
Y1-3	Mark up on invoice price for replacement and spare parts to cover profit, overheads and other liabilities. (Copies of invoices may be requested).	per each	xx

6 SCHEDULE OF RATES – Upgrades, Modifications and Optional Services

- 6.1 The prices to be paid for Upgrades, Modifications and Optional Services supplied in accordance with the Contract are as follows:

Table 6: Upgrade Equipment, Components & Materials Mark Up

Item No	Item Description	Unit	Percentage Rate
UPGRADES, MODIFICATIONS & OPTIONAL SERVICES			
Y1-2	Percentage Mark Up For Upgrade/Modification Bought-in Goods & Services (e.g. equipment, components and materials) to cover profit, overheads and other liabilities. (Copies of invoices may be requested).	per each	xx

7 KEY PERSONNEL LIST

7.1 The details of Key Personnel involved in the provision of the Services are shown below:

Table 7: Key Personnel List

Key Personnel (Name)	Job Title	Contract Role
Redacted	Compliance Director	Compliance Director
Redacted	Operations Director	Operations Director
Redacted	Service Engineer	Service Engineer
Redacted	Mechanical Engineer	Mechanical Engineer

Conditions of Contract – Services

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In the Contract, unless the context otherwise requires the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings assigned to them.

1.1.1. Agency

The Environment Agency, its successors and assigns.

1.1.2. Agency Property

All property issued or made available for use by the Agency to the Contractor in connection with the Contract.

1.1.3. The Appendix

The Appendix to these Conditions.

1.1.4. The Contract

These Conditions including the Appendix, any Special Conditions, Specification, Pricing Schedule, Contractor's tender, acceptance letter and any relevant documents agreeing modifications exchanged before the Contract is awarded, and any subsequent amendments or variations agreed in writing.

1.1.5. The Contractor

The person, firm company or body who undertakes to supply the Services to the Agency as defined in the Contract.

1.1.6. Contract Period

The time period stated in the Appendix or otherwise provided in the Contract, for the performance of the Services.

1.1.7. Contractor Personnel

means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Contractor and/or of any sub-contractor engaged in the performance of its obligations under this Contract

1.1.8. Contract Price

The price exclusive of VAT set out in the Contract for which the Contractor has agreed to supply the services.

1.1.9. Contract Supervisor

Any duly authorised representative of the Agency notified in writing to the Contractor for all purposes connected with the Contract. Any Notice or other written instruction given by or made to the Contract Supervisor, shall be taken as given by or made to the Agency.

1.1.10. Contracting Authority

means any contracting authorities (other than the Environment Agency) as defined in regulation 2 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) (as amended).

1.1.11. Data Protection Legislation

means: (i) the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) or GDPR, the Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680) ("LED") and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the Data Protection Act 1998 ("DPA 1998") and/or the Data Protection Act 2018 ("DPA 2018") to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy

1.1.12.Data Protection Schedule

The Schedule attached to this Contract describing how the Parties will comply with the Data Protection Legislation.

1.1.13.Intellectual Property Rights

All Intellectual Property Rights including without limitation, patents, patent applications, design rights, registered designs, utility models, trade and service marks and applications for same, copyright know-how, rights in semi-conductor chip topography, and in each case whether protectable at law or not, and if protectable, whether an application has been made for such protection or not, and all similar industrial, commercial, monopoly or other intellectual property rights whether present or future, vested or contingent wherever protected.

1.1.14.Law

means any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the Contractor is bound to comply

1.1.15.Notice

Any written instruction or notice given to the Contractor by the Contract Supervisor, delivered by:

i. fax, or hand delivery to the Contractor's registered office or other address notified for the purposes of the Contract and deemed to have been served at the date and time of delivery;

First class post to the Contractor's registered office. Such Notices are deemed to have been served 48 hours after posting.

1.1.16.Results

All things produced in performing the Services including maps, plans, photographs, drawings, tapes, statistical data, experimental results, field data, analysis of results, published and unpublished results and reports, inventions, computer programmes and user documentation.

1.1.17.The Resulting Rights

All Intellectual Property Rights in the Results that are originated, conceived, written or made by the Contractor, whether alone or with others in the performance of the Services or otherwise resulting from the Contract.

1.1.18.Permission

Express permission given in writing before the act being permitted.

1.1.19.Services

All Services detailed in the Specification including any additions or substitutions as may be requested by the Contract Supervisor.

1.1.20.Regulations

Means the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) as amended.

1.2. Except as set out above and in the Data Protection Schedule, the Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the Interpretation Act 1988.

1.3. All headings in these Conditions are for ease of reference only, and shall not affect the construction of the Contract.

1.4. Any reference in these Conditions to a statutory provision will include all subsequent modifications.

1.5. All undefined words and expressions are to be given their normal English meaning within the context of this Contract. Any dispute as to the interpretation of such undefined words and expressions shall be settled by reference to the definition in the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary.

2. PRECEDENCE

To the extent that the following documents form the Contract, in the case of conflict of content, they shall have the following order of precedence:

- Conditions of Contract including Appendix, Data Protection Schedule and any Special Conditions;
- Specification;
- Pricing Schedule;
- Drawings, maps or other diagrams.

3. CONTRACT SUPERVISOR

The Contractor shall strictly comply with any instruction given by the Contract Supervisor concerning or about the Contract provided such instructions are reasonable and consistent with the nature, scope and value of the Contract. All such instructions shall be in writing. The Contractor is not obliged to comply with any verbal instruction from the Contract Supervisor that is not confirmed in writing within 7 working days.

4. THE SERVICES

4.1. The Contractor shall provide all staff, equipment, materials and any other requirements necessary for the performance of the Contract using reasonable skill, care and diligence, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the Contract Supervisor.

4.2. The Contractor shall only employ in the execution and superintendence of the Contract persons who are suitable and appropriately skilled and experienced. The Contract Supervisor shall be at liberty to object to and require the Contractor to remove any person employed in or about the Contract who is unsuitable, misconducts himself, is incompetent or negligent in the performance of his duties or persists in conduct which could endanger the health or safety of others. Such persons shall not be employed again on the Contract without the Permission of the Contract Supervisor.

5. ASSIGNMENT

5.1. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer or sub-contract the Contract, or any part of it, without the Permission of the Contract Supervisor.

5.2. Any assignment, transfer or sub-contract entered into, shall not relieve the Contractor of any of his obligations or duties under the Contract.

5.3. Nothing in this Contract confers or purports to confer on any third party any benefit or any right to enforce any term of the Contract.

6. CONTRACT PERIOD

The Contractor shall perform the Services within the time stated in the Appendix subject to any changes arising from Condition 10 (Variations,) and/or Condition 11 (Extensions of time.).

7. PROPERTY

7.1. All property issued by the Agency to the Contractor in connection with the Contract shall remain the property of the Agency, and shall be used in the execution of the Contract, and for no other purpose whatsoever without the prior approval of the Contract Supervisor.

7.2. The Contractor shall keep all Agency Property in safe custody and good condition, set aside and clearly marked as the property of the Agency.

7.3. On expiry or earlier termination of the Contract the Contractor shall, if so required, either surrender such property to the Agency or otherwise dispose of it as instructed by the Contract Supervisor.

8. MATERIALS

8.1. The Contractor shall be responsible for establishing his own sources of supply for goods and materials and will be responsible for ensuring the reasonable and proper conduct by his suppliers and staff whilst on the Agency's premises.

8.2. The Contractor shall not place, or cause to be placed, any orders with suppliers or otherwise incur liabilities in the name of the Agency or any representative of the Agency.

9. SECURITY

9.1. The Contractor shall be responsible for the security of all goods and equipment belonging to the Agency and used by the Contractor in the provision of the Services, belonging to the Contractor, or Contractors staff, or sub-contractors whilst on Agency premises.

9.2. This Condition shall not prejudice the Agency's rights under Condition 15.

10. VARIATIONS

10.1. The Contract Supervisor may vary the Contract by adding to, deleting or otherwise modifying the Services to be supplied, by written order to the Contractor provided such variations are reasonable and consistent with the nature, scope and value of the Contract.

10.2. The value of any such variation, other than any variation arising out of Condition 10.3, shall be determined by reference to the rates contained in the Pricing Schedule. Where the Services so ordered are not covered in the Pricing Schedule, they shall be valued at a fair and reasonable rate agreed between the Contract Supervisor and the Contractor.

10.3. Where a variation is the result of some default or breach of the Contract by the Contractor or some other cause for which he is solely responsible, any additional cost attributable to the variation shall be borne by the Contractor.

10.4. The Contractor may also propose a variation to the Services but no such variation shall take effect unless agreed and confirmed in writing by the Contract Supervisor.

10.5. No variation shall have the effect of invalidating the Contract, or placing the Contract at large, if that variation is reasonably consistent with the nature, scope and value of the Contract. The Agency may vary the Contract to comply with a change in English Law. Such a change will be effected by the Contract Supervisor notifying the Contractor in writing.

10.6. The Agency may assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Contract or any part thereof to:

10.6.1. any Contracting Authority; or

10.6.2. 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 Agency; or

10.6.3. any private sector body which substantially performs the functions of the Agency, provided that any such assignment, novation or other disposal shall not increase the burden of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

10.7. Any change in the legal status of the Agency such that it ceases to be a Contracting Authority shall not affect the validity of the Contract. In such circumstances the Contract shall bind and inure to the benefit of any successor body to the Agency.

11. EXTENSIONS OF TIME

11.1. Should the performance of the Contract be directly delayed by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor, and provided that the Contractor shall first have given the Contract Supervisor written notice within five working days after becoming aware that such delay was likely to occur, then the Contract Supervisor, if satisfied that this Condition applies:

11.1.1. in the case of any delay of which the Agency is not the cause, may grant the Contractor such extension of time, as in his opinion is reasonable, having regard without limitation, to any other delays or extensions of time that may have occurred or been granted under the Contract. The Contract Price shall not increase as a result of such an extension of time.

11.1.2. in the case of any delay of which the Agency is the cause, shall grant the Contractor a reasonable extension of time to take account of the delay.

11.2. No extension of time shall be granted where in the opinion of the Agency the Contractor has failed to use reasonable endeavours to avoid or reduce the cause and/or effects of the delay.

11.3. Any extension of time granted under this Condition shall not affect the Agency's rights to terminate or determine the Contract under Conditions 13 and 14.

12. DEFAULT

12.1. The Contractor shall be in default if he:

12.1.1. fails to perform the Contract with due skill, care, diligence and timeliness;

12.1.2. refuses or neglects to comply with any reasonable written instruction given by the Contract Supervisor;

12.1.3. is in breach of the Contract.

12.2. Where in the opinion of the Contract Supervisor, the Contractor is in default, the Contract Supervisor may serve a Notice giving at least five working days in which to remedy the default.

12.3. If the Contractor fails to comply with such a Notice the Contract Supervisor may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies under the Contract, take over for as such a period as is necessary the

performance of the relevant part of the Contract and make other arrangements for its completion. Any extra costs arising from this action, will be paid by the Contractor or deducted from any monies owing to him.

13. TERMINATION

13.1. The Agency may immediately, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies under the Contract, terminate all or any part of the Contract by Notice in writing to the Contractor, Receiver, Liquidator or to any other person in whom the Contract may become vested, if the Contractor:

13.1.1. fails in the opinion of the Contract Supervisor to comply with (or take reasonable steps to comply with) a Notice under Condition 12.2.

13.1.2. becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or has a receiving order made against him, or makes an arrangement with his creditors or (being a corporation) commences to be wound up, not being a voluntary winding up for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation, or has a receiver, administrator, or administrative receiver appointed by a Court.

'Termination under the Regulations'

13.2. The Agency may terminate the Contract on written Notice to the Contractor if:

13.2.1. the contract has been subject to a substantial modification which requires a new procurement procedure pursuant to regulation 72(9) of the Regulations;

13.2.2. the Contractor was, at the time the Contract was awarded, in one of the situations specified in regulation 57(1) of the Regulations, including as a result of the application of regulation 57(2), and should therefore have been excluded from the procurement procedure which resulted in its award of the Contract; or

13.2.3. The Contract should not have been awarded to the Contractor in view of a serious infringement of the obligations under the Treaties and the Regulations that has been declared by the Court of Justice of the European Union in a procedure under Article 258 of the TFEU.

14. DETERMINATION

14.1. Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies under the Contract, the Agency reserves the right to determine the Contract at any time by giving not less than one month's Notice, (or such other time period as may be appropriate).

14.2. The Agency shall pay the Contractor such amounts as may be necessary to cover his reasonable costs and outstanding and unavoidable commitments necessarily and solely incurred in properly performing the Contract prior to determination.

14.3. The Agency will not pay for any costs or commitments that the Contractor is able to mitigate and shall only pay those costs that the Agency has validated to its satisfaction. The Agency's total liability under this Condition shall not in any circumstances exceed the Contract Price that would have been payable for the Services if the Contract had not been determined.

15. INDEMNITY

15.1. Without prejudice to the Agency's remedies for breach of Contract, the Contractor shall fully indemnify the Agency and its staff against any legally enforceable and reasonably mitigated liability, loss, costs, expenses, claims or proceedings in respect of:

15.1.1. death or injury to any person;

15.1.2. loss or damage to any property excluding indirect and consequential loss;

15.1.3. infringement of third party Intellectual Property Rights

which might arise as a direct consequence of the actions or negligence of the Contractor, his staff or agents in the execution of the Contract.

15.2. This Condition shall not apply where the damage, injury or death is a direct result of the actions, or negligence of the Agency or its staff.

16. LIMIT OF CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY

16.1. The limit of the Contractor's liability for each and every claim by the Agency, other than for death or personal injury, whether by way of indemnity or by reason of breach of contract, or statutory duty, or by reason of any tort shall be:

16.1.1. the sum stated in the Appendix

16.1.2. if no sum is stated, the Contract Price or five million pounds whichever is the greater.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. The Contractor shall insure and maintain insurance against liabilities under Condition 15 (Indemnity) in the manner and to the values listed in the Appendix to these Conditions. If no sum is stated, the value insured shall be £5M (five million pounds.)

17.2. If specifically required by the Agency, nominated insurances shall be in the joint names of the Contractor and the Agency.

17.3. The Contractor shall, upon request, produce to the Contract Supervisor documentary evidence that the insurances required are fully paid up and valid for the duration of the Contract.

18. PREVENTION OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

18.1. The Contractor shall not offer, give, or agree to give anything, to any person 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 for showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Contract.

18.2. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps, in accordance with good industry practice, to prevent fraud by the Contractor's staff and the Contractor (including its shareholders, members and directors) in connection with the Contract and shall notify the Agency immediately if it has reason to suspect that any fraud has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur.

18.3. If the Contractor or the Contractor's staff engages in conduct prohibited by this clause 18 or commits fraud in relation to the Contract or any other contract with the Crown (including the Agency) the Agency may:

18.3.1. terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Agency resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Agency of making other arrangements for the supply of the Goods and any additional expenditure incurred by the Agency throughout the remainder of the Contract; or

18.3.2. recover in full from the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Agency in consequence of any breach of this clause.

18.4. The Contractor shall not, directly or indirectly through intermediaries commit any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 (as amended), in any of its dealings with the Agency.

19. MONITORING AND AUDIT

19.1. The Contract Supervisor may inspect and examine the Services being carried out on the Agency's premises, or elsewhere at any reasonable time. Where the Services are being performed on other than the Agency's premises, reasonable notice to inspect shall be given to the Contractor. The Contractor shall give all such facilities as the Contract Supervisor may reasonably require for such inspection and examination.

20. CONTRACT PRICE

20.1. The Contract Price will be paid by the Agency to the Contractor as amended by any Variations ordered under Condition 10 (Variations).

20.2. In addition to the Contract Price, the Agency will pay to the Contractor such Value Added Tax (if any) as may properly be chargeable at rates ruling at the time of invoice.

21. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

21.1. Invoices shall only be submitted for work already satisfactorily completed, and accompanied by such information as the Contract Supervisor may reasonably require to verify the Contractor's entitlement to payment. Such invoices will be paid in 30 days from receipt by the Agency.

21.2. If any sum is payable under the Contract by the Contractor to the Agency, whether by deduction from the Contract or otherwise, it will be deducted from the next available invoice.

21.3. If the Contractor enters into a sub-contract with a supplier for the purpose of performing its obligations under the Contract, it shall ensure that a provision is included in the sub-contract which requires payment to be made of all sums due from it to the sub-contractor within 30 days from the receipt of a valid invoice.

22. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

22.1. All Prior Rights used in connection with the Services shall remain the property of the party introducing them. Details of each party's Prior Rights are set out in the Prior Right Schedule to this contract.

22.2. All Results shall be the property of the Agency.

22.3. The Resulting Rights in any Results, and any interim results shall, from the time they arise, be the property of the Agency and the Agency shall be free, should it so wish, to apply at its own expense for patent or other protection in respect of the Results or any interim results. The Agency's intention to apply for such patent or other protection shall be notified to the Contractor. Such applications for patents or other registered intellectual property rights shall be filed in the name of the Agency.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Contractor and the Agency, the Contractor hereby:

22.3.1. assigns to the Agency all Resulting Rights

22.3.2. grants the Agency a non-exclusive, non-transferable (save for the purposes of sub-licensing, reorganisation or transfer to a successor body, for the purposes of all the successor body's normal business use), irrevocable, royalty free perpetual licence to the Agency in respect of all the Contractor's Prior Rights necessary in order for the Agency to use or exploit the Resulting Rights.

22.4. The Contractor undertakes to the Agency not to use, exploit or deal with any of the Agency's Prior Rights, other than in the performance of the Contract unless the Contractor has first obtained a written licence from the Agency, in specific terms to do so.

22.5. The Agency undertakes to the Contractor not to use or exploit the Contractor's Prior Rights, save as provided in Condition 22.3.2.

22.6. The Contractor warrants to the Agency that the performance of the Services, the Contractor's Prior Rights and the Results shall not in any way infringe any intellectual property rights of any third party.

22.7. If the Contractor is prevented from carrying out his obligations under the Contract due to any infringement or alleged infringement of any Intellectual Property Rights, the Agency may without prejudice to any other rights and remedies under the Contract, exercise the powers and remedies available to it under Conditions 13 and 14, Termination and Determination respectively.

22.8. The Contractor shall not be liable if such infringement arises from the use of any design, technique or method of working provided by or specified by the Agency.

22.9. The Contractor waives in favour of the Agency its rights to object to derogatory treatment of the Results of the Work and the Contractor also agrees that he will not assert or seek to enforce against the Agency and/or any other person, firm or company any of its moral rights as defined in the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (as amended) without the prior agreement of the Agency.

22.10. The Contractor shall not be liable for any consequential losses, damage or injuries arising from third party misuse of the Results, of which the Contractor is not aware.

23. WARRANTY

The Contractor warrants that the Services supplied by him will be discharged with reasonable skill, care and diligence.

24. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall fully comply with all relevant statutory requirements in the performance of the Contract, including, but not limited to the giving of all necessary notices and the paying of all fees.

25. ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND DIVERSITY

25.1. The Contractor in the performance of this Contract should adopt a sound proactive environmental approach, designed to minimise harm to the environment, to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of single-use plastic, ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and/or the environment, and be able to provide proof of so doing to the Agency on demand.

25.2. The Agency is committed to ensuring that workers employed within its supply chains are treated fairly, humanely and equitably. The Agency expects the Contractor to share this commitment and to

understand any areas of risk associated with this and work to ensure they are meeting International Labour Standards. The Contractor ensures that it and its sub-contractors and its supply chain:

25.2.1. comply with the provisions of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;

25.2.2. pay staff fair wages (and pays its staff in the UK not less than the Foundation Living Wage Rate); and

25.2.3. Implement fair shift arrangements, providing sufficient gaps between shifts, adequate rest breaks and reasonable shift length, and other best practices for staff welfare and performance.

25.3. The Contractor should support the Agency to achieve its Public Sector Equality Duty by complying with the Agency's policies (as amended from time to time) on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). This includes ensuring that the Contractor (and their sub-contractors) in the delivery of its obligations under this Contract:

25.3.1. eliminates discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;

25.3.2. advances equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and

25.3.3. fosters good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

25. PUBLICITY

The Contractor shall not advertise or publicly announce that he is supplying Services or undertaking work for the Agency without the Permission of the Contract Supervisor.

26. LAW

This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the Law, and subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of England.

27. WAIVER

27.1. No delay, neglect or forbearance by the Agency in enforcing any provision of the Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver, or in any other way prejudice the rights of the Agency under the Contract.

27.2. No waiver by the Agency shall be effective unless made in writing.

27.3. No waiver by the Agency of a breach of the Contract shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach.

28. ENFORCEABILITY AND SURVIVORSHIP

28.1. If any part of the Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction or other competent authority to be invalid or legally unenforceable, that part will be severed from the remainder of the Contract which will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

28.2. The following clauses shall survive termination of the Contract, howsoever caused: 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

29. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

29.1. All disputes under or in connection with this agreement shall be referred first to negotiators nominated at a suitable and appropriate working level by the Agency and the Contractor.

29.2. If the parties' negotiators are unable to resolve the dispute within a period of forty five days from its being referred to them, the dispute shall be referred at the instance of either party to the parties' respective senior managers or directors (supported as necessary by their advisers).

29.3. If the parties' respective senior managers or directors are unable to resolve the dispute within forty five days the dispute shall be referred to the Centre for Dispute Resolution who shall appoint a mediator and the parties shall then submit to the mediator's supervision of the resolution of the dispute.

29.4. Recourse to this dispute resolution procedure shall be binding on the parties as to submission to the mediation but not as to its outcome. Accordingly all negotiations connected with the dispute shall be conducted in strict confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the parties in any future legal proceedings. Except for any party's right to seek interlocutory relief in the courts, no party may commence other legal proceedings under the jurisdiction of the courts or any other form of arbitration until forty five days after the appointment of the mediator.

29.5. If, with the assistance of the mediator, the parties reach a settlement, such settlement shall be put in writing and, once signed by a duly authorised representative of each of the parties, shall remain binding on the parties.

29.6. The parties shall bear their own legal costs of this dispute resolution procedure, but the costs and expenses of mediation shall be borne by the parties equally.

29.7. Any of the time limits in Conditions 30 may be extended by mutual agreement. Such agreed extension shall not prejudice the right of either party to proceed to the next stage of resolution.

30. GENERAL

30.1. Neither party to the Contract will be liable to the other for any delay in performing or failing to perform its obligations (other than a payment obligation) under the Contract because of any cause outside its reasonable control. Such delay or failure will not constitute a breach of the Contract and the time for performance of the affected obligation will be extended by a reasonable period.

30.2. The Contract contains the whole agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous communications, representations and arrangements, written or oral. It is accepted that the Contract has not been entered into on the basis of any representations that are not expressly contained in the Contract.

31. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

31.1. The Agency is committed to open government and to meeting its responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (as amended) ('Act') and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (as amended) (Regulations').

31.2. The Contractor agrees that:

31.2.1. All information submitted to the Agency may need to be disclosed by the Agency in response to a request under the Act or the Regulations; and

31.2.2. The Agency may include information submitted (in whole or in part) in the publication scheme which it maintains under the Act or publish the Contract, including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract, to the public.

31.3. If the Contractor considers that any of the information included in its tender, or that it has submitted to the Agency or that is otherwise contained in the Contract, is commercially sensitive, it shall identify and explain (in broad terms) what harm may result from disclosure if a request is received, and the time period applicable to that sensitivity. The Contractor acknowledges that if it has indicated that information is commercially sensitive, such information may still be required to be disclosed by the Agency under the Act or the Regulations. The receipt of any material marked 'confidential' or equivalent by the Agency shall not be deemed to infer that the Agency agrees any duty of confidentiality by virtue of that marking.

32. DATA PROTECTION

32.1. In the event that the Contract requires data to be processed within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation the Data Protection Schedule shall be completed by the Parties and provisions and definitions therein shall apply and bind the Parties as part of this Contract.

Appendix to Conditions Services

Ref: ECM-59852

Title: Maintenance of Thames Barrier Fire Detection and Protection Systems

Client Representative: *Redacted*

Address: Environment Agency South East
Thames Barrier
Operational Area
Eastmoor Street
Charlton
London
SE7 8LX

Tel: *Redacted*

Email: *Redacted*

2 Contractor Representative: *Redacted*

Owner

Address: Channel Fire Systems Ltd.,
44 High St,
New Romney,
Kent,
TN28 8BZ

Tel: *Redacted*

Email: *Redacted*

3 Contract Period

Start Date: 01 December 2020

Contract Period: 24 months

Completion Date: 30 November 2022

Option to extend up to: 30 November 2024 (one year at a time)

4 Insurance (Minimum Cover)

Public Liability: £5 million

Professional Indemnity: N/A

5 Limit on Liability

Limit of Contractor's Liability: £5 million

6 Payment

Frequency of Invoicing: Monthly in arrears

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1 **DEFINITIONS** **[Additional** **Clauses]**

1.1.15	<u>Completion Date</u>	The date included in the Contract or where not so specified, the date included in the Programme of Work as the date upon which the Services are to be completed in accordance with the Contract.
1.1.16	<u>Key Personnel</u>	Contractors staff acknowledged to be in a supervisory or otherwise crucial role essential to the successful provision of the Services.
1.1.17	<u>Key Personnel List</u>	List of all Key Personnel agreed at the commencement of the Contract.
1.1.18	<u>Programme of Work</u>	The timing and sequence of events agreed between the Agency and Contractor for the performance of the Contract.
1.1.19	<u>Schedule</u>	A schedule referred to in the Contract as forming part of the Contract.
1.1.20	<u>Site</u>	The place specified by the Agency, where the Services are to be performed.

INVOICING AND PAYMENT **[Additional Clause]**

21.3 The Contractor shall on its own forms render invoices to the Agency at the following address:

All Environment Agency invoices submitted by suppliers must quote a valid SOP iProcurement purchase order number and must be submitted to the correct PO Box number or email address:

Postal address: Shared Services Connected Limited (SSCL)
EA Procure to Pay
PO Box 797
Newport
GWENT
NP10 8FZ

Email address: APinvoices-ENV-U@gov.sscl.com

Non-compliant invoices with no Purchase Order number will be rejected and returned to the supplier. The Purchase Order number will be provided to you by the Contract Supervisor at the start of the contract.

33 HEALTH AND SAFETY [Additional Condition]

- 33.1 The Contractor shall ensure that his staff, agents and suppliers act in full accordance with the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) and any other Acts, Regulations or Orders pertaining to Health and Safety.

34 KEY PERSONNEL [Additional Condition]

- 34.1 The Contractor shall make available for the whole Contract Period any individual named in the Contract as Key Personnel, for the purposes of providing the Services.
- 34.2 No changes of any kind shall be made to the Key Personnel List, without the written agreement of the Contract Supervisor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 34.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Supervisor with whatever information he may reasonably require in support of any proposed change to the Key Personnel List.

35 QUALITY ASSURANCE [Additional Condition]

- 35.1 The Contractor shall ensure that its Quality Assurance System meets the requirements of ISO 9001 (EN 29001 or equivalent).

36 LOCATION OF CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S OFFICES [Additional Condition]

- 36.1 The Services will be provided from the following Contractor's offices:

Address: Channel Fire Systems Ltd., 44 High St, New Romney, Kent, TN28 8BZ
Tel: *Redacted*
Email: *Redacted*

- 36.2 The details of any proposed subcontractors to be used in the provision of the Services are as follows:

Redacted

37 REPLACEMENT & SPARE PARTS [Additional Condition]

- 37.1 Any replacement or spare parts provided by the Contractor under the Contract shall either be new or of substantially equal quality and meet the specifications defined in the Contract.
- 37.2 Replacement parts shall become the property of the Agency once they are fitted to the Agency's Equipment. Spare parts shall become the property of the Agency once they are delivered to the Agency's stores.
- 37.3 Failed or defective parts removed from the Agency's Equipment in the performance of the repair service shall remain the property of the Agency.

38 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION [Additional Condition]

- 38.1 Confidential Information shall comprise any information disclosed to or made available to the Contractor and his agents and staff in connection with the Contract and the provision of the Services. This will include, but not be limited to its procedures, the Contract, the Results, any Intellectual Property Rights of the Agency, or any other information which could reasonably be regarded as confidential.
- 38.2 The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to ensure that all Confidential Information as in paragraph 1 of this Condition is:
- 3821 given only to the minimum number of staff and then only to the extent necessary for each member of staff's activities in the provision of the Services.
 - 3822 treated as confidential and not disclosed, without the prior approval of the Contract Supervisor, to any other person.
 - 3823 Where, required by the Contract Supervisor, the Contractor will ensure his staff sign a confidentiality undertaking before commencing work on the provision of the Services and provide copies to the Contract Supervisor.
 - 3824 The Agency's remedies for breaches of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Condition shall not be limited to damages.
 - 3825 Nothing in this Condition shall prevent the Agency from disclosing such information relating to the outcome of the contract procurement process as may be required to be published in the Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Communities in accordance with EU Directives, or elsewhere in accordance with requirements of UK law on the disclosure of information.

39 EXIT PROVISIONS (additional clause)

- 39.1 On request of the client the contractor will provide full information requested to support the retender of this contract within 14 days of the request being made – this shall include full TUPE information. This may apply after 2,3 or 4 years at EAs absolute discretion and will be required 12 months before any new contract would commence.

40 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (additional clause)

- 40.1 Client and Contractor will agree Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at contract mobilisation meeting – which shall become - on agreement- part of the contractual agreement.
- 40.2 KPIs will be monitored and instances of failure to meet KPIs will be discussed at regular meetings to be held between client and contractor. If a client requested improvement is not made by the contractor at the next agreed review date this non-compliance shall be treated as a default under clause 12 of the contract and shall be addressed as such.

SPECIFICATION DETAILS

The following documents form the Specification for the contract

1. TBAG Fire General Specification –v7
2. TBAG Fire Technical Specification – v8
3. Appendix A1: Thames Barrier Safety Rules
4. Appendix A: Schedule of Fire Alarm Systems
5. Appendix B: Extinguishing Systems (included in Tech Spec)
6. Appendix C: Water-based Systems (included in Tech Spec)
7. Appendix D: Routine Testing (included in Tech Spec)
8. Appendix E: Fire Doors (included in Tech Spec)
9. Appendix F: Spare Parts (available on site)
10. Appendix G: Fire Main Drawing (available on site)
11. Appendix H: Integrity Testing Requirements (included in Tech Spec)
12. Appendix I: Trace Heating Checks (included in Tech Spec)
13. Appendix J: HOW Existing Cause and Effect
14. Appendix K: Thames Barrier & Associated Gates Fire Safety Strategy
15. Appendix L: Thames Barrier Hydrant Schedule

(All documents apart from 9 & 10 already in Contractor's possession from tender)