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- to a proposed transferee, assignee or novatee of, or successor in title to, the Buyer.

11.4 References to disclosure on a confidential basis will mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing the same terms as those placed on the Buyer under this clause.

11.5 The Supplier may only disclose the Buyer's Confidential Information to Supplier Staff who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information to provide the Services. The Supplier will ensure that its Supplier Staff will comply with these obligations.

11.6 Either Party may use techniques, ideas or knowledge gained during this Call-Off Contract unless the use of these things results in them disclosing the other Party's Confidential Information where such disclosure is not permitted by the Framework Agreement, or is an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

11.7 Information about orders placed by a Buyer (including pricing information and the terms of any Call-Off Contract) may be published by CCS and may be shared with other Buyers. Where Confidential Information is shared with other Buyers, CCS will notify the recipient of the information that its contents are confidential.

## **12. Conflict of Interest**

12.1 The Supplier will take all appropriate steps to ensure that Supplier Staff are not in a position where there is or may be an actual conflict between the financial or personal interests of the Supplier Staff and another Supplier where both are providing the Services to the Buyer under any Call-Off Contract in accordance with the Framework Agreement.

12.2 Any breach of this clause will be deemed to be a Material Breach.

12.3 A conflict of interest may arise in situations including where a member of the Supplier Staff:

- is related to someone in another Supplier team who both form part of the same team performing the Services under the Framework Agreement;
  - has a business interest in another Supplier who is part of the same team performing the Services under the Framework Agreement;
  - is providing, or has provided, Services to the Buyer for the discovery phase;
- or

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- has been provided with, or had access to, information which would give the Supplier or an affiliated company an unfair advantage in a Further Competition procedure.

12.4 Where the Supplier identifies a risk of a conflict or potential conflict, they will (before starting work under this Call-Off Contract, unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer ) inform the Buyer of such conflicts of interest and how they plan to mitigate the risk. Details of such mitigation arrangements are to be sent to the Buyer as soon as possible. On receiving this notification, the Buyer will, at its sole discretion, notify the Supplier if the mitigation arrangements are acceptable or whether the risk or conflict remains a Material Breach.

### **13. Intellectual Property Rights**

13.1 Unless otherwise specified in this Call-Off Contract:

- the Buyer will not have any right to the Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) of the Supplier or its licensors, including the Supplier Background IPRs and any IPRs in the Supplier Software.
- the Crown may publish any Deliverable that is software as open source.
- the Supplier will not, without prior written approval from the Buyer, include any Supplier Background IPR or third party IPR in any Deliverable in such a way to prevent its publication;
  - and failure to seek prior approval gives the Buyer right and freedom to use all Deliverables.
- the Supplier will not have any right to the Intellectual Property Rights of the Buyer or its licensors, including:
  - the Buyer Background IPRs;
  - the Project-Specific IPRs;
  - IPRs in the Buyer Data.

13.2 Where either Party acquires, by operation of Law, right to IPRs that is inconsistent with the allocation of rights set out above, it will assign in writing such IPRs as it has acquired to the other Party on the request of the other Party (whenever the request is made).

13.3 Except where necessary for the performance of this Call-Off Contract (and only where the Buyer has given its prior approval), the Supplier will not use or disclose any of the Buyer Background IPRs, Buyer Data or the Project-Specific IPRs to or for the benefit of any third party.

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13.4 The Supplier will not include any Supplier Background IPRs or third-party IPRs in any release or Deliverable that is to be assigned to the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract, without approval from the Buyer.

13.5 The Supplier will grant the Buyer (and any replacement Supplier) a perpetual, transferable, sub-licensable, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to copy, modify, disclose and use the Supplier Background IPRs for any purpose connected with the receipt of the Services that is additional to the rights granted to the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract and to enable the Buyer:

- to receive the Services;
- to make use of the Services provided by the replacement Supplier; and
- to use any Deliverables.

13.6 The Buyer grants the Supplier a non-exclusive, non-assignable, royalty-free licence to use the Buyer Background IPRs, the Buyer Data and the Project-Specific IPRs during the term of this Call-Off Contract for the sole purpose of enabling the Supplier to provide the Services.

13.7 The Buyer gives no warranty as to the suitability of any IPRs licensed to the Supplier hereunder. Any such licence:

- may include the right to grant sub-licences to Subcontractors engaged in providing any of the Services (or part thereof) provided that any such Subcontractor has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier on the same terms as in clause 11 (Confidentiality) and that any such subcontracts will be non-transferable and personal to the relevant Subcontractor; and
- is granted solely to the extent necessary for the provision of the Services in accordance with this Call-Off Contract. The Supplier will ensure that the Subcontractors do not use the licensed materials for any other purpose.

13.8 At the end of the term of this Call-Off Contract, the Buyer grants to the Supplier a licence to use the Project-Specific IPRs (excluding any information which is the Buyer's Confidential Information or which is subject to the Data Protection Act (DPA)) on the terms of the Open Government Licence v3.0.

13.9 Subject to the above paragraph, the Supplier will ensure that no unlicensed software or open source software (other than the open source software specified by the Buyer) is interfaced with or embedded within any Buyer Software or Deliverable.

13.10 Before using any third-party IPRs related to the supply of the Services, the Supplier will submit to the Buyer for approval, all details of any third-party IPRs the Buyer requests.

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13.11 Where the Supplier is granted permission to use third-party IPRs in a request for approval, the Supplier will ensure that the owner of such third-party IPRs grants to the Buyer a licence on the terms informed to the Buyer in the request for approval.

13.12 If the third-party IPR is made available on terms equivalent to the Open Government Licence v3.0, the request for approval will be agreed and the Supplier will buy licences under these terms. If not, and the Buyer rejects the Request for Approval, then this Call-Off Contract will need to be varied in accordance with clause 29 'Changes to Services'.

13.13 The Supplier will, on written demand, fully indemnify the Buyer and the Crown for all losses which it may incur at any time as a result of any claim (whether actual alleged asserted and/or substantiated and including third party claims) that the rights granted to the Buyer in accordance with this Call-Off Contract or the performance by the Supplier of the provision of the Services or the possession or use by the Buyer of the Services or Deliverables delivered by the Supplier, including the publication of any Deliverable that is software as open source, infringes or allegedly infringes a third party's Intellectual Property Rights (an 'IPR Claim').

13.14 Clause 13.13 will not apply if the IPR Claim arises from:

- designs supplied by the Buyer;
- the use of data supplied by the Buyer which is not required to be verified by the Supplier under any provision of this Call-Off Contract; or
- other material provided by the Buyer necessary for the provision of the Services.

13.15 The indemnity given in Clause 13.13 will be uncapped.

13.16 The Buyer will notify the Supplier in writing of the IPR Claim made against the Buyer and the Buyer will not make any admissions which may be prejudicial to the defence or settlement of the IPR Claim. The Supplier will at its own expense conduct all negotiations and any litigation arising in connection with the IPR Claim provided always that the Supplier:

- consults the Buyer on all substantive issues which arise during the conduct of such litigation and negotiations;
- takes due and proper account of the interests of the Buyer;
- considers and defends the IPR Claim diligently using competent counsel and in such a way as not to bring the reputation of the Buyer into disrepute; and
- does not settle or compromise the IPR Claim without the prior approval of the Buyer (such decision not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

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13.17 If an IPR Claim is made (or in the reasonable opinion of the Supplier is likely to be made) in connection with this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier will, at the Supplier's own expense and subject to prompt approval of the Buyer, use its best endeavours to:

- modify the relevant part of the Services or Deliverables without reducing their functionality or performance, or substitute Services or Deliverables of equivalent functionality or performance, to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, provided that there is no additional cost or burden to the Buyer;
- buy a licence to use and supply the Services or Deliverables, which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms which are acceptable to the Buyer; and
- promptly perform any responsibilities and obligations to do with this Call-Off Contract.

13.18 If an IPR Claim is made (or in the reasonable opinion of the Supplier is likely to be made) against the Supplier, the Supplier will immediately notify the Buyer in writing.

13.19 If the Supplier does not comply with provisions of this clause within 20 Working Days of receipt of notification by the Supplier from the Buyer under clause 13.16 or receipt of the notification by the Buyer from the Supplier under clause 13.18 (as appropriate), the Buyer may terminate this Call-Off Contract for Material Breach (Call-Off Contract) and the Supplier will, on demand, refund the Buyer with all monies paid for the Service or Deliverable that is subject to the IPR Claim.

13.20 The Supplier will have no rights to use any of the Buyer's names, logos or trademarks without the Buyer's prior written approval.

13.21 The Supplier will, as an enduring obligation throughout the term of this Call-Off Contract where any software is used in the provision of the Services or information uploaded, interfaced or exchanged with the CCS or Buyer systems, use software and the most up-to-date antivirus definitions from an industry-accepted antivirus software vendor. It will use the software to check for, contain the spread of, and minimise the impact of Malicious Software (or as otherwise agreed between CCS or the Buyer, and the Supplier).

13.22 If Malicious Software is found, the Supplier will co-operate with the Buyer to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software. If Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Buyer Data, the Supplier will use all reasonable endeavours to help the Buyer to mitigate any losses and restore the provision of the Services to the desired operating efficiency as soon as possible.

13.23 Any costs arising from the actions of the Buyer or Supplier taken in compliance with the provisions of the above clause, will be dealt with by the Buyer and the Supplier as follows:

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- by the Supplier, where the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier Software or the Buyer Data while the Buyer Data was under the control of the Supplier, unless the Supplier can demonstrate that such Malicious Software was present and not quarantined or otherwise identified by the Buyer when provided to the Supplier.
  - by the Buyer if the Malicious Software originates from the Buyer Software or the Buyer Data, while the Buyer Data was under the control of the Buyer.

13.24 All Deliverables that are software shall be created in a format, or able to be converted into a format, which is suitable for publication by the Buyer as open source software, unless otherwise agreed by the Buyer.

13.25 Where Deliverables that are software are written in a format that requires conversion before publication as open source software, the Supplier shall also provide the converted format to the Authority unless the Authority agrees in advance in writing that the converted format is not required.

#### **14. Data Protection and Disclosure**

14.1 The Supplier shall comply with any notification requirements under the DPA and both Parties will duly observe all their obligations under the DPA which arise in connection with this Framework Agreement or under any Call-Off Contract.

14.2 Where the Supplier is processing Buyer Data or Other Contracting Bodies' Personal Data, the Supplier shall ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the Authority and Other Contracting Bodies' Personal Data (and to guard against unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction of or damage to the Buyer Data and the Other Contracting Bodies' Personal Data.

14.3 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body with such information as the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body may reasonably request to satisfy itself that the Supplier is complying with its obligations under the DPA including;

- to promptly notify the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body of any breach of the security measures to be put in place pursuant to this Clause; and
- to ensure that it does not knowingly or negligently do or omit to do anything which places the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body in breach of its obligations under the DPA and
- not to cause or permit to be processed, stored, accessed or otherwise transferred outside the European Economic Area any Buyer Data or Other

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Contracting Body Personal Data supplied to it by the Buyer or Other Contracting Body without approval.

## **15. Buyer Data**

15.1 The Supplier will not remove any proprietary notices relating to the Buyer Data.

15.2 The Supplier will not store or use Buyer Data except where necessary to fulfill its obligations.

15.3 If Buyer Data is processed by the Supplier, the Supplier will supply the data to the Buyer as requested and in the format specified by the Buyer.

15.4 The Supplier will preserve the integrity of Buyer Data processed by the Supplier and prevent its corruption and loss.

15.5 The Supplier will ensure that any system which holds any Buyer Data complies with the security requirements prescribed by the Buyer.

15.6 The Supplier will ensure that any system on which the Supplier holds any protectively marked Buyer Data will be accredited as specific to the Buyer and will comply with:

- the government security policy framework and information assurance policy;
- guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure on Risk Management and Accreditation of Information Systems; and
- the relevant government information assurance standard(s).

15.7 Where the duration of this Call-Off Contract exceeds one year, the Supplier will review the accreditation status at least once a year to assess whether material changes have occurred which could alter the original accreditation decision in relation to Buyer Data. If any changes have occurred then the Supplier will re-submit such system for accreditation.

15.8 If at any time the Supplier suspects that the Buyer Data has or may become corrupted, lost, breached or significantly degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier will notify the Buyer immediately and will at its own cost comply with any remedial action proposed by the Buyer.

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15.9 The Supplier will provide at the request of CCS or the Buyer, any information relating to the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Act. The Supplier will also ensure that it does not knowingly or negligently fail to do something that places CCS or any Buyer in breach of its obligations of the Data Protection Act. This is an absolute obligation and is not qualified by any other provision of this Call-Off Contract.

15.10 The Supplier agrees to use the appropriate organisational, operational and technological processes and procedures to keep the Buyer Data safe from unauthorised use or access, loss, destruction, theft or disclosure.

## **16. Document and source code management repository**

16.1 The Supplier will comply with any reasonable instructions given by the Buyer as to where it will store documents and source code, both finished and in progress, during the term of this Call-Off Contract.

16.2 The Supplier will ensure that all items that are uploaded to any repository contain sufficient detail, code annotations and instructions so that a third-party developer with the relevant technical abilities within the applicable role would be able to understand how the item was created and how it works together with the other items in the repository within a reasonable timeframe.

## **17. Records and audit access**

17.1 The Supplier will allow CCS (and CCS's external auditor) to access its information and conduct audits of the Services provided under this Call-Off Contract and the provision of Management Information.

## **18. Freedom of Information (FOI) requests**

18.1 The Supplier will transfer any Request for Information to the Buyer within 2 Working Days of receipt.

18.2 The Supplier will provide all necessary help reasonably requested by the Buyer to enable the Buyer to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act or Regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.

18.3 To the extent it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so, CCS will make reasonable efforts to notify the Supplier when it receives a relevant FOIA or EIR request so that the Supplier may make appropriate representations.

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## **19. Standards and quality**

19.1 The Supplier will comply with any standards in this Call-Off Contract and Section 4 (How Services will be delivered) of the Framework Agreement, and with Good Industry Practice.

## **20. Security**

20.1 If requested to do so by the Buyer, the Supplier will, within 5 Working Days of the date of this Call-Off Contract, develop, obtain Buyer's approval of, maintain and observe a Security Management Plan and an Information Security Management System (ISMS) which, after Buyer approval, will apply during the term of this Call-Off Contract. Both the ISMS and the Security Management Plan will comply with the security policy of the Buyer and protect all aspects of the Services and all processes associated with the delivery of the Services.

20.2 The Supplier will use software and the most up-to-date antivirus definitions available from an industry accepted antivirus software vendor to minimise the impact of Malicious Software.

20.3 If Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Buyer Data, the Supplier will help the Buyer to mitigate any losses and will restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency as soon as possible.

20.4 The Supplier will immediately notify CCS of any breach of security in relation to CCS's Confidential Information (and the Buyer in relation to any breach regarding Buyer Confidential Information). The Supplier will recover such CCS and Buyer Confidential Information however it may be recorded.

20.5 Any system development by the Supplier must also comply with the government's '10 Steps to Cyber Security' guidance, available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-risk-management-a-board-level-responsibility/10-steps-summary>

20.6 The Buyer will specify any security requirements for this project in the Order Form.

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## **21. Incorporation of terms**

21.1 Upon the execution of a Statement of Work (SOW), the terms and conditions agreed in the SOW will be incorporated into this Call-Off Contract.

## **22. Managing disputes**

22.1 When either Party notifies the other of a dispute, both Parties will attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement as soon as possible.

22.2 Nothing in this procedure will prevent a Party from seeking any interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.

22.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved, either Party will be entitled to refer it to mediation in accordance with the procedures below, unless:

- the Buyer considers that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation;
- the Supplier does not agree to mediation.

22.4 The procedure for mediation is as follows:

- A neutral adviser or mediator will be chosen by agreement between the Parties. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator within 10 Working Days after a request by one Party to the other, either Party will as soon as possible, apply to the mediation provider or to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) to appoint a mediator. This application to CEDR must take place within 12 Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a mediator, or within 3 Working Days of notice from the mediator to either Party that they are unable or unwilling to act.
- The Parties will meet with the mediator within 10 Working Days of the mediator's appointment to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure for negotiations to be held. The Parties may at any stage seek help from the mediation provider specified in this clause to provide guidance on a suitable procedure.
- Unless otherwise agreed, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it will be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any future proceedings.
- If the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement will be reduced to writing and will be binding on the Parties once it is signed by their duly authorised representatives.
- Failing agreement, either Party may invite the mediator to provide a non-binding but informative opinion in writing. Such an opinion will be provided without

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prejudice and will not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to this Call-Off Contract without the prior written consent of both Parties.

- If the Parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 60 Working Days of the mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed by the Parties, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the courts.

22.5 Either Party may request by written notice that the dispute is referred to expert determination if the dispute relates to:

- any technical aspect of the delivery of the digital services;
- the underlying technology; or
- otherwise is of a financial or technical nature.

22.6 An expert will be appointed by written agreement between the Parties, but if there's a failure to agree within 10 Working Days, or if the person appointed is unable or unwilling to act, the expert will be appointed on the instructions of the President of the British Computer Society (or any other association that has replaced the British Computer Society).

22.7 The expert will act on the following basis:

- they will act as an expert and not as an arbitrator and will act fairly and impartially;
- the expert's determination will (in the absence of a material failure to follow the agreed procedures) be final and binding on the Parties;
- the expert will decide the procedure to be followed in the determination and will be requested to make their determination within 30 Working Days of their appointment or as soon as reasonably practicable and the Parties will help and provide the documentation that the expert needs for the determination;
- any amount payable by one Party to another as a result of the expert's determination will be due and payable within 20 Working Days of the expert's determination being notified to the Parties
- the process will be conducted in private and will be confidential;
- the expert will determine how and by whom the costs of the determination, including their fees and expenses, are to be paid.

22.8 Without prejudice to any other rights of the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract, the obligations of the Parties under this Call-Off Contract will not be suspended, ceased or delayed by the reference of a dispute submitted to mediation or expert determination and the Supplier and the Supplier Staff will comply fully with the Requirements of this Call-Off Contract at all times.

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## **23. Termination**

23.1 The Buyer will have the right to terminate this Call-Off Contract at any time by giving the notice to the Supplier specified in Part A, the Order Form. The Supplier's obligation to provide the Services will end on the date set out in the Buyer's notice.

23.2 The minimum notice period (expressed in Working Days) to be given by the Buyer to terminate under this clause will be the number of whole days that represent 20% of the total duration of the current SOW to be performed under this Call-Off Contract, up to a maximum of 30 Working Days.

23.3 Partial days will be discounted in the calculation and the duration of the SOW will be calculated in full Working Days.

23.4 The Parties acknowledge and agree that:

- the Buyer's right to terminate under this clause is reasonable in view of the subject matter of this Call-Off Contract and the nature of the Service being provided.
- the Call-Off Contract Charges paid during the notice period given by the Buyer in accordance with this clause are a reasonable form of compensation and are deemed to fully cover any avoidable costs or losses incurred by the Supplier which may arise either directly or indirectly as a result of the Buyer exercising the right to terminate under this clause without cause.
- Subject to clause 33 (Liability), if the Buyer terminates this Call-Off Contract without cause, they will indemnify the Supplier against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which result in any unavoidable Loss by the Supplier, provided that the Supplier takes all reasonable steps to mitigate such Loss. If the Supplier holds insurance, the Supplier will reduce its unavoidable costs by any insurance sums available. The Supplier will submit a fully itemised and costed list of such Loss, with supporting evidence of unavoidable Losses incurred by the Supplier as a result of termination.

23.5 The Buyer will have the right to terminate this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier if:

- the Supplier commits a Supplier Default and if the Supplier Default cannot, in the opinion of the Buyer, be remedied; or
- the Supplier commits any fraud.

23.6 Either Party may terminate this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice to the other if: