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Bidder Pack

Procurement Specific Requirements

**Framework Agreement for The Provision of
Management, Collection, Slaughter, Salvage and
Disposal of Farmed Livestock for TB Control Purposes
("Reactor Removal")**

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Section 1: The Invitation

This procurement is being carried out by Defra group Commercial in accordance with the Open Procedure as set out in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (“**PCR**”) on behalf of the Animal & Plant Health Agency (“**APHA**”).

The Bidder Pack comes in two parts. The first part, The Core Requirements, provides details of the General Requirements, Government Transparency Agenda and Government Priorities. This, **the second part, the Procurement Specific Requirements**, provides details of the Specification Requirements, Terms and Conditions of Contract, Evaluation Methodology, Procurement Timetable and Definitions.

The tendering process seeks to determine capable bidders that pass both the Qualification and Technical evaluations in order to award multiple suppliers a place on the Framework. The Authority will evaluate the Tenders using the tender evaluation criteria and weightings listed in Section 4, Evaluation Methodology.

The Opportunity

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (the “**Authority**”) has responsibility for improving and protecting the environment. We aim to grow a green economy and sustain thriving rural communities. We also support our world-leading food, farming and fishing industries.

APHA has a critical role in the control and eradication of endemic and infectious diseases, most notably bovine tuberculosis (“**TB**”). The scale of infection and the associated costs make TB one of the biggest challenges that the livestock farming industry faces, particularly in the west and southwest of Great Britain (“**GB**”). The costs of TB control measures for Government are also significant. The Government is committed to eradicate bovine TB to support the food and farming industry and reduce costs for farmers and taxpayers. TB testing and Reactor Removal plays a crucial role in identifying infected herds and controlling TB, thus helping to reduce further spread of the disease.

For further information on the Authority and APHA please visit [Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk) and / or [Animal and Plant Health Agency - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).

The following United Kingdom (UK) public sector bodies will be authorised to use the resulting framework agreement: the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (“**APHA**”); the Scottish Government; and the Welsh Government.

The specification sets out the requirements in full, but by way of summary, this requirement is for the provision of management, collection, slaughter, salvage and disposal of farmed livestock for TB control purposes (we often refer to these services as “**Reactor Removal**”). The requirement is separated into different sections, with each section referred to as a “**Lot**”. You can bid for one, two or all three Lots depending on what you want to supply to us. The three Lots are summarised in the table below.

Lot	Title	Summary of Lot
1	For England and Wales: The Collection, Slaughter, Salvage and Disposal of Farmed Livestock for TB Control Purposes.	In England & Wales we are seeking Contractors that can deliver all aspects of the requirement. This covers all stages of the process from collecting animals at the

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		farm to slaughtering and disposal of carcasses.
2	For Scotland Only: The Slaughter, Salvage and Disposal of Farmed Livestock for TB Control Purposes.	In Scotland we recognise that many Contractors cannot offer the service that is sought in England & Wales. For this reason, Lot 2 is for the provision of slaughter, salvage and disposal Services in Scotland only. Animals will be transported to the Slaughterhouse via Lot 3 below.
3	All Regions: – The Collection & Transport of Live Animal.	Services to transport animals from farm to a Slaughterhouse only. It is expected this lot will mainly be used for Services in Scotland, but we may however use this lot for Services in England in Wales should a demand arise for such Services.

Timetable

The timetable below is subject to change from time to time as notified by the Authority. All Tenderers will be informed via the Authority's eSourcing System.

Activity Ref	Activity Title	Date (Time)
1	Opportunity Notice published in Find a Tender System & Contracts Finder and Bidder Pack released. Links to these notices are in this footnote ¹	Wed 9 October 2024
2	Deadline for clarification questions	Fri 1 November
3	Deadline for Responses	14:00 hours on Fri 8 November
4	Evaluation of Tender including governance & approvals to award the Framework	Mon 11 November – Tue 10 December
5	Contract award notification	Wed 11 December
6	Mandatory standstill period	Thur 12 December – Mon 23 December
7	Contract award	Early in 2025
8	Contract start date	On or before: 1 February 2025
9	Service commencement date (date subject to change, we will seek to mobilise the new framework as soon as possible once awarded)	On or before: 1 February 2025

¹ Find a tender service: [Framework Agreement for The Provision of Management, Collection, Slaughter, Salvage and Disposal of Farmed Livestock for TB Control Purposes \("Reactor Removal"\) - Find a Tender \(find-tender.service.gov.uk\)](https://find-tender.service.gov.uk)

Contracts Finder: [Framework Agreement for The Provision of Management, Collection, Slaughter, Salvage and Disposal of Farmed Livestock for TB Control Purposes \("Reactor Removal"\) - Contracts Finder](https://contractsfinder.service.gov.uk)

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All timescales are set using a 24-hour clock and when referring to “days” it means calendar days unless otherwise specified (for example, working days).

Variant Tenders

The Authority shall not accept variant Tenders.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Authority has reserved a right to waive a requirement in this Bidder Pack and chooses to exercise such discretion, the Tender will not be considered a variant Tender.

Abnormally Low Tenders

If the Authority considers your Tender to appear abnormally low, an initial assessment will be undertaken using a comparative analysis of the pricing proposals received from all Tenderers and the Authority’s valuation of the procurement. If that assessment indicates that your Tender is abnormally low, the Authority will request a written explanation of your Tender, or of those parts of your Tender which the Authority considers contribute to your Tender being abnormally low. The Authority reserves the right to reject your Tender if the response does not satisfactorily account for the low level of price or costs proposed.

The assessment of abnormally low tenders will be undertaken strictly in accordance with Regulation 69 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, which outlines how abnormally low tenders must be assessed and the circumstances in which the contracting authority can reject the tender.

Pricing Anomalies

If in the opinion of the Authority your Tender contains any pricing anomalies (for example apparent discrepancies between the financial submission and other parts of your response) the Authority may seek clarification. If the clarification response indicates that the pricing anomaly was the result of a clear and obvious error, in the interest of fairness the resulting change will be taken into consideration. If the clarification response results in a change to the initial tendered Commercial Response and price, it will not be taken into account.

Section 2: The Specification of Requirements

Appendix 3 sets out the Specification of Requirements.

Division of the Contract into Lots

This procurement is sub-divided into three Lots as set out in the Specification of Requirements. Tenderers must make clear which Lot they are bidding for. Each Lot will be evaluated separately in accordance with the details set out in Section 4: Evaluation Methodology.

The Authority is seeking to appoint multiple suppliers and intends to appoint all Tenderers who meet the required technical standards (in accordance with Section 4: Evaluation Methodology) for each Lot onto the Framework. There is no maximum limit on the number of suppliers that can be awarded a place on the Framework, for either Lot.

There are no limits on the number of Lots in which any one Tenderer can be awarded and if a Tenderer is successful in more than one Lot, the Authority may enter into a single Framework Agreement for all Lots awarded to that Tenderer.

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Section 3: Terms and Conditions of Contract

The Terms and Conditions of the Framework Agreement and resulting Call-Off Contracts for this procurement are contained within the Atamis portal.

The Authority proposes to enter into a Framework Agreement for a maximum period of four years with the successful Tenderer(s). The initial framework term shall be four years with no potential for extension.

The anticipated commencement date is: On or before: 1 February 2025 (subject to change).

Suggested Changes to Conditions of the Framework Agreement or Call-off Contract

Tenderers may raise clarification questions relating to the amendment of the Framework Agreement or Call-Off Contract terms during the clarification period only, as specified in the Timetable, if it can be demonstrated that there is a legal or statutory reason why they cannot be accepted. Where a legal or statutory reason cannot be substantiated the Authority has the right to reject the proposed changes.

Such requests must follow the Clarifications Sought by the Tenderer process set out in the Core Requirements element of this Bidder Pack.

Section 4: Evaluation Methodology

The overall aim of the evaluation process is to appoint tenderers to the Framework Agreement on terms that are economically advantageous to the Authority, having regard to the Authority's overall objectives and the criteria set out below. Whilst the Authority is seeking to appoint as many contractors as possible to the Framework Agreement, the award of specific Call-Off Contracts is subject to the methodology set out in the specification of requirement in section 18, the text in section 18 of the specification is also replicated in Schedule 4 of the Framework Agreement.

Evaluation of Tenders will comprise of the stages set out in the tables below.

The Authority will carry out its evaluations of the Technical and Commercial elements according to the criteria, sub-criteria and weightings set out in the tables below.

For All Lots: Qualification Stage (Stage 1 and Stage 2)

	Section Reference	Evaluation Criteria	Question Scoring
Evaluation Stage 1	Selection Stage: Selection Questionnaire (SQ) responses submitted in response to the Contract Notice	Part 1: covers the basic information about the supplier (or organisation relied upon to meet the selection criteria in Part 3), such as the contact details, trade memberships, details of parent companies, group bidding and so on and is provided for information only.	Pass/Fail
		Part 2: covers a series of self-declarations by the supplier (or organisation relied upon to meet the selection criteria in Part 3) regarding whether or not any of the questionnaire exclusion grounds apply and will be assessed on that basis.	Pass/Fail
		Part 3: covers a series of self-declaration questions regarding whether or not the company meets the selection criteria in respect of their financial standing and technical capacity.	Pass/Fail
	Section Reference	Evaluation Criteria	Question Scoring
Evaluation Stage 2	Form of Tender	This stage is not scored but if you do not upload a complete, signed and dated Form of Tender in accordance with the instructions in the eSourcing System/accept the Form of Tender statement in the SQ your Tender will be rejected as non-compliant.	Pass/Fail

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Note that every organisation that forms part of your bidding group/consortium, as well as every organisation that is being relied on (including subcontractors being relied on) to meet the selection criteria must complete and submit responses to part 1 and the declarations in part 2.

Note: Suppliers that pass Evaluation Stage 1 and 2 will be taken through to Evaluation Stage 3.

Evaluation Stage Evaluation Stage 3	Section Reference	Evaluation Criteria	Question Scoring / Weighting (%)
	Evaluation Stage: Technical - Lot 1	E01: Details of Slaughterhouse Facility	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		E02: Guaranteed Minimum Capacity	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		E03: Evidence of FSA/FSS Approval	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		E04: Contingency Plan	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		SV01: Influencing Environmental Protection and Improvement	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		SV02: Supporting Health and Wellbeing in the Workforce	Pass / Fail (16.5%)
	Evaluation Stage: Technical – Lot 2	E05: Details of Slaughterhouse Facility	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		E06: Guaranteed Minimum Capacity	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		E07: Evidence of FSA/FSS Approval	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		E08: Contingency Plan	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		SV03: Influencing Environmental Protection and Improvement	Pass / Fail (16.7%)
		SV04: Supporting Health and Wellbeing in the Workforce	Pass / Fail (16.5%)
	Evaluation Stage: Technical – Lot 3	E09: Details of Transport Depo	Pass / Fail (25%)
		E10: Contingency Plan	Pass / Fail (25%)
		SV05: Influencing Environmental Protection and Improvement	Pass / Fail (25%)
		SV06: Supporting Health and Wellbeing in the Workforce	Pass / Fail (25%)

The Technical evaluation will account for 60% of the total score for each Lot. In each Lot, for each technical question that is passed, a score of 100 will be awarded, the score of 100 will then be multiplied by the weighting stated above to arrive at a technical score for that question. All responses will be scored in accordance with the detailed guidance within the Authority's eSourcing System.

To ensure that all Tenderers appointed to the Framework meet the minimum technical standards, under the technical criteria for Lot 1, Tenderers must achieve a pass score in questions E01 to E04 in order to progress to the Commercial Evaluation.

To ensure that all Tenderers appointed to the Framework meet the minimum technical standards under the technical criteria for Lot 2, Tenderers must achieve a pass score in questions E05 to E08 in order to progress to the Commercial Evaluation.

To ensure that all Tenderers appointed to the Framework meet the minimum technical standards, under the technical criteria for Lot 3, Tenderers must achieve a pass score in questions E09 to E10 in order to progress to the Commercial Evaluation.

Evaluation Stage 5	Section Reference	Evaluation Criteria	Question Scoring/Weighting (%)
	Evaluation Stage: Commercial - Pricing Schedule	Prices will be evaluated in accordance with criteria set out below.	A score of 100 will be awarded to the Tenderer which submits the lowest price. The remaining

		Tenderers are required to provide separate pricing information for each Lot they are applying for.	Tenderers will receive scores on a pro rata basis from the lowest to the highest price.
<p>The Commercial evaluation will account for 40% of the total score. All responses will be scored in accordance with the criteria set out below.</p> <p>Prices will be separately evaluated for each Lot.</p> <p>The price used for evaluation is the price calculated in the pricing workbooks final sheet entitled <i>price for evaluation</i>.</p> <p>A score of 100 will be awarded to the Tenderer which submits the lowest price for evaluation. The remaining Tenderers will receive scores on a pro rata basis from the lowest to the highest price. This will be used to calculate the weighted commercial score using the following mechanism (for this example we have used 40% as the Commercial Weighting):</p> <p>Score = Lowest Tender Price /Tender Price x 40%</p> <p>For example, if three Tenders are received and Tenderer A has £3,000 as their total price, Tenderer B has £5,000 and Tenderer C has £6,000 then the calculation will be as follows: Tenderer A Score = £3000/£3000 x 40% (Maximum available marks) = 40 Tenderer B Score = £3000/£5000 x 40% (Maximum available marks) = 24 Tenderer C Score = £3000/£6000 x 40% (Maximum available marks) = 20</p>			
Evaluation Stage 6	Section Reference	Calculation	
	Final score	<p>The final score is calculated by adding the total quality weighted score with the total commercial weighted score.</p> <p>All Tenderers that meet the requirements of stage 3 will be appointed to the Framework.</p>	

Evaluation Criteria: Qualification Stage (Selection Questionnaire) - Financial Standing

The Authority will review the economic information provided as part of the Selection Questionnaire response to evaluate a Tenderer's economic and financial standing. The Authority's evaluation will be based on all the information reviewed and will not be determined by a single indicator. If, based on its assessment of the information provided in a Response, the Authority decides that a Tenderer does not meet the Authority's required level of economic standing, the Authority may:

- ask for additional information, including information relating to the Tenderer's parent company, if applicable; and/or
- require a parent company guarantee, performance bond or other security.

If the Authority decides that a parent company guarantee, performance bond or other security is required, the Authority will reject a Response if the Tenderer is unable to offer a commitment to make such provision. In addition to the information provided in a Response, the Authority may, at its discretion, consult Dun & Bradstreet reports and other credit rating or equivalent reports depending on where a Tenderer is located.

The Authority's assessment of economic and financial standing will consider financial strength and risk of business failure. Financial strength is based on tangible net worth and is rated on

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a scale of 5A (strongest) to H (weakest) obtained from Dun & Bradstreet. There are also classifications for negative net worth and net worth undetermined (insufficient information). Financial strength will be assessed relative to the estimated annual contract value.

The Authority will also consider annual turnover. For this procurement, the Authority expects the contractor to have an annual turnover for each of its last two financial years of at least £100,000.

In the case of a joint venture or a consortium bid, the annual turnover is calculated by combining the turnover of the relevant organisations in each of the last two financial years. In addition, the annual turnover of at least one of those organisations is expected to be £100,000.

Risk of Business Failure is rated on a scale of 1 (minimal) to 4 (significant) obtained from Dun & Bradstreet. There is also a classification of insufficient information. The Authority regards a score of 4 as indicating inadequate economic and financial standing for this procurement. The Authority will also calculate and evaluate the Tenderer's:

- operating performance: growth or reductions in sales, gross profit, operating profit, profit before tax and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, exceptional items and profit/loss on sale of businesses;
- liquidity: net current assets, movements in cash flow from operations, working capital and quick ratios, and average collection and payments periods; and
- financial structure: gearing ratios and interest cover.

Evaluation of Responses

Evaluation of Responses will be undertaken by a panel appointed by the Authority. Each panel member will first undertake an independent evaluation of the Responses applying the relevant evaluation criteria for each question. Then, a moderation meeting will be held at which the evaluation panel will reach a consensus on the marking of each question.

During the consensus meeting, the decision may be taken that a Response will not be carried forward to the next evaluation stage if the consensus view is that the Tenderer has failed to meet any minimum or mandatory requirements, and/or provided a non-compliant response.

Scoring Criteria

The following scoring criteria is to be used when evaluating responses to Stage 4 Technical Questionnaire. A Tenderer's response will be assessed against the detailed criteria provided for each question and be assigned a Descriptor and score from the table below.

For Questions E01 to E10:

Descriptor	Definition
Pass	A response that meets the stated requirement thus giving the Authority confidence that the requirement will be met.
Fail	No response or provides a response that fails to meet the stated requirement thus giving the Authority limited or no confidence that the requirement will be met.

For questions SV01 to SV06:

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Descriptor	Definition
PASS	<p>Good: (Meets the Award Criteria)</p> <p>The response broadly meets what is expected for the criteria. There are no significant areas of concern, although there may be limited minor issues that need further exploration or attention later in the procurement process. The response therefore shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good understanding of the requirements as set out in the Sub-Criteria. - Sufficient competence demonstrated through relevant evidence. - Some insight demonstrated into the relevant issues. - The response addresses most of the social value policy outcome and also shows general market experience.
FAIL	Fail: the response completely fails to meet the required standard or does not provide a proposal.

Calculation Method

For both elements, providing the Tenderer has met any mandatory criteria and minimum quality thresholds, the total weighted scores are calculated as follows:

Technical Score (WT)

$$\frac{\text{Tenderer's Total Technical Score}}{\text{Highest Technical Score}} \times 100 = X \quad \text{then:} \quad \frac{X}{100} \times 60 = WT$$

Commerical Score (WC)

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Commercial Score}}{\text{Tenderers Total Commercial Score}} \times 100 = X \quad \text{then:} \quad \frac{X}{100} \times 40 = WC$$

The Total Score (weighted) is then calculated by adding the Total Weighted Technical Score to the Total Weighted Commercial Score: **WT + WC**.

Section 5: Appendices

1. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions used within the Bidder Pack (except for Section 3: Terms and Conditions of Contract) shall have the following meanings to be interpreted in the singular or plural as the context requires. Unless otherwise stated, references to sections in the below table refer to sections of the Specification of Requirements.

TERM	MEANING
“APHA”	means the Animal and Plant Health Agency, an Executive Agency of Defra. APHA will undertake day-to-day contract management of the Framework Agreement and Contracts resulting from this Framework Agreement on behalf of Defra.
“Atamis”	means the e-Tendering system used by the Defra for conducting this procurement, which can be found at Welcome (site.com)
“Authority’s Authorised Representative”	means an authorised representative nominated by Defra.
“Authority”	means collectively the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs acting as part of the Crown, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, and the Animal and Plant Health Agency.
“BCG”	means Bacillus Calmette-Guérin
“Best Overall Return”	means the calculation used to award a Call Off Contract as per the methodology set out in section 18.13.
“Bovine”	means farmed livestock of the genus Bos species taurus (domestic cattle), Bubalus bubalis and Bison.
“Call-Off Contract”	means the contract (contained within Schedule 5 of the Framework Agreement) that is to be entered into by the Authority and the Contractor when an Authority and Contractor agree an Order Form.
“CM”	means Contract Manager
“Contingency Plan”	means the Contingency Plan as set out in section x or the Contractors own Contingency Plan suitable for the delivery of Services.
“Contractor”	means the successful Tenderer(s) who will be a party to the Framework Agreement responsible for supplying the Services.
“CPH”	means County Parish Holding
“Defra”	means the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
“DC”	means Direct Contact. An animal which it is considered has been exposed to Bovine Tuberculosis and it is proposed should be slaughtered.
“DgC”	means Defra Group Commercial
“Disposal Rate”	means the price for incineration or rendering of animals or parts of animals condemned as unfit for human consumption for whatever reason, including all associated transport and administrative costs relating to the disposal of carcasses and/or parts of carcasses.
“DSLO”	means Deputy “SLO”

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“DSM”	means Deputy Service Manager
“EIR”	means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (as amended) together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or any Government Department in relation to those Regulations.
“Emergency Situation”	means, as defined in Annex 1 of the Specification of Requirements, situations whereby an issue outside of the Contractor’s control can affect the proper delivery of services, including the collection, transportation, slaughter and disposal of animals.
“Exceptional Circumstances”	means an event deemed solely by the Authority as not falling within the definition of Force Majeure but prevents normal operation of the business. For example, wide-spread staff illness, utility failures and others at the sole discretion of the Authority.
“FOIA”	means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (as amended) and any subordinate legislation made under that Act together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or any Government Department in relation to that legislation.
“Food Chain Information (“FCI”)	means Information that must be provided to the Slaughter House by the keeper before an animal leaves the farm.
“Framework” AND “Framework Agreement”	means the agreement to be entered into by Defra and the Tenderers who are awarded a place on the Framework.
“FSA/FSS OV” AND “OV”	means an authorised Official Veterinarian either directly employed or contracted by the Food Standards Agency (“ FSA ”) or Food Standards Scotland (“ FSS ”).
“GB”	means Great Britain
“Guaranteed Available Capacity”	means the minimum capacity a Contractor is willing to guarantee to the Authority on each Working Day, provided that APHA has supplied at least two (2) Working Days’ notice of the award of an Order.
“Haulage Rate”	means the all-inclusive rate chargeable by the Contractor for the cost of transporting animals from the Notified Premises to the Slaughterhouse, including but not limited to the costs of the driver, driver’s mate, all fuels, tolls, ferries and vehicle servicing costs as appropriate.
“Information”	means the information contained in the ITT or sent with it, and any information which has been made available to the Tenderer by the Defra, its employees, agents or advisers in connection with this procurement.
“IR”	means Inconclusive Reactor. An animal which when subjected to the Tuberculin test gives rise to an inconclusive skin reaction.
“ITT”	means this invitation to tender document and all related documents published by Defra and made available to Tenderers.
“Keeper”	means any person who owns or is responsible for farmed livestock animals whether on a permanent or temporary basis, but it does not include a person responsible for an animal solely because they are transporting it.
“KPI(s)”	means Key Performance Indicators

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“Local Authority”	means an organisation that is officially responsible for all the public services and facilities in a particular area.
“Lowest Overall Price”	means the calculation that is applied to award an Order under Lot 3 of this Framework Agreement. The formula is set out in section 18.15.
“Measure”	means The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, as amended
“Non-Bovine”	means any other animal not of the genus Bos Taurus (domestic cattle), Bubalus bubalis and Bison.
“Notified Premises”	means the premises where the specified animals are located.
“Order From”	means the TB161 form (contained within Schedule 6 of the Framework Agreement) that is sent by APHA to a Contractor to confirm the details of the Services required. The Order Form, when completed by the Parties, creates a Call-Off Contract.
“Order(s)”	means the award of an individual, or multiple as the context requires, Order. Each individual Order will have its own Order Form and as such, each Order represents an individual Call-Off Contract.
“Pricing Schedule”	means Schedule 3 of the Framework Agreement which sets out the Fees that maybe charged by the Contractor.
“Priority Reactors”	means any Reactors that require special consideration, as defined in section 7.3 of the Specification of Requirements, which consequently require transport to and slaughter at the nearest available Slaughterhouse.
“Reactor”	means an animal that produces a positive reaction to a relevant test which is consistent with it being infected with M bovis or is suspected of having bovine TB.
“Response”	means the information submitted in response to the ITT via the e-tendering portal Atamis including the Tenderer’s formal Tender.
“Salvage Income” AND “Salvage Value”	means the income, as described in sections 16 and 18, that is received from the sales of carcasses slaughtered under this Framework Agreement.
“Section” AND “Annex” AND “Appendix”	means references to a section and to an appendix to this Specification.
“Selection Methodology”	means the process by which an Order will be awarded as set out in section 18.
“Services”	means Services to be provided as defined by this Specification of Requirements.
“Slaughter Rate”	means the price for all costs associated with the slaughter of animals at the Contractor’s Slaughterhouse, including all costs associated therewith, provision of all facilities, disposal of waste etc.
“Slaughterhouse Radius”	means the radius that is drawn around the Contractor’s Slaughterhouse as per the methodology set out in section 18.8 – 18.9
“Slaughterhouse”	means an FSA or FSS approved Slaughterhouse for the Slaughter of TB Reactors.
“SLO”	means Slaughterhouse Liaison Officer
“SM”	means Service Manager
“Specification of Requirements”	means this Schedule 1 which sets out the Authority’s requirements.
“SRO”	means Senior Responsible Officer

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“Statute” “Statutory”	or means a reference to such statute or statutory 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.
“Sub-Contractors”	means a contract between 2 or more suppliers, at any stage of remoteness from Defra in a sub-contracting chain, made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of the Contract.
“TB”	means Bovine Tuberculosis caused by M bovis.
“Tender”	means the formal offer to provide the Services by a Tenderer in response to this ITT.
“Tenderer”	means anyone responding to the ITT and, where the context requires, includes a potential tenderer.
“Timetable”	means the procurement timetable set out in Part 2 of Section 1 of the ITT.
“Transport Depo”	means the location from which a Contractor can dispatch vehicles from to collect animals from farms. Applicable to Lot 3 only.
“Working Day”	means any day other than a weekend or Bank Holiday in England, Scotland or Wales.
“Working Week”	means Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays.
Contractor Fee(s) AND “Fee”	means the price charged by a Contractor for the delivery of Services. Depending on the context, this will refer to a Haulage Rate or Slaughter Rate or any sum paid by the Authority to the Contractor.

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2. Form of Tender

The Form of Tender document is located on the Authority's eSourcing system.

It is to be printed, signed, scanned and uploaded into the Authority's eSourcing System as instructed within the eSourcing system.

3. Specification

The specification is located on the Authority's eSourcing system and made up of the following documents:

- Specification of Requirements
 - Specification of Requirements, Appendix A: The Performance Management Framework (Including Key Performance Indicators)
 - Specification of Requirements, Appendix B: Governance and Contract Management
 - Specification of Requirements, Appendix C: Benchmarking

4. Conditions of Framework Agreement & Call-Off Contract

The conditions of the Framework Agreement & Call-Off Contract are located on the Authority's eSourcing system.

5. Market Engagement Pack (including Market Questions & Answers)

For information, located on the Authority's eSourcing System.

6. Technical Evaluation Criteria

For information. Located on the Authority's eSourcing system.

7. Pricing Matrix

The Pricing Matrix document is located on the Authority's eSourcing system.

It is to be downloaded, populated and uploaded into the Authority's eSourcing System as instructed within the eSourcing system.