

GS1 - PRECEDENT CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES

SECTION A

This Contract is dated [] 20XX.

Parties

- (1) **Natural Environment Research Council**, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wilts, SN2 1FF (**the Contracting Authority**).
- (2) [], [a company incorporated and registered in [COUNTRY] with company number [NUMBER] and registered VAT number [NUMBER] whose registered office is at [REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS]] [a partnership under the laws of [COUNTRY] whose address is [ADDRESS]] [a business with its trading address at [ADDRESS]] (**the Supplier**).

Background

The Contracting Authority wishes the Supplier to supply, and the Supplier wishes to supply, the Goods and the Services (as defined below) in accordance with the terms of the Contract (as defined below).

Agreed Terms

A1 Interpretation

A1-1 **Definitions.** In the Contract (as defined below), the following definitions apply:

Agent: Where UK Shared Business Services is not the named Contracting Authority is Parties (1), UK SBS has been nominated as agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority and therefore all communications both written and verbal will be received as issued by the Contracting Authority.

Associated Bodies and Authorised Entities: Associated Bodies and Authorised Entities include but are not limited to The Science and Technology Facilities Council, The Medical Research Council, The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, The Economic and Social Research Council, The Natural Environment Research Council, The Arts and Humanities Research Council, The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, UK SBS Ltd, Central Government Departments and their Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies, NHS bodies, Local Authorities, Voluntary Sector Charities, and/or other private organisations acting as managing agents or procuring on behalf of these UK bodies. Further details of these organisations can be found at:
<http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/contracts/Pages/default.aspx>

Business Day: a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) when banks in London are open for business.

Charges: the charges payable by the Contracting Authority for the supply of the Services in accordance with clause B9.

Conditions: the terms and conditions set out in this document as amended from time to time in accordance with clause C7-12.

Confidential Information: any confidential information, knowhow and data (in any form or medium) which relates to UK SBS, the Contracting Authority or the

Supplier, including information relating to the businesses of UK SBS, the Contracting Authority or the Supplier and information relating to their staff, finances, policies and procedures. This includes information identified as confidential in the Order or the Special Conditions (if any).

Contract: the contract between the Contracting Authority and the Supplier for the supply of the Goods and the Services, in accordance with these Conditions, any Special Conditions and the Order only.

Contracting Authority: National Environment Research Council, as specified at Section A (1) and any replacement or successor organisation.

Deliverables: all Documents, products and materials developed by the Supplier or its agents, contractors and employees as part of or in relation to the Services in any form, including computer programs, data, reports and specifications (including drafts).

Delivery Date: the date for delivery of the Goods specified in the Order or, if no such date is specified, within 28 days of the date of the Order.

Delivery Location: has the meaning set out in clause B2-2-3.

Delivery Note: has the meaning set out in clause B2-1-2.

Document: includes, in addition to any document in writing, any drawing, map, plan, diagram, design, picture or other image, tape, disk or other device or record embodying information in any form.

EIR: the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such regulations.

FOIA: the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under the Act from time to time, together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to such legislation.

Goods: the goods (or any part of them) set out in the Order.

Information: has the meaning given under section 84 of FOIA.

Intellectual Property Rights: all patents, rights to inventions, utility models, copyright and related rights (including moral rights), trademarks, service marks, trade, business and domain names, rights in trade dress or get-up, rights in goodwill or to sue for passing off, unfair competition rights, rights in designs, rights in computer software, database right, topography rights, rights in confidential information (including know-how and trade secrets) and any other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications for and renewals or extensions of such rights, and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection in any part of the world.

Order: the Contracting Authority's order for the Goods and the Services, as set out in the Contracting Authority's completed purchase order form (including any Specification) which is in the format of the pro forma order form attached at Schedule 2. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Contracting Authority's purchase order form is not in the format of the pro forma order form at Schedule 2, it will not constitute an Order.

Public Body: any part of the government of the United Kingdom including but not limited to the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales, local authorities, government ministers and government departments and government agencies.

Request for Information: a request for Information or an apparent request under

FOIA or EIR.

Scheme Effective Date: the date on which the United Kingdom Research and Innovation become a legal entity.

Services: the services, including without limitation any Deliverables, to be provided by the Supplier under the Contract as set out in the Order.

Special Conditions: the special conditions (if any) set out in Schedule 1.

Specification: any specification for the Goods and / or Services, including any related plans and drawings that is supplied to the Supplier by the Contracting Authority, or produced by the Supplier and agreed in writing by the Contracting Authority.

Supplier or Suppliers: the parties to the contract as named in Section A (2)

Supplier's Associate: any individual or entity associated with the Supplier including, without limitation, the Supplier's subsidiary, affiliated or holding companies and any employees, agents or contractors of the Supplier and / or its subsidiary, affiliated or holding companies or any entity that provides Goods and or Services for or on behalf of the Supplier.

TUPE: the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 as amended or replaced from time to time.

UKRI: UK Research Council and Innovation will be established as a body corporate in accordance with the Higher Education and Research Act 2017. During the duration of this Contract it is possible that the transfer of title of the named Contracting Authority within section A (1) may be change to UKRI. If this is applicable then this would be managed in accordance with clause C7-3.

UK SBS: UK Shared Business Services Limited (a limited company registered in England and Wales with company number 06330639). Where UK SBS is not named as the Contracting Authority within section A (1), UK SBS will be acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

Working Day: any Business Day excluding 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 December in any year.

A1-2 **Construction.** In the Contract, unless the context requires otherwise, the following rules apply:

A1-2-1 A **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality)

A1-2-2 A reference to a party includes its personal representatives, successors or permitted assigns.

A1-2-3 A reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to such statute or provision as amended or re-enacted. A reference to a statute or statutory provision includes any subordinate legislation made under that statute or statutory provision, as amended or re-enacted.

A1-2-4 Any phrase introduced by the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

A1-2-5 The headings in these Conditions are for ease of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract.

A1-2-6 A reference to **writing** or **written** includes faxes and e-mails.

A2 Basis of Contract

A2-1 Where UK SBS is not the Contracting Authority, UK SBS is the agent of the

Contracting Authority for the purpose of procurement and is authorised to negotiate and enter into contracts for the supply of goods and services on behalf of the Contracting Authority. UK SBS will not itself be a party to, nor have any liability under, the Contract unless it is expressly specified as Contracting Authority in the Order.

- A2-2 The terms of this Contract, any Special Conditions and the Order apply to the Contract to the exclusion of all other terms and conditions, including any other terms that the Supplier seeks to impose or incorporate (whether in any quotation, confirmation of order, in correspondence or in any other context), or which are implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing.
- A2-3 If there is any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Contract, the Special Conditions (if any) and the Order (including any Specification), the terms of the Contract will prevail over the Special Conditions and the Special Conditions will prevail over the Order (including any Specification), in each case to the extent necessary to resolve that conflict or inconsistency.
- A2-4 The Order constitutes an offer by the Contracting Authority to purchase the Goods and Services in accordance with the terms of this Contract (and any Special Conditions). This offer shall remain valid for acceptance by the Supplier, in accordance with clause A2-5, for 28 days from the date of the Order. Notwithstanding that after 28 days the offer will have expired, the Contracting Authority may, at its discretion, nevertheless treat the offer as still valid and may elect to accept acceptance by the Supplier, in accordance with clause A2-5, as valid acceptance of the offer.
- A2-5 Subject to clause A2-4, the Order shall be deemed to be accepted on the date on which authorised representatives of both parties have signed a copy of this Contract, at which point the Contract shall come into existence. The Contract shall remain in force until all the parties' obligations have been performed in accordance with the Contract, at which point it shall expire, or until the Contract has been terminated in accordance with clause A3.

A3 Termination

- A3-1 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority may terminate the Contract in whole or in part at any time before the Goods or Services are provided with immediate effect by giving the Supplier written notice, whereupon the Supplier shall discontinue all work on the Contract. The Contracting Authority shall pay the Supplier fair and reasonable compensation for work-in-progress at the time of termination, but such compensation shall not include loss of anticipated profits or any consequential loss. The Supplier shall have a duty to mitigate its costs and shall on request provide proof of expenditure for any compensation claimed.
- A3-2 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Supplier if:
 - A3-2-1 the circumstances set out in clauses, B3-1, B6-1, C3-1 or C4-1 apply;
 - A3-2-2 the Supplier breaches any term of the Contract and (if such breach is remediable) fails to remedy that breach within 30 days of being notified in writing of the breach; or
 - A3-2-3 the Supplier suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts or (being a company) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or (being an individual) is deemed either unable to pay its debts or as having no reasonable prospect of so

doing, in either case, within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or (being a partnership) has any partner to whom any of the foregoing apply; or

A3-2-4 the Supplier commences negotiations with all or any class of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with its creditors; or

A3-2-5 (being a company) a petition is filed, a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of the Supplier; or

A3-2-6 (being an individual) the Supplier is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or

A3-2-7 a creditor or encumbrancer of the Supplier attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of its assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days; or

A3-2-8 (being a company) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given or if an administrator is appointed over the Supplier; or

A3-2-9 (being a company) a floating charge holder over the Supplier's assets has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver; or

A3-2-10 a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the Supplier's assets or a receiver is appointed over the Supplier's assets; or

A3-2-11 any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to the Supplier in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned in clause A3-2-3 to clause A3-2-10 inclusive; or

A3-2-12 there is a change of control of the Supplier (within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010); or

A3-2-13 the Supplier suspends, or threatens to suspend, or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on, all or substantially the whole of its business; or

A3-2-14 the Supplier's financial position deteriorates to such an extent that in the Contracting Authority's opinion the Supplier's capability to adequately fulfil its obligations under the Contract has been placed in jeopardy; or

A3-3 Termination of the Contract, however arising, shall not affect any of the parties' rights and remedies that have accrued as at termination. Clauses which expressly or by implication survive termination or expiry of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

A3-4 Without prejudice to clause A3-3, clauses B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B10, B11, B12, B13, B14, C1, C2, C3, C4, C6 and C7 shall survive the termination or expiry of the Contract and shall continue in full force and effect.

A3-5 Upon termination or expiry of the Contract, the Supplier shall immediately:

A3-5-1 cease all work on the Contract;

A3-5-2 deliver to the Contracting Authority all Deliverables and all work-in-progress whether or not then complete. If the Supplier fails to do so, then the Contracting Authority may enter the Supplier's premises and take possession of them. Until they have been returned or delivered, the Supplier shall be solely responsible for their safe keeping and will not use them for

any purpose not connected with this Contract;

A3-5-3 cease use of and return (or, at the Contracting Authority's or UK SBS's acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority's election, destroy) all of the Contracting Authority's Materials in the Supplier's possession or control; and

A3-5-4 cease all use of, and delete all copies of, Contracting Authority's or UK SBS's confidential information.

A3-6 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall at any time have the right for convenience to terminate the Contract or reduce the quantity of Goods & Services to be provided by the Supplier in each case by giving to the Supplier reasonable written notice. During the period of notice the Contracting Authority may direct the Supplier to perform all or any of the work under the Contract. Where the Contracting Authority has invoked either of these rights, the Supplier may claim reasonable costs necessarily and properly incurred by him as a result of the termination or reduction, excluding loss of profit, provided that the claim shall not exceed the total cost of the Contract. The Supplier shall have a duty to mitigate its costs and shall on request provide proof of expenditure for any compensation claimed

SECTION B

B1 The Goods

B1-1 The Supplier shall supply all Goods in accordance with the Contract. In particular, the Supplier warrants that the Goods shall:

B1-1-1 correspond with their description in the Order (including any Special Conditions and any applicable Specification);

B1-1-2 be of satisfactory quality (within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979, as amended) and fit for any purpose held out by the Supplier or made known to the Supplier by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, expressly or by implication, and in this respect the Contracting Authority relies on the Supplier's skill and judgement;

B1-1-3 where applicable, be free from defects in design, material and workmanship and remain so for 12 months after delivery;

B1-1-4 comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements relating to the manufacture, labelling, packaging, storage, handling and delivery of the Goods;

B1-1-5 be supplied in accordance with all applicable legislation in force from time to time; and

B1-1-6 be destined for supply into, and fully compliant for use in, the United Kingdom (unless specifically stated otherwise in the Order).

B1-2 The Supplier shall ensure that at all times it has and maintains all the licences, permissions, authorisations, consents and permits that it needs to carry out its obligations under the Contract.

B1-3 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall have the right to inspect and test the Goods at any time before delivery.

B1-4 If following such inspection or testing the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority considers that the Goods do not conform or are unlikely to comply with the Supplier's undertakings at clause B1-1, the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the

Contracting Authority shall inform the Supplier and the Supplier shall immediately take such remedial action as is necessary to ensure compliance.

- B1-5 Notwithstanding any such inspection or testing, the Supplier shall remain fully responsible for the Goods and any such inspection or testing shall not reduce or otherwise affect the Supplier's obligations under the Contract, and the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall have the right to conduct further inspections and tests after the Supplier has carried out its remedial actions.
- B1-6 The Contracting Authority's rights under the Contract are without prejudice to and in addition to the statutory terms implied in favour of the Contracting Authority under the Sale of Goods Act 1979, the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 and any other applicable legislation as amended.

B2 Delivery

- B2-1 The Supplier shall ensure that:

B2-1-1 the Goods are properly packed and secured in such manner as to enable them to reach their destination in good condition;

B2-1-2 each delivery of the Goods is accompanied by a delivery note which shows the date of the Order, the Order number (if any), the type and quantity of the Goods (including the code number of the Goods, where applicable), special storage instructions (if any) and, if the Goods are being delivered by instalments, the outstanding balance of Goods remaining to be delivered (the **Delivery Note**); and

B2-1-3 if the Supplier requires the Contracting Authority to return any packaging material to the Supplier, that fact is clearly stated on the Delivery Note. Any such packaging material shall be returned to the Supplier at the Supplier's cost.

- B2-2 The Supplier shall deliver the Goods:

B2-2-1 on the Delivery Date;

B2-2-2 carriage paid;

B2-2-3 to the location or locations as is or are set out in the Order, or as instructed by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority in writing prior to delivery (the **Delivery Location**);

B2-2-4 During the Contracting Authority's normal business hours on a Working Day, or as instructed by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

- B2-3 Delivery of the Goods shall be completed on the completion of unloading the Goods at the Delivery Location and in accordance with the provisions of this clause B2. The Supplier will unload the Goods at its own risk as directed by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority. The Goods will remain at the risk of the Supplier until delivery to the Contracting Authority (including unloading) is complete, including that the Supplier has obtained sign-off of the Delivery Note by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority, at which point ownership of the Goods shall transfer to the Contracting Authority.

- B2-4 If the Supplier delivers to the Contracting Authority more than the quantity of Goods ordered, the Contracting Authority will not be bound to pay for the excess and any excess will remain at the Supplier's risk and will be returnable to the Supplier at the Supplier's expense.

- B2-5 If the Supplier delivers more or less than the quantity of Goods ordered, and the Contracting Authority accepts the delivery, a pro rata adjustment shall be made to the invoice for the Goods.
- B2-6 The Supplier shall not deliver the Goods in instalments without prior written consent from the Contracting Authority's or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority's. Where it is agreed that the Goods are to be delivered in instalments, they may be invoiced and paid for separately. However, failure by the Supplier to deliver any one instalment on time, or at all, or any defect in an instalment, shall entitle the Contracting Authority to the remedies set out in clause B3.
- B2-7 The Supplier shall:
- B2-7-1 obtain, at its risk and expense, any export and import licences or other authorisations necessary for the export and import of the Goods and their transit through any country or territory; and
- B2-7-2 deal with all customs formalities necessary for the export, import and transit of the Goods, and will bear the costs of complying with those formalities and all duties, taxes and other charges payable for export, import and transit.
- B2-8 Without prejudice to the Contracting Authority's statutory rights, the Contracting Authority will not be deemed to have accepted any Goods until the Contracting Authority has had at least 14 Working Days after delivery to inspect them and the Contracting Authority also has the right to reject any Goods as though they had not been accepted for 14 Working Days after any latent defect in the Goods has become apparent.
- B2-9 If, in connection with the supply of the Goods, the Contracting Authority permits any employees or representatives of the Supplier to have access to any of the Contracting Authority's premises, the Supplier will ensure that, whilst on the Contracting Authority's premises, the Supplier's employees and representatives comply with:
- B2-9-1 all applicable health and safety, security, environmental and other legislation which may be in force from time to time; and
- B2-9-2 any Contracting Authority policy, regulation, code of practice or instruction relating to health and safety, security, the environment or access to and use of any Contracting Authority laboratory, facility or equipment which is brought to their attention or given to them whilst they are on Contracting Authority's premises by any employee or representative of the Contracting Authority.

B3 Goods - Remedies

- B3-1 If the Goods, or any part of them, including any instalment(s), are not delivered on the Delivery Date, or do not comply with the undertakings set out in clause B1-1 or any requirements set out in the Special Conditions (if any), or the Supplier has otherwise not supplied the Goods in accordance with, or the Supplier has failed to comply with, any of the terms of the Contract, then, without limiting any of its other rights or remedies, the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall have the right, at their discretion, to any one or more of the following remedies, whether or not it has accepted the Goods or any part of them:
- B3-1-1 to terminate the Contract in whole or in part without liability to the Supplier;
- B3-1-2 at its discretion reject any of the Goods which have been delivered by the Delivery Date and refuse to accept any subsequent delivery of Goods that the Supplier attempts to make (and any such rejected Goods shall be stored

and are returnable at the Supplier's sole risk and expense);

B3-1-3 purchase substitute Goods from elsewhere;

B3-1-4 accept late delivery of the Goods;

B3-1-5 to require the Supplier to remedy any defect in, repair or replace the rejected Goods, or to provide a full refund of the price of the rejected Goods;

B3-1-6 to recover from the Supplier any costs incurred by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority in obtaining substitute goods from a third party; and

B3-1-7 to claim damages for any other costs, loss or expenses incurred by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority which are in any way attributable to the Supplier's failure to carry out its obligations under the Contract.

B3-2 These Conditions shall apply to any repaired or replacement Goods supplied by the Supplier.

B3-3 The Supplier shall indemnify, and shall keep indemnified, the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, in full and hold the Contracting Authority and UK SBS harmless against all claims, costs, expenses, damages and losses, whether direct or indirect (including loss of profits, loss of business, depletion of goodwill and similar losses), including any interest, penalties, and legal and other professional fees and expenses awarded against or incurred or paid by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority as a result of or in connection with:

B3-3-1 any claim made against the Contracting Authority or UK SBS for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's intellectual property rights arising out of, or in connection with, the manufacture, supply or use of the Goods, to the extent that the claim is attributable to the acts or omissions of the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors;

B3-3-2 any claim made against the Contracting Authority or UK SBS by a third party arising out of, or in connection with, the supply of the Goods, to the extent that such claim arises out of the breach, negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of the Contract by the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors; and

B3-3-3 any claim made against the Contracting Authority or UK SBS by a third party for death, personal injury or damage to property arising out of, or in connection with, defects in Goods, to the extent that the defect in the Goods is attributable to the acts or omissions of the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors.

This clause B3-3 shall survive termination or expiry of the Contract.

B3-4 The Contracting Authority's rights and remedies under these Conditions are in addition to its rights and remedies implied by statute and common law.

B4 Title, Risk and Use

B4-1 Title and risk in the Goods shall pass to the Contracting Authority on completion of delivery.

B4-2 The Supplier warrants that it has full clear and unencumbered title to the Goods and that upon completion of delivery the Supplier has full and unrestricted rights to sell and transfer absolutely all Goods to the Contracting Authority.

B5 Supply of Services

- B5-1 The Supplier shall from the date set out in the Contract and until the end date specified in the Contract provide the Services to the Contracting Authority in accordance with the terms of the Contract.
- B5-2 The Supplier shall meet any performance dates for the Services (including the delivery of Deliverables) specified in the Order (including any Special Conditions and any applicable Specification) or notified to the Supplier by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.
- B5-3 In providing the Services, the Supplier shall:
- B5-3-1 co-operate with the Contracting Authority in all matters relating to the Services, and comply with all instructions of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority;
 - B5-3-2 perform the Services with the best care, skill and diligence in accordance with best practice in the Supplier's industry, profession or trade
 - B5-3-3 use personnel who are suitably skilled and experienced to perform tasks assigned to them, and in sufficient number to ensure that the Supplier's obligations are fulfilled in accordance with this Contract;
 - B5-3-4 ensure that the Services and Deliverables will conform with all descriptions and specifications set out in the Contract (including any Special Conditions and any applicable Specification), and that the Deliverables shall be fit for any purpose expressly or impliedly made known to the Supplier by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority;
 - B5-3-5 provide all equipment, tools and vehicles and such other items as are required to provide the Services;
 - B5-3-6 use the best quality goods, materials, standards and techniques, and ensure that the Deliverables, and all goods and materials supplied and used in the Services or transferred to the Contracting Authority, will be free from defects in workmanship, installation and design;
 - B5-3-7 obtain and at all times maintain all necessary licences and consents, and comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
 - B5-3-8 observe all health and safety rules and regulations and any other security requirements that apply at any of the Contracting Authority's premises; and
 - B5-3-9 not do or omit to do anything which may cause the Contracting Authority to lose any licence, authority, consent or permission on which it relies for the purposes of conducting its business, and the Supplier acknowledges that the Contracting Authority may rely or act on the Services.
- B5-4 The Contracting Authority's rights under the Contract are without prejudice to and in addition to the statutory terms implied in favour of the Contracting Authority under the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 and any other applicable legislation as amended.
- B5-5 Without prejudice to the Contracting Authority's statutory rights, the Contracting Authority will not be deemed to have accepted any Deliverables until the Contracting Authority has had at least 14 Working Days after delivery to inspect them and the Contracting Authority also has the right to reject any Deliverables as though they had not been accepted for 14 Working Days after any latent defect in the Deliverables has become apparent.
- B5-6 If, in connection with the supply of the Services, the Contracting Authority permits any employees or representatives of the Supplier to have access to any of the

Contracting Authority's premises, the Supplier will ensure that, whilst on the Contracting Authority's premises, the Supplier's employees and representatives comply with:

B5-6-1 all applicable health and safety, security, environmental and other legislation which may be in force from time to time; and

B5-6-2 any Contracting Authority policy, regulation, code of practice or instruction relating to health and safety, security, the environment or access to and use of any Contracting Authority laboratory, facility or equipment which is brought to their attention or given to them whilst they are on Contracting Authority's premises by any employee or representative of the Contracting Authority`.

B5-7 The Supplier warrants that the provision of Services shall not give rise to a transfer of any employees of the Supplier or any third party to the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority pursuant to TUPE.

B6 Services – Remedies

B6-1 If the Supplier fails to perform the Services by the applicable dates, the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall, without limiting its other rights or remedies, have one or more of the following rights:

B6-1-1 to terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Supplier;

B6-1-2 to refuse to accept any subsequent performance of the Services (including delivery of Deliverables) which the Supplier attempts to make;

B6-1-3 to recover from the Supplier any costs incurred by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority in obtaining substitute services from a third party;

B6-1-4 where the Contracting Authority has paid in advance for Services that have not been provided by the Supplier, to have such sums refunded by the Supplier; or

B6-1-5 to claim damages for any additional costs, loss or expenses incurred by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority which are in any way attributable to the Supplier's failure to meet such dates.

B6-2 These Conditions shall extend to any substituted or remedial services provided by the Supplier.

B6-3 The Contracting Authority's rights under this Contract are in addition to its rights and remedies implied by statute and common law.

B7 Contracting Authority Obligations

B7-1 The Contracting Authority shall:

B7-1-1 provide the Supplier with reasonable access at reasonable times to the Contracting Authority's premises for the purpose of providing the Services; and

B7-1-2 provide such information to the Supplier as the Supplier may reasonably request and the Contracting Authority considers reasonably necessary for the purpose of providing the Services.

B8 Goods Price and Payment

- B8-1 The price of the Goods shall be the price set out in the Order.
- B8-2 The price of the Goods excludes amounts in respect of value added tax (**VAT**) or other applicable sales tax, but includes the costs of all materials, costs charges, expenses, packaging, insurance and carriage of the Goods. No extra charges shall be effective unless agreed in writing and signed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.
- B8-3 The Contracting Authority shall, on receipt of a valid VAT invoice from the Supplier, pay to the Supplier such additional amounts in respect of VAT as are chargeable on the supply of the Goods at the statutory rate in force at the relevant time.
- B8-4 The Supplier may invoice the Contracting Authority for the Goods on or at any time after the completion of delivery.
- B8-5 The Contracting Authority shall pay correctly rendered invoices within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to the bank account nominated in writing by the Supplier unless the Contracting Authority agrees in writing to another payment method.
- B8-6 The Supplier shall not be entitled to assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Contracting Authority in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part. The Contracting Authority may, without limiting any other rights or remedies it may have, set off any amount owed to it by the Supplier against any amounts payable by it to the Supplier under the Contract.
- B8-7 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that it will pay correctly rendered invoices from any of its suppliers or other sub-contractors within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.

B9 Services Charges and Payment

- B9-1 The Charges for the Services shall be set out in the Order, and shall be the full and exclusive remuneration of the Supplier in respect of the performance of the Services. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, the Charges shall include every cost and expense of the Supplier directly or indirectly incurred in connection with the performance of the Services.
- B9-2 Where the Order states that the Services are to be provided on a time and materials basis, the Charges for those Services will be calculated as follows:
 - B9-2-1 the charges payable for the Services will be calculated in accordance with the Supplier's standard daily fee rates (as at the date of the Order), subject to any discount specified in the Order;
 - B9-2-2 the Supplier's standard daily fee rates for each individual person will be calculated on the basis of an eight-hour day worked between such hours and on such days as are agreed by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority and the Supplier;
 - B9-2-3 the Supplier will not be entitled to charge pro-rata for part days without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority;
 - B9-2-4 the Supplier will ensure that every individual whom it engages to perform the Services completes time sheets recording time spent on the Services and the Supplier will use such time sheets to calculate the charges covered by each invoice and will provide copies of such time sheets to the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority upon request; and

B9-2-5 the Supplier will invoice the Contracting Authority monthly in arrears for its charges for time, as well as any previously agreed expenses and materials for the month concerned calculated as provided in this clause B9-2 and clause B9-3.

- B9-3 The Contracting Authority will reimburse the Supplier at cost for all reasonable travel, subsistence and other expenses incurred by individuals engaged by the Supplier in providing the Services to the Contracting Authority provided that the Contracting Authority's prior written approval is obtained before incurring any such expenses, that all invoices for such expenses are accompanied by valid receipts and provided that the Supplier complies at all times with Contracting Authority's expenses policy from time to time in force.
- B9-4 The Supplier shall invoice the Contracting Authority on completion of the Services. Each invoice shall include such supporting information required by the Contracting Authority to verify the accuracy of the invoice, including but not limited to the relevant purchase order number.
- B9-5 In consideration of the supply of the Services by the Supplier, the Contracting Authority shall pay the invoiced amounts within 30 days of the date of a correctly rendered invoice. Payment shall be made to the bank account nominated in writing by the Supplier unless the Contracting Authority agrees in writing to another payment method.
- B9-6 All amounts payable by the Contracting Authority under the Contract are exclusive of amounts in respect of value added tax chargeable for the time being (**VAT**). Where any taxable supply for VAT purposes is made under the Contract by the Supplier to the Contracting Authority, the Contracting Authority shall, on receipt of a valid VAT invoice from the Supplier, pay to the Supplier such additional amounts in respect of VAT as are chargeable on the supply of the Services at the same time as payment is due for the supply of the Services.
- B9-7 The Supplier shall maintain complete and accurate records of the time spent and materials used by the Supplier in providing the Services, and shall allow the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority to inspect such records at all reasonable times on request.
- B9-8 The Supplier shall not be entitled to assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Contracting Authority in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part. The Contracting Authority may, without limiting any other rights or remedies it may have, set off any amount owed to it by the Supplier against any amounts payable by it to the Supplier under the Contract.
- B9-9 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that it will pay correctly rendered invoices from any of its suppliers or other sub-contractors within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.

B10 Contracting Authority Property

- B10-1 The Supplier acknowledges that all information (including confidential information), equipment and tools, drawings, specifications, data, software and any other materials supplied by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority to the Supplier (**Contracting Authority's Materials**) and all rights in the Contracting Authority's Materials are and shall remain at all times the exclusive property of the Contracting Authority and UK SBS (as appropriate). The Supplier shall keep the Contracting Authority's Materials in safe custody at its own risk, maintain them in good condition until returned to the Contracting Authority or UK SBS, and not dispose or use the same other than for the sole purpose of performing the Supplier's obligations under the Contract and in accordance with written instructions or authorisation from the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

B11 Intellectual Property Rights

- B11-1 In respect of any goods that are transferred to the Contracting Authority under this Contract, including without limitation the Deliverables or any part of them, the Supplier warrants that it has full clear and unencumbered title to all such items, and that at the date of delivery of such items to the Contracting Authority, it will have full and unrestricted rights to transfer all such items to the Contracting Authority.
- B11-2 Save as otherwise provided in the Special Conditions, the Supplier assigns to the Contracting Authority, with full title guarantee and free from all third party rights, all Intellectual Property Rights in the products of the Services, including for the avoidance of doubt the Deliverables. Where those products or Deliverables incorporate any Intellectual Property Rights owned by or licensed to the Supplier which are not assigned under this clause, the Supplier grants to the Contracting Authority a worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free, transferable licence, with the right to grant sub-licences, under those Intellectual Property Rights to maintain, repair, adapt, copy and use those products and Deliverables for any purpose.
- B11-3 The Supplier shall obtain waivers of all moral rights in the products, including for the avoidance of doubt the Deliverables, of the Services to which any individual is now or may be at any future time entitled under Chapter IV of Part I of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 or any similar provisions of law in any jurisdiction.
- B11-4 The Supplier shall, promptly at the request of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, do (or procure to be done) all such further acts and things and the execution of all such other documents as the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority may from time to time require for the purpose of securing for the Contracting Authority the full benefit of the Contract, including all right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property Rights assigned to the Contracting Authority in accordance with clause B11-2.

B12 Indemnity

- B12-1 The Supplier shall indemnify, and shall keep indemnified the Contracting Authority and UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority in full against all costs, expenses, damages and losses (whether direct or indirect), including any interest, fines, legal and other professional fees and expenses awarded against or incurred or paid by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority as a result of or in connection with:
- B12-1-1 any claim made against the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority by a third party arising out of, or in connection with, the supply of the Services, to the extent that such claim arises out of the breach, negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of the Contract by the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors; and
- B12-1-2 any claim brought against the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's Intellectual Property Rights arising out of, or in connection with, the receipt, use or supply of the Services; and
- B12-1-3 any claim whether in tort, contract, statutory or otherwise, demands, actions, proceedings and any awards arising from a breach by the Supplier of clause B5-7 of these Conditions.
- B12-2 This clause B12 shall survive termination or expiry of the Contract.

B13 Insurance

B13-1 During the term of the Contract the Supplier shall maintain in force, with a reputable insurance company, employer liability insurance, product liability and public liability insurance and for a period of 3 years thereafter for professional indemnity insurance to cover such heads of liability as may arise under or in connection with the Contract, and shall, on request from the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, produce both the insurance certificate giving details of cover and the receipt for the current year's premium in respect of each insurance.

B14 Liability

B14-1 In this clause B14, a reference to the Contracting Authority or UK SBS's liability for something is a reference to any liability whatsoever which the Contracting Authority or UK SBS might have for it, its consequences, and any direct, indirect or consequential loss, damage, costs or expenses resulting from it or its consequences, whether the liability arises under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, and even if it results from the Contracting Authority's or UK SBS's negligence or from negligence for which the Contracting Authority's or UK SBS would otherwise be liable.

B14-2 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority is not in breach of the Contract, and neither the Contracting Authority nor UK SBS has any liability for anything, to the extent that the apparent breach or liability is attributable to the Supplier's breach of the Contract.

B14-3 Subject to clause B14-6, neither the Contracting Authority nor UK SBS acting as agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall have any liability for:

B14-3-1 any indirect or consequential loss or damage;

B14-3-2 any loss of business, rent, profit or anticipated savings;

B14-3-3 any damage to goodwill or reputation;

B14-3-4 loss, theft, damage or destruction to any equipment, tools, machinery, vehicles or other equipment brought onto the Contracting Authority's premises by or on behalf of the Supplier; or

B14-3-5 any loss, damage, costs or expenses suffered or incurred by any third party.

B14-4 Subject to clause B14-6, the Contracting Authority and UK SBS's total liability shall be limited to the Charges.

B14-5 Subject to clause B14-6, the Supplier's total liability in connection with the Contract shall be limited to £1,000,000.

B14-6 Nothing in the Contract restricts either the Contracting Authority, UK SBS or the Supplier's liability for:

B14-6-1 death or personal injury resulting from its negligence; or

B14-6-2 its fraud (including fraudulent misrepresentation); or

B14-6-3 breach of any obligations as to title implied by Section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

SECTION C

C1 Confidential information

C1-1 A party who receives Confidential Information shall keep in strict confidence (both

during the term of the Contract and after its expiry or termination) all Confidential Information which is disclosed to it. That party shall only disclose such Confidential Information to those of its employees, agents or subcontractors who need to know the same for the purpose of discharging that party's obligations under the Contract, and shall ensure that such employees, agents or subcontractors shall keep all such information confidential in accordance with this clause C1. Neither party shall, without the prior written consent of the other party, disclose to any third party any Confidential Information, unless the information:

C1-1-1 was public knowledge or already known to that party at the time of disclosure;
or

C1-1-2 subsequently becomes public knowledge other than by breach of the Contract; or

C1-1-3 subsequently comes lawfully into the possession of that party from a third party; or

C1-1-4 is agreed by the parties not to be confidential or to be disclosable.

C1-2 To the extent necessary to implement the provisions of the Contract (but not further or otherwise), either party may disclose the Confidential Information to any relevant governmental or other authority or regulatory body, provided that before any such disclosure that party shall make those persons aware of its obligations of confidentiality under the Contract and shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain a binding undertaking as to confidentiality from all such persons.

C1-3 All documents and other records (in whatever form) containing Confidential Information supplied to or acquired by a party from the other party shall be returned promptly to the other party (or, at the election of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, destroyed) on expiry or termination of the Contract, and no copies shall be kept.

C2 Transparency

C2-1 The Supplier acknowledges that the United Kingdom Government's transparency agenda requires that contracts, such as the Contract, and any sourcing document, such as the invitation to sourcing, are published on a designated, publicly searchable website.

C2-2 The Supplier acknowledges that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of FOIA, the content of the Contract is not Confidential Information. The Contracting Authority and or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall be responsible for determining in their absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of FOIA.

C2-3 Notwithstanding any other term of the Contract, the Supplier hereby consents to the Contracting Authority and or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority publishing the Contract in its entirety, (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of FOIA redacted) including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract, to the general public.

C3 Force Majeure

C3-1 If any event or circumstance that is beyond the reasonable control of the Supplier, and which by its nature could not have been foreseen by the Supplier or, if it could have been foreseen, was unavoidable, (provided that the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to cure any such events or circumstances and resume performance under the Contract) prevent the Supplier from carrying out its obligations under the Contract for a continuous period of more than 10 Business

Days, the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority may terminate this Contract immediately by giving written notice to the Supplier.

C4 Corruption

C4-1 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall be entitled to terminate the Contract immediately and to recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss resulting from such termination if the Supplier or a Supplier's Associate:

C4-1-1 offers or agrees to give any person working for or engaged by the Contracting Authority, UK SBS or any Public Body any favour, gift or other consideration, which could act as an inducement or a reward for any act or failure to act connected to the Contract, or any other agreement between the Contracting Authority, or UK SBS or any Public Body, including its award to the Supplier or a Supplier's Associate and any of the rights and obligations contained within it;

C4-1-2 has entered into the Contract if it has knowledge that, in connection with it, any money has been, or will be, paid to any person working for or engaged by the Contracting Authority, or UK SBS or any Public Body by or for the Supplier, or that an agreement has been reached to that effect, unless details of any such arrangement have been disclosed in writing to the Contracting Authority, or UK SBS before the Contract is entered into;

C4-1-3 breaches the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916, or the Bribery Act 2010; or

C4-1-4 gives any fee or reward the receipt of which is an offence under Section 117(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

C4-2 For the purposes of clause C4-1, "loss" shall include, but shall not be limited to:

C4-2-1 The Contracting Authority's or UK SBS's costs in finding a replacement supplier;

C4-2-2 direct, indirect and consequential losses; and

C4-2-3 any loss suffered by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS as a result of a delay in its receipt of the Goods.

C5 Data protection

C5-1 The Supplier shall comply at all times with all data protection legislation applicable in the UK from time to time.

C5-2 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

C5-2-1 The Supplier warrants that it shall under this Contract :

C5-2-1-a Process only on documented instructions by the Contracting Authority, including regarding international transfers (unless, subject to certain restrictions, legally required to transfer to a third country or international organisation);

C5-2-1-b ensure those processing personal data are under a confidentiality obligation (contractual or statutory);

C5-2-1-c appoint a suitably qualified data protection representative to manage the data;

C5-2-1-d keep records of their data processing activities performed under this Contract in order to be able to provide information included in those records to the Data Protection Authorities, upon request.

Records should include:

- (1) details of the data controller and data processor and their representatives;
- (2) the categories of processing activities that are performed;
- (3) information regarding cross-border data transfers and;
- (4) a general description of the security measures that are implemented;

C5-2-1-e take all measures required under the security provisions which includes pseudonymising and encrypting personal data as appropriate;

C5-2-1-f only use a sub-processor with the Contracting Authorities formal written consent (specific or general, although where general consent is obtained processors must notify all and any changes to the Contracting Authority, giving them an opportunity to object);

C5-2-1-g flow down the same contractual obligations to sub-processors;

C5-2-1-h notify the Contracting Authority without undue delay data breaches;

C5-2-1-i assist the Contracting Authority in responding to requests from individuals (data subjects) exercising their rights; assist the Contracting Authority in complying with the obligations relating to security, breach notification, DPIAs and consulting with supervisory authorities;

C5-2-1-j delete or return as instructed Contracting Authorities all personal data at the end of the Contract (unless storage is required by EU/member state law);

C5-2-1-k make available to the Contracting Authority all information necessary to demonstrate compliance; allow/contribute to audits (including inspections); and inform the Contracting Authority if its instructions infringe data protection law.

C5-2-2 The Contracting Authority may require further assurances during the contract, though a series of questions as to the Suppliers GDPR compliance.

C5-2-3 Notwithstanding any other remedies available to the Contracting Authority, fully indemnify the Contracting Authority as a result of any such breach of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), by the Supplier or any other party used by the Supplier in its performance of the Contract that results in the Contracting Authority suffering fines, loss or damages.

C6 Freedom of Information

C6-1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Contracting Authority and or UK SBS may be subject to the requirements of FOIA and EIR and shall assist and co-operate with the Contracting Authority and or UK SBS to enable them to comply with its obligations under FOIA and EIR.

C6-2 The Supplier shall and shall procure that its employees, agents, sub-contractors and any other representatives shall provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS to enable the Contracting Authority or UK SBS to respond to a Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of FOIA or regulation 5 of EIR.

C6-3 The Contracting Authority and or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall be responsible for determining (in its absolute

discretion) whether any Information:

C6-3-1 is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of FOIA or EIR;

C6-3-2 is to be disclosed in response to a Request for Information,

C6-3-3 and in no event shall the Supplier respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so in writing by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

C6-4 The Supplier acknowledges that the Contracting Authority and or UK SBS may be obliged under the FOIA or EIR to disclose Information, in some cases even where that Information is commercially sensitive:

C6-4-1 without consulting with the Supplier, or

C6-4-2 following consultation with the Supplier and having taken its views into account.

C6-5 Where clause C6-4-2 applies the Contracting Authority and or UK SBS shall, in accordance with any recommendations issued under any code of practice issued under section 45 of FOIA, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Supplier advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Supplier's attention as soon as practicable after any such disclosure.

C6-6 Where the Supplier organisation is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and EIR, C6-7 will supersede C6-2 – C6-5. Where the Supplier organisation is not subject to the requirements of the FOIA and EIR, C6-7 will not apply.

C6-7 The Contracting Authority and UK SBS acknowledge that the Supplier may be subject to the requirements of the FOIA and EIR and shall assist and co-operate with the Supplier to enable them to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and EIR.

C7 General

C7-1 Entire Agreement

C7-1-1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Contracting Authority and the Supplier in relation to the supply of the Services and the Contract supersedes any earlier agreements, arrangements and understandings relating to that subject matter.

C7-2 Liability

C7-2-1 Where the Contracting Authority is more than one person, the liability of each such person for their respective obligations and liabilities under the Contract shall be several and shall extend only to any loss or damage arising out of each such person's own breaches.

C7-2-2 Where the Contracting Authority is more than one person and more than one of such persons is liable for the same obligation or liability, liability for the total sum recoverable will be attributed to the relevant persons in proportion to the price payable by each of them under the Contract.

C7-3 Transfer to UKRI, Assignment and Subcontracting

C7-3-1 The parties acknowledge and agree that on and with effect from the date on which the UKRI Property Transfer Scheme becomes effective in accordance with its terms (the Scheme Effective Date):

C7-3-1-a All rights and benefits of National Environment Research Council (NERC) arising out of or in connection with this agreement; and

C7-3-1-b All obligations and liabilities of the Contracting Authority arising out of or in connection with this agreement,

C7-3-1-c Shall (in each case) be transferred to United Kingdom Research and Innovation in accordance with the provisions of that transfer scheme and otherwise on the basis set out in Schedule 10 to the Higher Education and Research Act 2017.

C7-3-2 The parties agree that on and with effect from the Scheme Effective Date:

C7-3-3 Where there is a reference to the Contracting Authority in this agreement, it shall be construed as a reference to UKRI; and

C7-3-4 The Supplier shall provide such assistance as the Contracting Authority, UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority or UKRI may reasonably require for the purpose of giving to UKRI the full benefit of this agreement.

C7-3-5 In this clause UKRI Property Transfer Scheme means a property transfer scheme made by the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 10 to the Higher Education and Research Act 2017."

C7-3-6 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority may at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights or obligations under the Contract.

C7-3-7 The Supplier may not assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights or obligations under the Contract without prior written consent from the Contracting Authority's or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

C7-4 Further Assurance

C7-4-1 The Supplier will promptly at the request of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority do (or procure to be done) all such further acts and things, including the execution of all such other documents, as the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority may from time to time require for the purpose of securing for the Contracting Authority the full benefit of the Contract, including ensuring that all title in the Goods is transferred absolutely to the Contracting Authority.

C7-5 Publicity

C7-5-1 The Supplier shall not make any press announcements or publicise this Contract in any way without prior written consent from the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

C7-5-2 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall be entitled to publicise this Contract in accordance with any legal obligation upon Contracting Authority or UK SBS, including any examination of this Contract by the National Audit Office pursuant to the National Audit Act 1983 or otherwise.

C7-5-3 The Supplier shall not do anything or cause anything to be done, which may damage the reputation of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS or bring the Contracting Authority's or UK SBS's into disrepute.

C7-6 Notices

C7-6-1 Any notice or other communication given to a party under or in connection with the Contract shall be in writing, addressed to:

C7-6-1-a in the case of the Contracting Authority: **National Environment Research Council**; Address: **Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 1FF** Email: **TBC** (and a copy of such notice or communication shall be sent to: **Scientific Research, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 1FF**; Email: **Scientific.Research@uksbs.co.uk** and the Chief Procurement Officer, Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 1ET);

C7-6-1-b in the case of the Supplier: the address, fax number and email address set out in the Order, or any other address, fax number or email address which that party may have specified to the other party in writing in accordance with this clause C7-6, and shall be delivered personally, or sent by pre-paid first-class post, recorded delivery, commercial courier, fax or e-mail.

C7-6-2 A notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been received: if delivered personally, when left at the address referred to in clause C7-6-1; if sent by pre-paid first-class post or recorded delivery, at 9.00 am on the second Working Day after posting; if delivered by commercial courier, on the date and at the time that the courier's delivery receipt is signed; or, if sent by fax or e-mail between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day, upon successful transmission (provided that the sender holds written confirmation automatically produced by the sender's fax machine of error free and complete transmission of that fax to the other party's fax number), or if sent by fax or e-mail outside the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day, at 9.00am on the next Working Day following successful transmission (provided that the sender holds written confirmation automatically produced by the sender's fax machine of error free and complete transmission of that fax to the other party's fax number).

C7-6-3 This clause C7-6-3 shall only apply where UK SBS is not the Contracting Authority. In such cases, UK SBS may give or receive any notice under the Contract on behalf of the Contracting Authority and any notice given or received by UK SBS will be deemed to have been given or received by the Contracting Authority.

C7-6-4 [Except for clause C7-6-5, t] [T]he provisions of this clause C7-6 shall not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action.

C7-6-5 [The Supplier irrevocably appoints and authorises [NAME] of [ADDRESS] (or such other person, being a firm of [solicitors] resident in England, as the Supplier may by notice substitute) to accept service on behalf of the Supplier of all legal process, and service on [NAME] (or any such substitute) shall be deemed to be service on the Supplier.]

C7-7 Severance

C7-7-1 If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision shall, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of the Contract shall not be affected.

C7-7-2 If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision of the Contract would be valid, enforceable and legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision shall apply with the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid and enforceable.

C7-8 **Waiver.** A waiver of any right or remedy under the Contract is only effective if given

in writing and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. No failure or delay by a party to exercise any right or remedy provided under the Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

- C7-9 **No Partnership, Employment or Agency.** Nothing in the Contract creates any partnership or joint venture, nor any relationship of employment, between the Supplier and either the Contracting Authority or UK SBS. Nothing in the Contract creates any agency between the Supplier and either the Contracting Authority or UK SBS.
- C7-10 **Third Party Rights.** A person who is not a party to this Contract shall not have any rights under or in connection with it, except that UK SBS and any member of the UK SBS, Associated Bodies or Authorised Entities that derives benefit under this Contract may directly enforce or rely on any terms of this Contract.
- C7-11 **Variation.** Any variation to the Contract, including any changes to the Services, these Conditions, the Special Conditions or the Order, including the introduction of any additional terms and conditions, shall only be binding when agreed in writing by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority and the Supplier.
- C7-12 **Governing Law and Jurisdiction.**
- C7-12-1 Subject to clause C7-13-2, the Contract, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law, and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.
- C7-12-2 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority shall be free to enforce its intellectual property rights in any jurisdiction.
- C7-13 **Modern Slavery Act 2015**
- C7-13-1 During the Term or any extension of the Contract, the Contracting Authority is committed to ensuring that its supply chain complies with the above Act. The Supplier shall provide such assurances, on the anniversary of the commencement date or completion of the Contract, if less than 12 months.
- C7-13-2 The Supplier shall provide a report covering the following but not limited to areas as relevant and proportionate to the Contract evidencing the actions taken, relevant to the Supplier and their supply chain associated with the Contract.
- C7-13-2-a Impact assessments undertaken
 - C7-13-2-b Steps taken to address risk/actual instances of modern slavery and how actions have been prioritised
 - C7-13-2-c Evidence of stakeholder engagement
 - C7-13-2-d Evidence of ongoing awareness training
 - C7-13-2-e Business-level grievance mechanisms in place to address modern slavery
 - C7-13-2-f Actions taken to embed respect for human rights and zero tolerance of modern slavery throughout the organisation

C7-13-3 The Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority reserves the sole right to audit any and all reports submitted by the Supplier to an extent as deemed necessary and the Supplier shall unreservedly assist the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority in doing so. Any financial burden incurred by the Supplier in doing so shall not be reimbursable.

C7-14 Changes in Costs Resulting from Changes to Government Legislation, Levies or Statutory Payments

C7-14-1 The Contracting Authority will reimburse during any term or extension (or, where such costs, awards or damages arise following termination/expiry) of this Agreement, any increases in the Supplier's cost of providing the Goods & Services by reason of any modification or alteration to the Government legislation duties or levies or other statutory payments (including but not limited to National Insurance and/or VAT and/or introduction of or amendment to working time minimum wages). Subject always to open book access to the Supplier's records and always after a period of due diligence carried out by the Contracting Authority, relevant and proportionate to the value concerned.

C7-15 Taxation Obligations of the Supplier

C7-15-1 The relationship between the Contracting Authority, UK SBS and the Supplier will be that of "independent contractor" which means that the Supplier is not an employee, worker, agent or partner of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS and the Supplier will not give the impression that they are.

(1.) The Supplier in respect of consideration shall at all times comply with the income tax Earnings and Pensions Act 2003 (ITEPA) and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax in respect of that consideration.

(2.) Where Supplier is liable to National Insurance Contributions (NICs) in respect of consideration received under this contract, it shall at all times comply with the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (SSCBA) and all other statutes and regulations relating to NICs in respect of that consideration.

(3.) The Contracting Authority may, at any time during the term, completion extension or post termination of this contract, request (Supplier) to provide information which demonstrates how Supplier complies with its obligations under tax and National Insurance Clauses (1) and (2) above or why those clauses do not apply to it.

C7-15-2 As this is not an employment Contract the Supplier will be fully responsible for all their own tax including any national insurance contributions arising from carrying out the Services.

C7-15-3 A request under Clause (3) above may specify the information which Supplier shall provide and the period within which that information must be provided.

C7-15-4 In the case of a request mentioned in Clause (3) above, the provision of inadequate information or a failure to provide the information within the requested period, during any term or extension, may result in the Contracting Authority terminating the contract.

C7-15-5 Any obligation by Supplier to comply with Clause (1) and (2) shall survive any extension, completion or termination and Supplier obligations to Indemnify the Contracting Authority shall survive without limitation and until such time as any of these obligations are complied with.

C7-15-6 The Contracting Authority may supply any information, including which it receives under clause (3) to the commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for the purpose of the collection and management of revenue for which they are responsible.

C7-15-7 If the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority has to pay any such tax under clauses (1) and (2) then the Supplier will pay back to the Contracting Authority or UK SBS in full, any money that the Contracting Authority or UK SBS has to pay, and they will also pay back the Contracting Authority or UK SBS for any fine or other punishment imposed on the Contracting Authority or UK SBS because the tax or national insurance was not paid by the Supplier.

C7-16 Cyber Essentials Questionnaire

The supplier agrees that during any term or extension at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority, to complete the attached questionnaire as many times as is required within 14 days from notice, and shall send this information as directed by the Contracting Authority or UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority and UK SBS acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority is required to provide such assurances to comply with government legislation. Any financial burden associated with the completion and submission of this questionnaire shall be at the suppliers cost and will not be reimbursable.




Copy of Statement
of Assurance Questionnaire

Schedule 1 Special Conditions

There will be no special conditions on this Contract

Schedule 2 Pro Forma Purchase Order Form

The format of the Proforma Purchase Order will be as follows. Please note that the Purchase Order form will be submitted directly to your chosen email address on completion of this Contract. Each Purchase Order that you receive will contain the value of goods and services required. The Purchase Order number detailed at the top of the Order must be used for invoicing purposes.

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Clause	Note
A3-2-2	You may wish to shorten this period in some cases.
B1-1-3	If you are purchasing goods which you can reasonably expect to remain fault-free for a longer period, consider increasing this period]
B1-1-6	If you wish to include any specific obligations relating to the particular Goods, these should be included as Special Conditions.
B1-5	Clauses B1-3 to B1-5 are only likely to be of application where you are purchasing bespoke goods. However, there is no harm in leaving these provisions in place for standard, off-the-shelf product purchases (you are just unlikely to wish to exercise your rights under them). Therefore, you may wish to delete these clauses where purchasing standard goods which you would not wish to inspect or test.
B2-2-4	If you need to insist on specific timing for delivery (e.g. delivery at a certain time of day), this should be set out in the Order.
B5-3-2	If the Supplier will not accept the higher standard set out in the first option, insist on the second option
B5-3-9	If you wish to include any specific obligations relating to the particular Services, these should be included as Special Conditions.
B7-1-2	If the Supplier wishes to impose any specific obligations on the Customer relating to the particular Services and you have agreed to these, these should be included as Special Conditions.
B8-5	There may be circumstances where you wish to require a shorter payment period than 30 days. If this is the case and you shorten the period, you must also shorten the payment period in clause B8-7to the same period.
B8-7	You must shorten this payment period to correspond with the payment period in clause B8-5.

- B9-5 There may be circumstances where you wish to require a shorter payment period than 30 days. If this is the case and you shorten the period, you must also shorten the payment period in clause B9-9 to the same period.
- B9-9 You must shorten this payment period to correspond with the payment period in clause B9-5.
- B14-5 Ideally this clause B14-5 will not be included. However, if the Supplier insists upon a limitation of its liability, this clause should be amended, as appropriate, and included. Ideally the limitation of liability will be set as high as possible. You should consider the nature of the supply, and the corresponding risk, to decide on a cap. When negotiating with the Supplier on this point, take into account the level of insurance cover that the Supplier has. Consider in particular whether the cap should be set lower than the Supplier's professional indemnity cover.]
- C6-6-1-a In each case, please complete relevant contact details.
- C6-6-4 Include reference to clause C6-6-5 only where the Supplier is not based in England or Wales.
- C6-6-5 Only use and complete this clause C6-6-5 where the Supplier is not located in England or Wales. In any such case, require Supplier to nominate details.
- C6-12-2 Clause C6-12-2 is included to cover the possible scenario where the Supplier uses UK SBS's or the Customer's IPR outside the UK and we wish to take action in relation to such unauthorised use (as IP rights are territorial, and action to enforce them will in all likelihood need to be taken in the country in which infringement occurs) .
- This eventuality may be unlikely to occur under this arrangement, where the Supplier is only supplying low value / low risk services. However, where the Supplier is supplying bespoke goods / services, the risk will be higher (as the Customer is more likely to share its IPR with the Supplier). If the Supplier objects to this clause and you consider that the risk of needing to enforce IPR overseas is low, you may be happy to delete it. If you delete C6-12-2, you will also need to delete the introductory wording "subject to clause C6-12-2" at the start of C6-12-1.

- C6-13 The application of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 must be considered on a case by case basis, as the threshold for application and insertion of this condition, is based upon the total turnover of not less than an amount prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- The UKSBS sourcing portal addresses via a declaration to advise if the Act applies to certain organisations. See attached government web link for further information: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/contents> or transparency guide to section 54(9) of the act https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/471996/Transparency_in_Supply_Chains_etc__A_practical_guide__final_.pdf
- C6-14 This clause addresses sustainability considering changes in statute that impact upon employment rights such as the living wage
- C6-15 This clause provides clarity and remedies for UK SBS in regards to sole traders or freelance suppliers employed in regards to tax and national insurance obligations.

Buyer Guidance PPN 14/15

All Contracts that are for above £10M and exceeding 12 months shall have regard to Ministerial guidance covering Skills and Apprenticeships as part of the procurement exercise. Under no circumstances should this requirement be set as a mandatory Pass / Fail question.

PPN 14/15

The PPN does clearly state that any application must be consistent with the Governments priority to demonstrate value for money, so this would suggest that utilisation of any apprenticeship, sponsored student and or graduate should not have an associated financial burden as a result.

Any consideration of adoption of this guidance should pass a consideration of relevance to the procurement. If it is not relevant then a written record of the decision not to incorporate this shall be retained by UK SBS.

Buyer Guidance PPN 06/15

All major construction and infrastructure Contracts that are above £50M shall have regard to Ministerial guidance covering Skills and Apprenticeships as part of the procurement exercise. Under no circumstances should this requirement be set as a mandatory Pass / Fail question.