

Invitation to Quote

**Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of Medical Research Council
(MRC)**

Subject MLC Generator Set

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Section 1 – About UK Shared Business Services

Putting the business into shared services

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) brings a commercial attitude to the public sector; helping our customers improve efficiency, generate savings and modernise.

It is our vision to become the leading provider for our customers of shared business services in the UK public sector, continuously reducing cost and improving quality of business services for Government and the public sector.

Our broad range of expert services is shared by our customers. This allows our customers the freedom to focus resources on core activities; innovating and transforming their own organisations.

Core services include Procurement, Finance, Grants Admissions, Human Resources, Payroll, ISS, and Property Asset Management all underpinned by our Service Delivery and Contact Centre teams.

UK SBS is a people rather than task focused business. It's what makes us different to the traditional transactional shared services centre. What is more, being a not-for-profit organisation owned by its customers, UK SBS' goals are aligned with the public sector and delivering best value for the UK taxpayer.

UK Shared Business Services Ltd changed its name from RCUK Shared Services Centre Ltd in March 2013.

Our Customers

Growing from a foundation of supporting the Research Councils, 2012/13 saw Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) transition their procurement to UK SBS and Crown Commercial Services (CCS – previously Government Procurement Service) agree a Memorandum of Understanding with UK SBS to deliver two major procurement categories (construction and research) across Government.

UK SBS currently manages £700m expenditure for its Customers.

Our Customers who have access to our services and Contracts are detailed [here](#).

Section 2 – About Our Customer

Medical Research Council (MRC)

The Medical Research Council is a publicly-funded organisation dedicated to improving human health.

The organisation supports research across the entire spectrum of medical sciences, in universities and hospitals, in its own units, centres and institutes in the UK, and in our units in Africa.

Supporting scientists

- Around 5,700 research staff are supported by the MRC, either employed directly in our institutes and units or funded through grants and fellowships.
- We spent £86m on training awards for postgraduate students and fellows in 2011/12, including those in the MRC's own institutes and units.
- At March 2012 there were around 1,900 MRC-funded PhD students and around 400 MRC fellows in higher education institutes and MRC research establishments.

Research examples

- The benefits of MRC research have a national and global impact; from infections in Africa, stem cell advances that can potentially combat brain and heart diseases and improvements in the design of tests for treatments. As well as more and better healthcare, medical research can lead to wider impacts; many millions more lives saved, a vastly improved quality of life and hence a more productive workforce and economic benefits to nations.
- MRC researchers have found markers for cancer cells that may help detect thousands of new cases of cancer a year. The markers are already part of an MRC-developed device that screens for cancer of the oesophagus, are being trialled for cervical cancer screening and could potentially be used in a test for bowel cancer.
- The NHS newborn hearing screening programme, introduced in 2002, improves the early detection of hearing impairment in babies, allowing earlier and more effective treatment for the 900 babies born each year in the UK with permanent hearing loss.
- An estimated 73,000 adults are living with HIV in the UK, according to 2006 figures, but around a third of those people haven't been diagnosed and don't know they're infected. Black and ethnic minority populations accounted for just over half of all 7,000 new cases in 2006. Among many other aspects of HIV research, such as the molecular basis of the condition, treatments and diagnosis, MRC scientists are also researching social and behavioural factors.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk>

Section 3 - Working with UK Shared Business Services Ltd.

In this section you will find details of your Procurement contact point and the timescales relating to this opportunity.

Section 3 – Contact details		
3.1	Customer Name and address	Medical Research Council (MRC) Nineteenth Street, Didcot, ON11 0RD
3.2	Buyer name	Matthew Fowler
3.3	Buyer contact details	FMPurchase@uksbs.co.uk
3.4	Estimated value of the Opportunity	£100,000
3.5	Process for the submission of clarifications and Bids	All correspondence shall be submitted within the Emptoris e-sourcing tool. Guidance Notes to support the use of Emptoris is available here. Please note submission of a Bid to any email address including the Buyer <u>will</u> result in the Bid <u>not</u> being considered.

Section 3 - Timescales		
3.6	Date of Issue of Contract Advert and location of original Advert	19/01/2017
3.7	Latest date/time ITQ clarification questions should be received through Emptoris messaging system	23/01/2017 14.00
3.8	Latest date/time ITQ clarification answers should be sent to all potential Bidders by the Buyer through Emptoris	25/01/2017 14.00
3.9	Latest date/time ITQ Bid shall be submitted through Emptoris	01/02/2017 14.00
3.10	Date/time Bidders should be available if face to face clarifications are required	N/A
3.11	Anticipated rejection of unsuccessful Bids date	07/02/2017
3.12	Anticipated Award date	07/02/2017
3.13	Anticipated Contract Start date	08/02/2017
3.14	Anticipated Contract End date	31/03/2018
3.15	Bid Validity Period	60 Days

Section 4 – Specification

Scope of Works - To provide the following :

- 1 x 604 kVA maximum rated, 550 kVA minimum rated generator set c/w set mounted panel and MCCB; powered by a diesel engine of robust design and a proven industry track record for reliability, efficiency and with an extensive and freely available supporting spares and servicing network.
- 1 x Acoustic all weather container designed to achieve 85 dBA @ 1m in assumed free field conditions
- Battery charging
- Delivery to site, offload and position + reassembly of the acoustic container as required
- Installation of the fuel transfer system, pipework ,associated supports, containment, wiring etc
- Commissioning Offsite witness test of the containerised generator against REACTIVE loadbank
- 12 month maintenance contract,
- 2 year manufacturer's warranty
- Commissioning and training in operation
- O&M manuals
- This is a replacement generator for an existing unit. Terminations should be as far as is reasonably practicable be in the same location as the supply cables are existing.

GENERATOR SPECIFICATION:

RATING

Supply of 1 x Automatic mains failure diesel powered generating set with a minimum power rating of 550 kVA-440kW, at 0.8 power factor, 3 phase, 4 wire, 230/400V, 50 Hz with engine running at 1500rev/min. and operating at NTP conditions. Maximum rating 605kVA-484 kW.

The generator should be capable of accepting an initial load step of approximately 55% of the rated load when running at normal operating temperatures, cold start maybe marginally less. ENGINE

The engine should be of the following type - 4 stroke, heavy duty, In-line, Turbo Charged c/w 24V DC starter motor sized for 6 x 10 second start attempts at 15 degrees Celsius; fitted with governing to BS5514 Part 4, Class A1/ISO 8528 Class G2 or European equivalent standard.

The engine(s) will be supplied with:

- Medium duty air filters to BS.1701 or European equivalent standard.
- Standard engine manufacturer lubricating and fuel oil filters comprising spin on throw away cartridges.
- Switches for low oil pressure, high water temperature and engine overs peed.
- Engine driven water pump with thermostatic bypass valve.
- Fuel pump shutdown solenoid, energised to run.
- Standard engine manufacturers lubricating oil sump, with drain plug and valve
- Thermostatically controlled jacket water heater and local isolator.

- 24v DC starter motor, powered by a set of Lead Acid batteries, sized for 4 x 10 second start attempts at 15 degrees Celsius. Battery Charger included
- Electronic Engine Governing Class A1 or European equivalent standard.

ALTERNATOR

The alternator should be of the following type - single bearing brushless alternator complying with BS5000 Part 40 – BS4999 and with radio suppression equipment to BSEN 55014 or European equivalent standards. 3 phase, 4 wire, 4 pole, 50 Hz. Steady state voltage regulation $\pm 1\%$ from load to full load at any power factor 0.8 lagging and unity.

A Single Bearing Brushless alternator of robust design and a proven industry track record for reliability, efficiency and approved to comply with BS5000 Part 40 – BS4999 and with Radio Suppression Equipment to BS EN 55014 (or European equivalent standards), and to the following specification:

- Single bearing, IP21 protection
- Class H/H insulation and temperature rises respectively.
- Standard manufacturer terminal box, suitable for flexible load cabling (only).
- 2 phase, 3 wire, 4 pole, 50 Hz. Double Delta Winding Configuration
- Steady state voltage regulation within $\pm 1.5\%$ from no load to full load at any power factor between 0.8 lagging and unity by means of a solid state voltage control unit and inclusive of a speed variation of 4.5%

RADIATOR

The generator to be supplied with a temperate duty radiator complete with engine driven pusher fan, and personnel guards and rated for an ambient temperature of 40 degrees Celsius.

MOUNTING/ASSEMBLY

The offered generator set to be mounted as a whole on a heavy duty fabricated welded steel base frame. Standard manufacturer's anti-vibration mountings to be fixed between engine/alternator and the base frame.

ACOUSTIC CONTAINER

Provision to be made for the supply of an acoustic container designed to achieve an average noise level of 85 dBA @ 1m in assumed free field conditions.

The exhaust to be based on a single roof mounted system, providing for initial low restriction expansion, followed by adequate attenuation of the higher frequency exhaust noise, followed by an absorption silencer and tailpipe, the primary silencer is to be lagged

Cable entry to the container is to be via an internally mounted Load Terminal Box (LTB), this is to be supplied c/w copper work within and flexible cabling between the alternator and the LTB, The LTB must be designed to accept multiple armoured incoming cables suitable for its rating. Cables are existing between generator set and building ACB.

EXHAUST SYSTEM

The set is to be supplied with flexible exhaust bellows for connecting the engine exhaust outlet(s) to the engine. The exhaust is to be based on a single roof mounted system, followed by adequate attenuation of the higher frequency exhaust noise; this is to include an absorption silencer and tailpipe with the primary silencer lagged.

FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel system is existing

Fuel to be supplied by existing gravity feed external bulk fuel tank. The bulk tank comprises of one solenoid shut off valve fed from generator controls, supply flexible and return flexible. There is no requirement for a belly tank.

Bulk Tank

Existing

Fill Point Cabinet

Existing

Fuel Pipework Within Container

- Install fuel pipework between the genset and the bulk tank external to container.
- Install drop valve & fusible link in container incorporating a fire valve & tilt switch latter wired to set panel

Fuel Pipework External to Containers

Provision is made for:

- Install feed line to container based on a 25mm hose within steel outer from the bulk tank to the container distance not exceeding 8m and 4 bends.

GENERATOR SET CONTROL PANEL for AMF ONLY

The generator shall be provided with generator control panel mounted within substantial gauge sheet steel the control, set mounted and located at the alternator output terminal box position generator.

All information on the status of the generating set should be displayed in the various gauges

as listed below;

Instrumentation:

LCD display with adjustable contrast and backlight with auto power off

A.C. Metering:

- Volts 3-phase (L-L & L-N)
- Amps (per phase & average)
- Frequency

- kW, kVA & kVAr
- Pf
- kW Hours
- kVAr Hours

D.C. Metering:

- Battery Volts
- Hours Run
- Engine Jacket Water Temperature (in °C or °F)
- Lube Oil Pressure (in psi, kPa or bar)
- Engine Speed (RPM)
- Crank Attempt Counter
- Start Counter

Protection:

- Fail to Start
- Low Oil Pressure
- High Engine Temperature
- Under speed, Over speed
- Under Voltage, Over Voltage
- Under Frequency, Over Frequency

- Overcurrent
- Low Coolant Level
- Loss of Engine Speed Detection
- Low/High Battery Voltage
- Battery Charger Failure
- Configurable Sender Unit (*Oil Temp & Fuel Level*)

The panel to have a 20 Event Fault Log (name of each event, time & engine hours at first occurrence of event, time & engine hours at latest occurrence of event, number of occurrences of event)

Controls:

- 2 LED Status Indicators (1 Red Shutdown, 1 Amber Warning)
- Run key, Auto key and Stop key with LED indicators
- Lamp Test Key
- Audible Alarm
- Alarm Acknowledge Key
- Menu Navigation Keys Including Some Shortcut Keys
- Engine And AC Metering Shortcut Keys
- Control Module Keys With Tactile Feedback
- Lock Down Emergency Stop Push Button
- Real Time Clock

- Service Maintenance Interval Warning

Communications:

Volt free contacts for generator running and common fault, MODBUS communications. The panel should be complete with all necessary internal wiring, control circuit relays, control switches push buttons and terminals. In addition to the start signal, the control panel should be equipped with volt free contacts for common alarm and generator set running to the BMS system

Panel Construction and Finish:

Components shall be installed in a heavy duty sheet steel enclosure with a lockable-hinged panel door providing easy component access, the enclosure to have a phosphate chemical pre-coating providing a corrosion resistant surface, then finished with a polyester composite powder topcoat forms high gloss and extremely durable finish

Mounting:

Mounted to generating set base frame on robust tower type stand.

ANCILLARY ITEMS

The set shall be equipped with a battery tray and battery leads suitable for the mounting and connection of standard lead acid batteries it is equipped with standard lead acid batteries..

A 240V mains-operated battery charger capable of an output suitable for lead acid batteries shall be supplied, connected to the local DB. (Supply to DB by client)

GENERATOR CIRCUIT BREAKER

The generator set is to be supplied with a suitably rated set mounted, 4 pole MCCB moulded case line circuit breaker. The circuit breaker conforms to IEC standard to 690V. It will be set mounted within the enclosure.

CHANGE-OVER SWITCHGEAR

The generator control system should be designed to accept a volt free "Remote Start" control signal and will provide a volt free "Generator Up to Speed" control signal when it is operating at the correct voltage and frequency.

DOCUMENTATION & TEST

documentation

2 x Full Sets of Standard manufacturers Generator Technical Manuals to be supplied. This should include technical literature for the Engine, Alternator, and Generator Control System. A full set of electrical and mechanical wiring diagrams should also be provided. Literature will be in English.

WORKS TEST

A test certificate is required for this test and form part of the manual documentation.

WITNESS TEST

Include for a separate cost for Witness Test of a single generator set once installed in its acoustic container based around the ISO8528-6 requirements (or European equivalent standards).

The tests will utilise REACTIVE loadbank and will include sufficient fuel for upto 3 hours running @ 100% + 1 hour @ 110%. Alarms / shutdowns are demonstrated where practical, fuel consumption figures will be recorded

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The generating set shall be manufactured according to BS.EN ISO 9001 (or European equivalent standard) approved procedures, covering the manufacture, and works testing of diesel generating equipment.

SPARES & MAINTENANCE

Include for a separate cost for a maintenance contract to cover or the period of the warranty period. (24 months)

Project Management

Include for provision of offsite project management of the works; to include provision of initial design and as built CAD drawings, attendance at site meetings, provision of O&M manuals and misc other associated requirements.

INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING SPECIFICATION:

MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

Provide for the following mechanical works onsite:

Delivery, Offload & Position

- Supervise offload & position of acoustic container, assumes adequate access for delivery lorry. Include for lifting crane and banksmen where required.

Fuel System

- Existing

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

Include for cabling and containment associated with the fuel transfer system where required to BS7671; 2008 - or European equivalent standard (Galvanised conduit and tray systems)

Internal and external lighting, power ,charger point and DB

Final connection of all cabling to the set from site e.g. connection to Load Terminal Box (LTB), local DB, BMS and control cable etc.

COMMISSIONING

Include for commissioning engineer to pre- commission and commission the generator set and fuel transfer system. To include an engineer onsite for up to 3 days based on normal hours working + travel time

Loadbank - Site

Not required

Provision of Fuel

Existing.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Preliminaries

The following preliminary items are to be the responsibility of the client:

- Lighting & small power on-site,
- Responsibility for ground conditions for lifting equipment, cranes
- Protection of equipment against theft or damage by anyone other than manufacturer's operatives when delivered to site or when it is being installed
- Responsibility for unimpeded access for delivery vehicle and crane and route in to final set position.
- Road closures and/or traffic control
- Arrangements and permits for siting of load banks on pavements etc
- Any control equipment or additional works not specified in this quotation

Exclusions

The following items are deemed to be excluded from the scope of supply:

- All builders works
- All cabling and containment external to the supplied generator enclosure. (Fuel lines ,containment, supports, cabling between tank and control panel etc to be included as detailed elsewhere)
- Fire detection and commissioning
- Commissioning of any equipment / controls system not supplied by manufacturer
- Independent earthing of generator

The Contract duration shall be for delivery of the goods with a 12 month Maintenance contract from delivery along with a 2 year manufacturers warranty.

Terms and Conditions

Bidders are to note that any requested modifications to UK SBS Terms and Conditions on the grounds of statutory and legal matters only, shall be raised as a formal clarification during the permitted clarification period.

Section 5 – Evaluation model

The evaluation model below shall be used for this ITQ, which will be determined to two decimal places.

Where a question is 'for information only' it will not be scored.

The evaluation team may comprise staff from UK SBS, the Customer and any specific external stakeholders UK SBS deem required. After evaluation the scores will be finalised by performing a calculation to identify (at question level) the mean average of all evaluators (Example – a question is scored by three evaluators and judged as scoring 5, 5 and 6. These scores will be added together and divided by the number of evaluators to produce the final score of 5.33 ($5+5+6 = 16 \div 3 = 5.33$))

Pass / fail criteria		
Questionnaire	Q No.	Question subject
Commercial	SEL1.2	Employment breaches/ Equality
Commercial	FOI1.1	Freedom of Information Exemptions
Commercial	AW1.1	Form of Bid
Commercial	AW1.3	Certificate of Bona Fide Bid
Commercial	AW3.1	Validation check
Commercial	AW4.1	Contract Terms
Price	AW5.5	E Invoicing
Price	AW5.6	Implementation of E-Invoicing
Quality	AW6.1	Compliance to the Specification including Delivery and fitting by 31/03/2017.
-	-	Invitation to Quote – received on time within e-sourcing tool

Scoring criteria

Evaluation Justification Statement

In consideration of this particular requirement UK SBS has decided to evaluate Potential Providers by adopting the weightings/scoring mechanism detailed within this ITQ. UK SBS considers these weightings to be in line with existing best practice for a requirement of this type.

Questionnaire	Q No.	Question subject	Maximum Marks
Quality (60%)			
Methodology	AW6.2	Method Statement	9%
Methodology	AW6.3	Timescales	9%
Quality	AW6.4	Efficiency	24%
Health and Safety	AW6.5	Risk Assessment	9%
Health and Safety	AW6.6	Client assessed quality	9%
Price (40%)			

Price	AW5.2	Price	40%

Evaluation of criteria

Non-Price elements

Each question will be judged on a score from 0 to 100, which shall be subjected to a multiplier to reflect the percentage of the evaluation criteria allocated to that question.

Where an evaluation criterion is worth 20% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 20.

Example if a Bidder scores 60 from the available 100 points this will equate to 12% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points available multiplied by 20 ($60/100 \times 20 = 12$)

Where an evaluation criterion is worth 10% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 10.

Example if a Bidder scores 60 from the available 100 points this will equate to 6% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points available multiplied by 10 ($60/100 \times 10 = 6$)

The same logic will be applied to groups of questions which equate to a single evaluation criterion.

The 0-100 score shall be based on (unless otherwise stated within the question):

0	The Question is not answered or the response is completely unacceptable.
10	Extremely poor response – they have completely missed the point of the question.
20	Very poor response and not wholly acceptable. Requires major revision to the response to make it acceptable. Only partially answers the requirement, with major deficiencies and little relevant detail proposed.
40	Poor response only partially satisfying the selection question requirements with deficiencies apparent. Some useful evidence provided but response falls well short of expectations. Low probability of being a capable supplier.
60	Response is acceptable but remains basic and could have been expanded upon. Response is sufficient but does not inspire.
80	Good response which describes their capabilities in detail which provides high levels of assurance consistent with a quality provider. The response includes a full description of techniques and measurements currently employed.
100	Response is exceptional and clearly demonstrates they are capable of meeting the requirement. No significant weaknesses noted. The response is compelling in its description of techniques and measurements currently employed, providing full assurance consistent with a quality provider.

All questions will be scored based on the above mechanism. Please be aware that the final score returned may be different as there may be multiple evaluators and their individual scores will be averaged (mean) to determine your final score.

Example

Evaluator 1 scored your bid as 60

Evaluator 2 scored your bid as 60

Evaluator 3 scored your bid as 40

Evaluator 4 scored your bid as 40

Your final score will $(60+60+40+40) \div 4 = 50$

Price elements will be judged on the following criteria.

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 score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.

For example - Bid 1 £100,000 scores 100.

Bid 2 £120,000 differential of £20,000 or 20% remove 20% from price scores 80

Bid 3 £150,000 differential £50,000 remove 50% from price scores 50.

Bid 4 £175,000 differential £75,000 remove 75% from price scores 25.

Bid 5 £200,000 differential £100,000 remove 100% from price scores 0.

Bid 6 £300,000 differential £200,000 remove 100% from price scores 0.

Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50.

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 ($80/100 \times 50 = 40$)

The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.

(Option 2 – Price)

Once the evaluation process and due diligence is complete, should the result of the process result in a tied place(s) then the supplier(s) who scored the highest total in the Price criterion (Question) shall be considered the successful supplier and shall be awarded the opportunity.

Section 6 – Evaluation questionnaire

Bidders should note that the evaluation questionnaire is located within the **e-sourcing questionnaire**.

Guidance on completion of the questionnaire is available at <http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

Section 7 – General Information

What makes a good bid – some simple do's 😊

DO:

- 7.1 Do comply with Procurement document instructions. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.
- 7.2 Do provide the Bid on time, and in the required format. Remember that the date/time given for a response is the last date that it can be accepted; we are legally bound to disqualify late submissions.
- 7.3 Do ensure you have read all the training materials to utilise e-sourcing tool prior to responding to this Bid. If you send your Bid by email or post it will be rejected.
- 7.4 Do use Microsoft Word, PowerPoint Excel 97-03 or compatible formats, or PDF unless agreed in writing by the Buyer. If you use another file format without our written permission we may reject your Bid.
- 7.5 Do ensure you utilise the Emptoris messaging system to raise any clarifications to our ITQ. You should note that typically we will release the answer to the question to all bidders and where we suspect the question contains confidential information we may modify the content of the question to protect the anonymity of the Bidder or their proposed solution
- 7.6 Do answer the question, it is not enough simply to cross-reference to a 'policy', web page or another part of your Bid, the evaluation team have limited time to assess bids and if they can't find the answer, they can't score it.
- 7.7 Do consider who your customer is and what they want – a generic answer does not necessarily meet every customer's needs.
- 7.8 Do reference your documents correctly, specifically where supporting documentation is requested e.g. referencing the question/s they apply to.
- 7.9 Do provide clear and concise contact details; telephone numbers, e-mails and fax details.
- 7.10 Do complete all questions in the questionnaire or we may reject your Bid.
- 7.11 Do check and recheck your Bid before dispatch.

What makes a good bid – some simple do not's 🙄

DO NOT

- 7.12 Do not cut and paste from a previous document and forget to change the previous details such as the previous buyer's name.
- 7.13 Do not attach 'glossy' brochures that have not been requested, they will not be read unless we have asked for them. Only send what has been requested and only send supplementary information if we have offered the opportunity so to do.
- 7.14 Do not share the Procurement documents, they are confidential and should not be shared with anyone without the Buyers written permission.
- 7.15 Do not seek to influence the procurement process by requesting meetings or contacting UK SBS or the Customer to discuss your Bid. If your Bid requires clarification the Buyer will contact you.
- 7.16 Do not contact any UK SBS staff or Customer staff without the Buyers written permission or we may reject your Bid.
- 7.17 Do not collude to fix or adjust the price or withdraw your Bid with another Party as we will reject your Bid.
- 7.18 Do not offer UK SBS or Customer staff any inducement or we will reject your Bid.
- 7.19 Do not seek changes to the Bid after responses have been submitted and the deadline for Bids to be submitted has passed.
- 7.20 Do not cross reference answers to external websites or other parts of your Bid, the cross references and website links will not be considered.
- 7.21 Do not exceed word counts, the additional words will not be considered.
- 7.22 Do not make your Bid conditional on acceptance of your own Terms of Contract, as your Bid will be rejected.

Some additional guidance notes

- 7.23 All enquiries with respect to access to the e-sourcing tool and problems with functionality within the tool may be submitted to Crown Commercial Service (previously Government Procurement Service), Telephone 0345 010 3503.
- 7.24 Bidders will be specifically advised where attachments are permissible to support a question response within the e-sourcing tool. Where they are not permissible any attachments submitted will not be considered.
- 7.25 Question numbering is not sequential and all questions which require submission are included in the Section 6 Evaluation Questionnaire.
- 7.26 Any Contract offered may not guarantee any volume of work or any exclusivity of supply.
- 7.27 We do not guarantee to award any Contract as a result of this procurement
- 7.28 All documents issued or received in relation to this procurement shall be the property of UK SBS.
- 7.29 We can amend any part of the procurement documents at any time prior to the latest date / time Bids shall be submitted through Emptoris.
- 7.30 If you are a Consortium you must provide details of the Consortiums structure.
- 7.31 Bidders will be expected to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or your Bid will be rejected.
- 7.32 Bidders should note the Government's transparency agenda requires your Bid and any Contract entered into to be published on a designated, publicly searchable web site. By submitting a response to this ITQ Bidders are agreeing that their Bid and Contract may be made public
- 7.33 Your bid will be valid for [modify duration if not 60 - 7.34 Bidders may only amend the Contract terms if you can demonstrate there is a legal or statutory reason why you cannot accept them. If you request changes to the Contract and UK SBS fail to accept your legal or statutory reason is reasonably justified we may reject your Bid.
- 7.35 We will let you know the outcome of your Bid evaluation and where requested will provide a written debrief of the relative strengths and weaknesses of your Bid.
- 7.36 If you fail mandatory pass / fail criteria we will reject your Bid.
- 7.37 Bidders are required to use IE8, IE9, Chrome or Firefox in order to access the functionality of the Emptoris e-sourcing tool.
- 7.38 Bidders should note that if they are successful with their proposal UK SBS reserves the right to ask additional compliancy checks prior to the award of any Contract. In

the event of a Bidder failing to meet one of the compliancy checks UK SBS may decline to proceed with the award of the Contract to the successful Bidder.

- 7.39 All timescales are set using a 24 hour clock and are based on British Summer Time or Greenwich Mean Time, depending on which applies at the point when Date and Time Bids shall be submitted through Emptoris.
- 7.40 All Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies are subject to control and reporting within Government. In particular, they report to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury for all expenditure. Further, the Cabinet Office has a cross-Government role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement - including ensuring value for money and related aspects of good procurement practice.

For these purposes, UK SBS may disclose within Government any of the Bidders documentation/information (including any that the Bidder considers to be confidential and/or commercially sensitive such as specific bid information) submitted by the Bidder to UK SBS during this Procurement. The information will not be disclosed outside Government. Bidders taking part in this ITQ consent to these terms as part of the competition process.

- 7.41 From 2nd April 2014 the Government is introducing its new Government Security Classifications (GSC) classification scheme to replace the current Government Protective Marking System (GPMS). A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All Bidders are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes and identify any potential impacts in their Bid, as the protective marking and applicable protection of any material passed to, or generated by, you during the procurement process or pursuant to any Contract awarded to you as a result of this tender process will be subject to the new GSC from 2nd April 2014. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

UK SBS reserves the right to amend any security related term or condition of the draft contract accompanying this ITQ to reflect any changes introduced by the GSC. In particular where this ITQ is accompanied by any instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter) as a result of any changes stemming from the new GSC, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise. This may relate to the instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter) as they apply to the procurement as they apply to the procurement process and/or any contracts awarded to you as a result of the procurement process.

USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS

- [Emptoris Training Guide](#)
- [Emptoris e-sourcing tool](#)
- [Contracts Finder](#)
- [Tenders Electronic Daily](#)
- [Equalities Act introduction](#)
- [Bribery Act introduction](#)
- [Freedom of information Act](#)