Invitation to Quote

Questions

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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 <u>http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx</u>

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENCIALLY

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

SEL1.1	Please state the full legal name and address and contact details of the	
	organisation tendering (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted).	
Bidder	The information should be based on the details of the organisation bidding	
guidance	(or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being	
9	submitted).	
	This is the legal entity with whom we will Contract if successful.	
Scoring	For information only	
criteria		
Bidder	Table	
response	Bidders full legal name	
	Address line 1	
	Address line 2	
	Address line 3	
	Address line 4	
	Town / City	
	Country	
	Post code (or equivalent)	
	Bidder contact	
	Telephone No.	
	Email	
	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 uphelo following an investigation by the Equality and Human Right Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in an jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawfu discrimination?	
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Fail No – Pass *If you have answered "yes" please provide, as an attachment to this question, 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	
Bidder response	Yes / No	

SEL3.11	If you are Commercial organisation with a minimum financial turnover of £36M, please confirm that you are compliant with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
Bidder guidance	 The Bidder shall choose from the following options; A. N/A – our turnover is less than £36M B. Yes – information attached
	C. No (with justification) – we are not compliant but will be prior to commencement of a contract
	D. No – we are not and will not be compliant at the time of award of the contract
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail
Bidder response	Selection

SEL3.12	Cyber Essentials is mandatory for central government contracts advertised after 1 October 2014 which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials for those contracts featuring any of the characteristics set out below in bidders' guidance.
	Cyber Essentials is for all organisations, of all sizes, and in all sectors. This is not limited to companies in the private sector, but is also applicable to universities, charities, and public sector organisations.
	Further details are available at:
	https://www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials/
Bidder guidance	Any of the following characteristics will necessitate the mandatory requirement for bidders to have an up to date Cyber Essentials Certificate:
	 Where personal information of citizens, such as home addresses, bank details, or payment information is handled by a supplier.
	ii) Where personal information of Government employees, Ministers and Special Advisors such as payroll, travel booking or expenses information is handled by a supplier.
	 iii) Where ICT systems and services are supplied which are designed to store, or process, data at the OFFICIAL level of the Government Protective Marking scheme.
	Bidders can answer
	Yes – the Cyber Essential Certificate is currently in place

	No – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we have no intention of having it in place for commencement of the contract
	Intend – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we intend to have it in place for commencement of the contract.
	A response of ' Yes' or ' Intend' will result in a pass and a response of ' No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No/Intend

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SEL3.13	General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
	The GDPR is mandatory requirement for all contracts or agreements both in the contracting authority and the private sectors that involves the transfer and processing of personal data which came into force on the 25th May 2018.
	It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they will be able to meet the technical requirements and obligations prescribed by the GDPR. All contracts or agreements that are awarded by the Contracting Authority (the data controller) shall contain terms and conditions that oblige the successful bidder and any bidder supply chain (data processor) to comply with the GDPR and indemnify the Contracting Authority (data controller).
	Further information and guidance relating to the GDPR is available from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) at:
	https://ico.org.uk/
	GDPR Annex A Table.pdf
Bidder	
guidance	Bidders can answer
	Yes – We will are able to demonstrate compliance as is required by the GDPR now
	No – We will not be compliant prior to any award and we have no intention of being compliant
	Intend – We are not compliant with the GDPR but we confirm that we will be compliant prior to commencement of the contract.
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	A response of 'Yes' or 'Intend' will result in a pass and a response of 'No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No / Intend

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 if requested under an FOI request or EIR request. Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOI Act exemptions and EIR Exceptions. More information on applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website <u>http://ico.org.uk</u> 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	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes/No

FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) EXEMPTIONS 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) 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? If you are not relying on any exemptions or exceptions please complete each field 'N/A' (Not applicable)
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in the table below.
	The Bidder (irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid)
	shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested Exemptions or Exceptions have not been applied properly as per the Act or
	Regulation, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information

	unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting Authority. Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'Yes' you have agreed for UK SBS 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.	
Scoring criteria	For information only	
Bidder response	Confidential Information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act
	Commercially sensitive information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act

AW1.1	FORM OF BID
	I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in
	this ITQ 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 ITQ if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions
	fully or if I provide false/misleading information.
	I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that
	sourcing documents, including ITQ 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 ITQ, and any contract entered into by the
	Contracting Authority or its customers with its preferred supplier once
	the procurement is complete.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree that our participation may
	be made public.
	I understand that the answers given in this response will not be
	published on the web site (but may fall to be disclosed under Freedom
	of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations
	2004).
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept the
	justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ 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.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ 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.
	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.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
criteria	
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

AW1.3	CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID
AW1.5	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: (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.
	In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and any body or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not. 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. We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders information/documentation (submitted to the Contracting Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Governmentfor the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes/No

AW3.1	In the event of a Bidder successfully providing the most
	advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority against a
	procurement requirement, the Bidder is expected to provide an
	answer to the attached questions as a validation check prior to the

	award of any Contract. If the Bidder fails to meet the Contracting Authority's expectations we reserve the right to not award the Contract to the relevant Bidder and either award to the Bidder with the second most advantageous response or run a new procurement.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder is not required to complete the validation check at this stage but will be required to respond to the questions in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority's against a procurement requirement. Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes I have understood that I need to complete the validation check in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority against a procurement requirement.

AW4.1	Please confirm your acceptance of the attached Contract Terms.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes , No with justification or No Yes – Pass No with justification – Pass. See question AW4.2 for details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes, No with justification, No

AW4.2	Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with 'no with justification' they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause.
Bidder guidance	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). 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 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:
	 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.
	Where a Bidder has answered Question AW4.1 with 'Yes' or 'No' it must answer 'not applicable' to achieve a Pass to question AW4.2 (noting that an answer of 'No' to question AW4.1 has already resulted in a fail). 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.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Drop down menu
response	'N/A'
	'I have answered AW4.1 'No with justification' and attach modifications / requested / justification'.

PRICE QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.1	<u>Maximum Budget</u>
	As stated within the tender documents, the maximum budget for this requirement will be £25,000.00 excluding VAT. This should include all costs relating to the projects as well as Travel, Subsistence and Overhead costs.
	Please confirm that your final price submitted within AW5.2 will fall within this budget.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

AW5.2	Bidders are required to complete the Excel Pricing Schedule attached in the Bidder Response section. All prices shall be exclusive of VAT. All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived. CR18151 AW5.2 Price Schedule.xlsx
Bidder guidance	 Bidders shall confirm they have completed the Pricing Schedule. The scoring methodology for this question shall be: 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. Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will
	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.

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. For example, assuming the lowest bid is £100,000. Differential to the lowest price **Bid Price** Score which meets the mandatory pass criteria £100,000 100 0 20% £120,000 80 £140,000 40% 60 £150,000 50% 50 £175,000 75% 25 £200,000 100% 0 £300,000 200% 0 Scoring Maximum Marks 20% criteria Bidder Yes response

AW5.5	The Contracting Authority is committed to delivering payments to suppliers within the timescales stated within our Contract terms and intend to embrace e-invoicing. There are a number of options for suppliers to choose from outlined in the attached FAQ. Please confirm your acceptance of e-payment.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option - Pass No – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option - Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

AW5.6	Please confirm if you are successfully awarded this contract 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.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail

Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

QUALITY 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
Bidder response	Yes / No

PROJ1.1	Approach/Methodology
	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: Give a <u>detailed description</u> of the methods to be used in undertaking the project, indicating the resources that will be utilised, what outcomes/information it will lead to, outlining a clear justification as to why your chosen methodology will provide the best outcome; Set out how your methods will deliver the project objectives; Please include a recommendation for the size and composition of the sample and justification for your approach (where possible), along with the challenges that you forsee drawing upon past experiences. Please identify backup strategies in case the first preferred approach has risks associated with it (detailed risks and mitigation approaches will be captured in another document) Dissemination Provide details of how you would propose to work with Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council to progress the work, disseminate emerging and final findings to stimulate policy debate. An attachment is allowed for this question This question is limited to 8 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.
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	Maximum Mark: 40%
Bidder	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.
response	

PROJ1.2	Staff to Deliver
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Bidder	Bidders are asked to demonstrate:
guidance	As a minimum your response should include:
	 Any support that would be needed and from whom, in order to undertake and complete this project. Time commitment of the team proposed and how this will enable the successful delivery of the project.
	An attachment is allowed for this question
	This question is limited to 3 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	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
criteria	
	Maximum Mark: 10%
Bidder	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.
response	

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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	Bidders are asked to demonstrate:
guidance	
9	As a minimum your response should include:
	 Interpretation of the project and what is required How the bidder will ensure the successful deliver of this project within the working environment Identify challenges to demonstrate an understanding of the project Demonstrate contextual understanding to frame the project environment
	An attachment is allowed for this question
	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.

Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 20%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.

PROJ1.4	Project Plan Please outline your proposed project plan and timescales, ensuring the key deadlines are outlined.
Bidder guidance	 Bidders are asked to demonstrate/provide: As a minimum you response should cover; A detailed realistic timetable for carrying out the project based on the proposed approach and method Highlight key milestones and deadlines, including suggested meetings and progress reports. An attachment is allowed for this question This question is limited to 4 side 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	For Information Only
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.

PROJ1.5	Risk Management Please provide details of all key risks that could affect the delivery of this project
Bidder guidance	 Bidders are asked to provide details of all key risks that could affect the delivery of this project. As a minimum your response should include: Risks associated with specific project deliverables Mitigation and ownership of the risk and an indication of the organisational risk management strategy A demonstration of your tools and processes to mitigate risk in this project; An attachment is allowed for this question. This question is limited to 3 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: 10%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.