

3.7 Where a format for electronic receipt of orders by the Service Provider is set out in Schedule 1, the Service Provider shall, unless the Authority requires otherwise, receive orders in such format and shall maintain its systems to ensure that it is able to do so throughout the Term.

#### **4. Charges**

4.1 The Service Provider shall invoice the Authority in accordance with the procedures set out in Clause 5 and in consideration of, and subject to the due and proper performance of the Services by the Service Provider in accordance with the Contract, the Authority shall pay the Service Provider the Charges in accordance with those procedures and with the other terms and conditions of the Contract.

4.2 The Service Provider is not entitled to reimbursement for expenses unless such expenses are specified in Schedule 4 or have been incurred with the prior written consent of the Authority, in which case the Service Provider shall supply appropriate evidence of expenditure in a form acceptable to the Authority.

4.3 All Charges exclude any VAT which may be chargeable, which will be payable in addition to the sum in question at the rate and in the manner for the time being prescribed by law on delivery of a valid VAT invoice.

#### **5. Payment Procedures and Approvals**

5.1 The Service Provider shall invoice the Authority in respect of the Charges:

5.1.1 where no Milestones are specified in Schedule 4, at such dates or at the end of such periods as may be specified in Schedule 1; or

5.1.2 if specified in Schedule 4, on completion of each Milestone provided that any preceding Milestones have been completed in accordance with the Contract,

and shall not make any separate charge for submitting any invoice.

5.2 The Service Provider shall submit invoices to the postal address set out in Schedule 1 or, where an electronic format for submission of invoices is set out in Schedule 1, such electronic format shall, unless the Authority requires otherwise, be used. Each such invoice shall contain all information required by the Authority including the Contract Reference Number, SAP order number, Service Provider's name, address and bank account details to which payment should be made, a separate calculation of VAT and a brief description of the Services provided. Invoices shall be clear, concise, accurate, and adequately descriptive to avoid delays in processing subsequent payment.

- 5.3 In the event of a variation to the Services in accordance with the Contract that involves the payment of additional charges to the Service Provider, the Service Provider shall identify these separately on the relevant invoices.
- 5.4 The Authority shall consider and verify each invoice, which is submitted by the Service Provider in accordance with this Clause 5, in a timely manner. If the Authority considers that the Charges claimed by the Service Provider in any invoice have:
- 5.4.1 been correctly calculated and that such invoice is otherwise correct, the invoice shall be approved and payment shall be made by bank transfer (Bank Automated Clearance System (BACS)) or such other method as the Authority may choose from time to time within 30 days of receipt of such invoice or such other time period as may be specified in Schedule 1;
  - 5.4.2 not been calculated correctly or if the invoice contains any other error or inadequacy, the Authority shall notify the Service Provider and the Parties shall work together to resolve the error or inadequacy. Upon resolution, the Service Provider shall submit a revised invoice to the Authority.

The Authority shall not be entitled to treat any properly submitted invoice as disputed or incorrect solely due to its own undue delay in considering and verifying it.

- 5.5 No payment made by the Authority (including any final payment) or act or omission or approval by the Authority or Contract Manager or Procurement Manager (whether related to payment or otherwise) shall:
- 5.5.1 indicate or be taken to indicate the Authority's acceptance or approval of the Services or any part of them or any act or omission of the Service Provider, or otherwise prejudice any rights, powers or remedies which the Authority may have against the Service Provider, or absolve the Service Provider from any obligation or liability imposed on the Service Provider under or by virtue of the Contract; or
  - 5.5.2 prevent the Authority from recovering any amount overpaid or wrongfully paid including payments made to the Service Provider by mistake of law or fact. Without prejudice to Clause 17, the Authority shall be entitled to withhold such amount from any sums due or which may become due to the Service Provider or the Authority may recover such amount as a debt.
- 5.6 Except where otherwise provided in the Contract, the Charges shall be inclusive of all costs of staff, facilities, equipment, materials and other expenses whatsoever incurred by the Service Provider in discharging its obligations under the Contract.

- 5.7 Interest shall accrue at the rate of two percent (2%) above the base rate of the Bank of England from time to time on all sums due and payable under this Contract from the due date until the date of actual payment (both before and after judgement). All such interest shall be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed, over a three hundred and sixty five (365) day year and compounded at monthly intervals. The parties agree that this provision constitutes a substantial remedy for late payment of any sum payable under the Contract in accordance with s8(2) of the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

## **6. Warranties and Obligations**

- 6.1 Without prejudice to any other warranties expressed elsewhere in the Contract or implied by law, the Service Provider warrants, represents and undertakes to the Authority that:

6.1.1 the Service Provider:

6.1.1.1 has full capacity and authority and all necessary licences, permits, permissions, powers and consents (including, where its procedures so require, the consent of its Holding Company) to enter into and to perform the Contract; and

6.1.1.2 is aware of the purposes for which the Services are required and acknowledges that the Authority is reliant upon the Service Provider's expertise and knowledge in the provision of the Services; and

6.1.1.3 is entering into this Contract as principal and not as agent for any person and that it will act as an independent contractor in carrying out its obligations under this Contract;

6.1.2 the Contract is executed by a duly authorised representative of the Service Provider;

6.1.3 all materials, equipment and goods used or supplied by the Service Provider in connection with the Contract shall be of satisfactory quality within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 (as amended), sound in design and in conformance in all respects with the Specification; and

6.1.4 all documents, drawings, computer software and any other work prepared or developed by the Service Provider or supplied to the Authority under the Contract shall not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights or any other legal or equitable right of any person.



6.2 Each warranty and obligation in this Clause 6 shall be construed as a separate warranty or obligation (as the case may be) and shall not be limited or restricted by reference to, or reference from, the terms of any other such warranty or obligation or any other term of the Contract.

## **7. Operational Management**

7.1 The Authority authorises the Contract Manager to act as the Authority's representative for the Contract.

7.2 The Service Provider shall deal with the Contract Manager (or his or her nominated representative) in respect of all matters arising under the Contract, except as set out below or unless otherwise notified by the Authority:

7.2.1 variations to the Contract;

7.2.2 any matter concerning the terms of the Contract; and

7.2.3 any financial matter (including any issues in Schedule 4),

which shall be referred to the Procurement Manager.

7.3 The Service Provider shall, at the Authority's request, provide promptly to the Authority at no additional cost such reports on the provision of the Services as the Authority may reasonably request.

## **8. Service Provider's Personnel**

8.1 The Parties confirm that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 as amended do not apply on the Contract Commencement Date or the expiry or termination of this Contract.

8.2 Nothing in this Contract will render the Service Provider's Personnel, an employee, agent or partner of the Authority or Authority Group by virtue of the provision of the Services by the Service Provider under the Contract, and the Service Provider shall be responsible for making appropriate deductions for tax and national insurance contributions from the remuneration paid to the Service Provider's Personnel.

8.3 The Service Provider shall provide the Service Provider's Personnel as necessary for the proper and timely performance and management of the Services in accordance with the Contract. All personnel deployed on work relating to the Contract shall have the appropriate qualifications and competence, be properly managed and supervised and in these and any other respects be acceptable to the Authority.

8.4 Without prejudice to any of the Authority's other rights, powers or remedies, the Authority may (without liability to the Service Provider) deny access to any Service Provider's Personnel to any Authority Premises and/or require that any Service Provider's Personnel be

immediately removed from performing the Services if such Service Provider's Personnel in the Authority's view have not been properly trained in any way required by this Contract, are otherwise incompetent, negligent, guilty of misconduct or could be a danger to any person. The Authority shall notify the Service Provider of such denial and/or requirement in writing and the Service Provider shall comply with such notice and provide a suitable replacement (with the Contract Manager's prior consent in the case of Key Personnel).

- 8.5 The Service Provider shall give the Authority, if so requested, full particulars of all persons who are or may be at any time employed on the Contract and shall take all reasonable steps to avoid changes to any of its staff designated in the Contract as Key Personnel. The Service Provider shall give the Authority reasonable notice of any proposals to change Key Personnel and Clause 8.3 shall apply to the proposed replacement personnel.
- 8.6 Notwithstanding Clause 8.1, the Service Provider shall indemnify, keep indemnified and hold harmless the Authority from and against all Losses which the Authority or other member of the Authority Group incur or suffer in relation to the Service Provider's Personnel or any person who may allege to be the same (whenever such Losses may arise) or any failure by the Service Provider to comply with Clause 8.4.
- 8.7 The Service Provider shall pay to the Service Provider's Personnel not less than the amounts declared to the Authority (if any) as part of the tender process for the Contract and not less than the amounts to which the Service Provider's Personnel are contractually entitled.
- 8.8 The Service Provider shall provide training to the Authority's personnel (including its employees, officers, suppliers, sub-contractors and agents) as specified in Schedule 1.

## **9. Sub-Contracting and Change of Ownership**

- 9.1 The Service Provider shall not assign or sub-contract all or any part of the Services without the prior written consent of the Authority, which may be refused or granted subject to such conditions as the Authority sees fit.
- 9.2 Where the Service Provider sub-contracts all or any part of the Services to any person, the Service Provider shall:
- 9.2.1 ensure that such person is obliged to comply with all of the obligations and duties of the Service Provider under the Contract insofar as they relate to the Services or part of them (as the case may be) which that sub-contractor is required to provide;
- 9.2.2 be responsible for payments to that person;

- 9.2.3 remain solely responsible and liable to the Authority for any breach of the Contract or any performance, non-performance, part-performance or delay in performance of any of the Services by any sub-contractor to the same extent as if such breach, performance, non-performance, part-performance or delay in performance had been carried out by the Service Provider;
- 9.2.4 on or before the Contract Commencement Date or the Service Commencement Date (whichever is the earlier), notify the Authority in writing of the name, contact details and details of the legal representatives of any such sub-contractor (of any tier), to the extent that such information has not already been provided by the Service Provider to the Authority under the Contract;
- 9.2.5 promptly notify the Authority in writing of any change to the information notified under Clause 9.2.4 and provide in writing the name, contact details and details of the legal representatives of each such sub-contractor (of any tier) who is engaged after the Contract Commencement Date or the Service Commencement Date (whichever is the earlier);
- 9.2.6 without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 12, ensure compliance with the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State under it when appointing any such sub-contractor;
- 9.2.7 include a term in each sub-contract (of any tier):
- 9.2.7.1 requiring payment to be made by the Service Provider or (in respect of a sub-contract below the first tier) the payer under the relevant sub-contract, to the sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding 30 days from receipt of a valid and undisputed invoice as defined by the sub-contract requirements;
  - 9.2.7.2 a requirement that any invoices for payment submitted by the sub-contractor are considered and verified by the Service Provider, or (in respect of a sub-contract below the first tier) the payer under the relevant sub-contract, in a timely manner and that any undue delay in doing so shall not in itself be sufficient justification for failing to treat an invoice as being valid and undisputed under the sub-contract requirements;
  - 9.2.7.3 entitling the Service Provider or (in respect of a sub-contract below the first tier) the payer under the relevant subcontract to terminate that sub-contract if

