

Request for Proposal



Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of **UKRI - BGS**

Subject: **Mass Spectrometer**

Sourcing Reference Number: **RE19185**

Section 6 – Selection and Award questionnaires

Section 6 – Selection questionnaire

6.1 Introduction

The Selection questionnaires are located in the within the e-sourcing tool.

Guidance on completion of the question is available at

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

MASS SPECTROMETER

RE19185

OPEN PROCEDURE

Bidder Guidance notes for completion for Parts 1,2,3 and definitions for all sections

1. The “authority” means the named Contracting Authority or anyone acting on behalf of the Contracting Authority, that is seeking to invite suitable candidates to participate in this procurement process.
2. “You” / “Your” refers to the potential Supplier or Bidder completing this standard **Selection Questionnaire** i.e. the legal entity responsible for the information provided. The term “potential supplier” is intended to cover any economic operator as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (**as amended**) (referred to as the “regulations”) and could be a registered company; the lead contact for a group of economic operators; charitable organisation; Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE); Special Purpose Vehicle; or other form of entity.
3. Please ensure that all questions are completed in full, and in the format requested. If the question does not apply to you, please state ‘N/A’. Should you need to provide additional information in response to the questions, please submit a clearly identified annex.
4. The authority recognises that arrangements set out in section 1.2 of the standard Selection Questionnaire, in relation to a group of economic operators (for example, a consortium) and/or use of sub-contractors, may be subject to change and will, therefore, not be finalised until a later date. The lead contact should notify the authority immediately of any change in the proposed arrangements and ensure a completed Part 1 and Part 2 is submitted for any new organisation relied on to meet the selection criteria. The authority will make a revised assessment of the submission based on the updated information.
5. For Part 1 and Part 2 every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection must complete and submit the self-declaration.

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

Part 1: Potential supplier Information

Please answer the following questions in full. Note that every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection shall complete and submit the Part 1 and Part 2 self-declaration.

Section 1	Potential supplier information	
Question number	Question	Response
SEL1.1	<p>Bidders are required to complete the below table.</p> <p>Bidder guidance - The information should be based on the details of the organisation bidding (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted).</p> <p>Scoring criteria - For information only;</p> <p>Full name of the potential supplier submitting the information Registered office address (if applicable) Registered website address (if applicable) Date of registration in country of origin Company registration number (if applicable) Charity registration number (if applicable) Head office DUNS number (if applicable) Registered VAT number Trading name(s) that will be used if successful in this procurement</p>	
SEL1.2	<p>Please select from the below options to indicate your trading status</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - the Bidder shall select from the following options;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) a public limited company ii) a limited company iii) a limited liability partnership iv) other partnership v) sole trader vi) Third Sector vii) Other (Please Specify your trading status) <p>Scoring Criteria - For information only)</p>	

<p>SEL1.3</p>	<p>SEL1.3 If applicable, is your organisation registered with the appropriate professional or trade register(s) in the member state where it is established?</p> <p>Bidder guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you responded yes, please provide the relevant details, including the registration number(s).</p> <p>No - no further information required</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>SEL1.4</p>	<p>SEL1.4 Is it a legal requirement in the state where you are established for you to possess a particular authorisation, or be a member of a particular organisation in order to provide the services specified in this procurement?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you responded yes please provide additional details of what is required and confirmation that you have complied with this.</p> <p>No - no further information required</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>SEL1.5</p>	<p>Please select from the below options to indicate whether any of the following classifications apply to you</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall select from the following options</p> <p>i) Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE)</p> <p>ii) Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise (SME)*</p> <p>iii) Sheltered workshop</p> <p>iv) Other (Please Specify in the comments)</p> <p>Bidder Guidance</p> <p>See EU definition of SME:</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures-analysis/sme-definition/</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For information only</p>	<p>i) Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE)</p> <p>ii) Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise (SME)*</p> <p>iii) Sheltered workshop</p> <p>iv) Other (Please Specify in the comments)</p>
<p>SEL1.6</p>	<p>SEL1.6 - Please detail information concerning Persons of Significant Control (PSC) by uploading an attachment with the following information;</p> <p>i) - Name;</p> <p>ii) - Date of birth;</p> <p>iii)- Nationality;</p> <p>iv)- Country, state or part of the UK where the PSC usually</p>	<p>i) - Name;</p> <p>ii) - Date of birth;</p> <p>iii)- Nationality;</p> <p>iv)- Country, state or part of the UK where the PSC usually lives;</p> <p>v)- Service address;</p>

	<p>lives;</p> <p>v)- Service address;</p> <p>vi) - The date he or she became a PSC in relation to the company (for existing companies the 6 April 2016 should be used);</p> <p>vii)- Which conditions for being a PSC are met;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 25% up to (and including) 50%, - More than 50% and less than 75%, - 75% or more. - N/A <p>(Please enter N/A if none of the above are applicable)</p> <p>Bidder guidance -The Bidder shall complete the below table. Guidance on PSC can be found at</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-the-people-with-significant-control-requirements-for-companies-and-limited-liability-partnerships</p> <p>Scoring criteria - For information only</p>	<p>vi) - The date he or she became a PSC in relation to the company (for existing companies the 6 April 2016 should be used);</p> <p>vii)- Which conditions for being a PSC are met;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 25% up to (and including) 50%, - More than 50% and less than 75%, - 75% or more. - N/A
SEL1.7	<p>SEL1.7 Please provide details of your immediate Parent Company (if applicable) by completing the below table.</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall complete the table or answer N/A</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - for information only</p>	<p>i) Full Name of Immediate Parent Company</p> <p>ii) Registered Office Address</p> <p>iii) Registration Number</p> <p>iv) Head Office DUNS number</p> <p>v) Head Office VAT Number</p>
SEL1.8	<p>SEL1.8 Please provide details of your Ultimate Parent Company (if applicable) by completing the below table.</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall complete the table or answer N/A</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - for information only</p>	<p>i) Full Name of Ultimate Parent Company</p> <p>ii) Registered Office Address</p> <p>iii) Registration Number</p> <p>iv) Head Office DUNS number</p> <p>v) Head Office VAT Number</p>

Please note: A criminal record check for relevant convictions may be undertaken for the preferred suppliers and the persons of significant in control of them.

Please provide the following information about your approach to this procurement:

Section 1		Bidding model
Question number	Question	Response
SEL1.9	<p>SEL1.9 Are you bidding as the lead contact for a group of economic operators?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The Bidder Shall answer Yes or no</p> <p>Yes - If yes, please provide details listed in questions SEL1.10, and to SEL1.11, SEL1.12 Section 2 and 3.</p> <p>No - If no, and you are a supporting bidder, please provide the name of your group at SEL1.10 for reference purposes, and complete SEL 1.13.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please provide details listed in questions SEL1.10, and to SEL1.11, SEL1.12 Section 2 and 3.</p> <p>If no, and you are a supporting bidder, please provide the name of your group at SEL1.10 for reference purposes, and complete SEL 1.13.</p>
SEL1.10	<p>SEL1.10 Please provide the name and details of group of economic operators (if applicable)</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - the bidder shall include details of the following</p> <p>Name of group of economic operators and the proposed legal structure if the group of economic operators intends to form a named single legal entity prior to signing a contract, if awarded. If you do not propose to form a single legal entity, please explain the legal structure.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	
SEL1.11	<p>SEL1.11 Are you or, if applicable, the group of economic operators proposing to use sub-contractors?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The Bidder Shall answer yes or no</p> <p>Yes – Please respond to SEL1.12 No – Please respond N/A to SEL1.12</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
SEL1.12	<p>SEL1.12 If you responded Yes to SEL1.11, please provide additional details for each subcontractor as follows as an attachment to this question, we shall ask them to complete this form as well; If you responded no- please select N/A</p>	

	Name						
	Registered address						
	Trading status						
	Company registration number						
	Head Office DUNS number (if applicable)						
	Registered VAT number						
	Type of organisation						
	SME (Yes/No)						
	The role each sub-contractor will take in providing the works and /or supplies e.g. key deliverables						
	The approximate % of contractual obligations assigned to each sub-contractor						

SEL1.13	<p>Contact details and declaration</p> <p>I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted and information contained in this document are correct and accurate.</p> <p>I declare that, upon request and without delay I will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.</p> <p>I understand that the information will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement.</p> <p>I understand that the authority may reject this submission in its entirety if there is a failure to answer all the relevant questions fully, or if false/misleading information or content is provided in any section.</p> <p>I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.</p> <p>Bidder guidance Please complete the below table, by adding your signature you confirm</p>
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	that you understand the above statements. Scoring criteria Mandatory Pass / Fail
SEL1.13	Contact details and declaration
Question	Response
Contact name	
Name of organisation	
Role in organisation	
Phone number	
E-mail address	
Postal address	
Signature (electronic is acceptable)	
Date	

Part B: Exclusion Grounds

Please answer the following questions in full. Note that every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection must complete and submit the Part 1 and Part 2 self-declaration.

Section 2	Grounds for mandatory exclusion	
Question number	Question	Response
SEL2.1	<p>Regulations 57(1) and (2) The detailed grounds for mandatory exclusion of an organisation are set out on this web page, which should be referred to before completing these questions.</p> <p>Please indicate if, within the past five years you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation been convicted anywhere in the world of any of the offences within the summary below and listed on the webpage.</p>	
SEL2.2	<p>SEL2.2 - Participation in a criminal organisation</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder Shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes please provide further details as an attachment to this question;</p> <p>Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted. When attaching documentation or web addresses please include the issuing authority and precise reference of the documents.</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>
SEL2.3	<p>SEL2.3 - Corruption</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder Shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes please provide further details as an attachment to this question;</p> <p>Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted. When attaching documentation or web addresses please include the issuing authority and precise reference of the documents.</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details at</p>
SEL2.4	SEL2.4 - Fraud	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes</p>

	<p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder Shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes please provide further details as an attachment to this question;</p> <p>Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted. When attaching documentation or web addresses please include the issuing authority and precise reference of the documents.</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<p>please provide details</p>
SEL2.5	<p>SEL2.5 - Terrorist Offences or offences link to terrorist activities</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder Shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes please provide further details as an attachment to this question;</p> <p>Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted. When attaching documentation or web addresses please include the issuing authority and precise reference of the documents.</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>
SEL2.6	<p>SEL2.6 - Money laundering or Terrorist financing</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder Shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes please provide further details as an attachment to this question;</p> <p>Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted. When attaching documentation or web addresses please include the issuing authority and precise reference of the documents.</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>
SEL2.7	<p>SEL2.7 - Child Labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder Shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes please provide further details as an</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>

	<p>attachment to this question;</p> <p>Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction, Identity of who has been convicted. When attaching documentation or web addresses please include the issuing authority and precise reference of the documents.</p> <p>No – Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	
SEL2.8	<p>If you have answered Yes to any of the Questions above have measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall provide evidence of all measures taken to demonstrate their self cleaning. The information provided will be taken into account by the authority, in considering whether or not you will be permitted to proceed any further in respect of this procurement.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
SEL2.9	<p>Regulation 57(3)</p> <p>Has it been established, for your organisation by a judicial or administrative decision having final and binding effect in accordance with the legal provisions of any part of the United Kingdom or the legal provisions of the country in which the organisation is established (if outside the UK), that the organisation is in breach of obligations related to the payment of tax or social security contributions?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - Fail</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>In the event of a bidder responding "Yes" they should provide further details as an attachment to this question. The attachment should also confirm you have paid, or have entered into a binding arrangement with a view to paying, the outstanding sum including where applicable any accrued interest and/or fines. Please Note: The authority reserves the right to use its sole discretion to exclude a potential supplier where it can demonstrate by any appropriate means that the potential supplier is in breach of its obligations relating to the non-payment of taxes or social security contributions.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Part C: Exclusion Grounds

<p>SEL3.1</p>	<p>SEL3.1 - Grounds for discretionary rejection – The Contracting Authority is entitled to exclude you from further consideration if any of the below discretionary grounds apply but may decide to allow you to proceed further.</p> <p>If you cannot provide a compliant answer – (No) to the below questions, it is possible that your application might not be accepted.</p> <p>In the event that any of the below do apply by answering – (Yes), please provide an attachment to the question providing details of the relevant incident and any remedial action taken including self cleaning that has been done. The information provided will be taken into account by the authority, in considering whether or not you will be permitted to proceed any further in respect of this procurement.</p> <p>The detailed grounds for discretionary exclusion of an organisation are set out on https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf which should be referred to before completing these questions.</p> <p>Please indicate if, within the past three years, anywhere in the world any of the following situations have applied to you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation.</p> <p>Bidder guidance - Bidders shall answer Yes they understand this requirement and the above guidance</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>SEL3.2</p>	<p>SEL3.2 - Breach of environmental obligations?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>
<p>SEL3.3</p>	<p>SEL3.3 - Breach of social obligations?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>

	<p>discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	
SEL3.4	<p>SEL3.4 - Breach of labour law obligations?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.5	<p>SEL3.5 - Bankrupt or is the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where the organisation's assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an arrangement with creditors, where its business activities are suspended or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any State?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.6	<p>SEL3.6 Guilty of grave professional misconduct?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>

	<p>measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	
SEL3.7	<p>SEL3.7 Entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.8	<p>SEL3.8 Aware of any conflict of interest within the meaning of Regulation 24 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) due to the participation in this procurement procedure?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.9	<p>SEL3.9 Been involved in the preparation of the procurement procedure within the meaning of Regulation 41 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>

	<p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	
SEL3.10	<p>Prior Performance issues</p> <p>Shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions?</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Bidders answering No will be considered compliant</p> <p>Bidders answering Yes will be subject to review as to your suitability to be considered further, in respect of the procurement at the sole discretion of the authority. If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.11	<p>SEL 3.11 The organisation is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria.</p> <p>Is the above Statement true of your organisation?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/ Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.12	<p>SEL3.12 The organisation has withheld such information as described</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>in SEL3.11</p> <p>Is the above Statement true of your organisation?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/ Fail</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.13	<p>SEL3.13 The organisation is not able to submit supporting documents required under regulation 59 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).</p> <p>Is the above Statement true of your organisation?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/ Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>
SEL3.14	<p>SEL3.14 The organisation has influenced the decision-making process of the contracting authority to obtain confidential information that may confer upon the organisation undue advantages in the procurement procedure, or to negligently provide misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.</p> <p>Is the above Statement true of your organisation?</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - If you have answered Yes, explain what measures have been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self Cleaning)</p> <p>No - Pass</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Pass/ Fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes please provide details</p>

Part D: Selection Questions

Section 4	Economic and Financial Standing
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	Question	Response
SEL4.1	<p>SEL4.1 - Are you able to provide a copy of your audited accounts for the last two years, if requested?</p> <p>If no, can you provide one of the following;</p> <p>a. A statement of the turnover, Profit and Loss Account/Income Statement, Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flow for the most recent year of trading for this organisation</p> <p>b. A statement of the cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position.</p> <p>c. Alternative means of demonstrating financial status if any of the above are not available (e.g. forecast of turnover for the current year and a statement of funding provided by the owners and/or the bank, charity accruals accounts or an alternative means of demonstrating financial status).</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The Contracting Authority will make a judgement based on the information provided to ascertain the financial stability of the Bidder. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to consider credit check information alongside the response to this question in order to ascertain the financial stability of the Bidder.</p> <p>Pass – The Contracting Authority considers the information provided demonstrates the financial stability of the Bidder is sufficient to be considered for this procurement.</p> <p>Fail – The Contracting Authority considers the information provided fails to demonstrate the financial stability of the Bidder is sufficient to be considered for this procurement.</p> <p>Bidders are invited to embed their attachments to this question in the ‘Bidder response’ section.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>	<p>Yes I will provide the attachment(s) if requested</p>
SEL4.2	<p>SEL4.2 Where we have specified a minimum level of economic and financial standing and/ or a minimum financial threshold within the evaluation criteria for this procurement, please self-certify by answering ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ that you meet the requirements set out.</p> <p>Bidder guidance: The authority will make a judgement based on the information provided to ascertain the financial stability of the Bidder.</p> <p>The authority reserves the right to consider credit check information alongside the response to this question in order to ascertain the financial stability of the Bidder.</p> <p>Pass – The authority considers the information provided demonstrates the financial stability of the Bidder is sufficient to be considered for this procurement.</p> <p>Fail – The authority considers the information provided fails to demonstrate the financial stability of the Bidder is sufficient to be considered for this procurement.</p> <p>Bidders are invited to embed their attachments to this question in the ‘Bidder response’ section.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	Scoring Criteria - Mandatory pass/fail	
SEL4.3	<p>SEL4.3 Are you part of a wider group (e.g. a subsidiary of a holding/parent company)? If yes, please confirm the name of the company and its relationship to you.</p> <p>If yes, please confirm if you are able to provide parent company accounts if requested to at a later stage?</p> <p>If yes, would the ultimate / parent company be willing to provide a guarantee if necessary? If not, would you be able to obtain a guarantee elsewhere (from a bank?)</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - If this question does not apply, please respond "N/A".</p> <p>Please provide your response in the text box below</p> <p>The Contracting Authority will make a judgement based on the information provided to ascertain the financial stability of the Bidder.</p> <p>The Contracting Authority reserves the right to consider credit check information alongside the response to this question in order to ascertain the financial stability of the Bidder.</p> <p>Pass – The Contracting Authority considers the information provided demonstrates the financial stability of the Bidder is sufficient to be considered for this procurement.</p> <p>Fail – The Contracting Authority considers the information provided fails to demonstrate the financial stability of the Bidder is sufficient to be considered for this procurement.</p> <p>Bidders are invited to embed their attachments to this question in the ‘Bidder response’ section.</p> <p>Any information submitted over and above the specified limit will be disregarded and not evaluated</p> <p>Scoring Criteria – Mandatory Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
SEL4.4	<p>SEL4.4 Please self-certify whether you already have, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:</p> <p>Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5million Public Liability Insurance = £5million Professional Indemnity Insurance = £2million Product Liability Insurance = £5million</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5 million as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer yes or no</p> <p>Yes= Pass No= Fail</p>	

Part E: Selection Questions

Technical and Professional Ability			
SEL5.1	<p>SEL5.1 - Please provide details of up to three contracts, in any combination from either the public or private sector; voluntary, charity or social enterprise (VCSE) that are relevant to our requirement. VCSEs may include samples of grant-funded work. Contracts for supplies or services should have been performed during the past three years. Works contracts may be from the past five years.</p> <p>The named contact provided should be able to provide written evidence to confirm the accuracy of the information provided below.</p> <p>Consortia bids should provide relevant examples of where the consortium has delivered similar requirements. If this is not possible (e.g. the consortium is newly formed or a Special Purpose Vehicle is to be created for this contract) then three separate examples should be provided between the principal member(s) of the proposed consortium or Special Purpose Vehicle (three examples are not required from each member).</p> <p>Where the Supplier is a Special Purpose Vehicle, or a managing agent not intending to be the main provider of the supplies or services, the information requested should be provided in respect of the main intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s) who will deliver the contract.</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The Bidder shall ensure all reference(s) comply with the requirements of having a similar scope and value to this procurement are still running or have been completed in the last five years (works) and three years (supplies / services) to achieve a pass.</p> <p>If you cannot provide at least one example, in no more than 500 words please provide an explanation for this e.g. your organisation is a new start-up or you have provided services in the past but not under a contract.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/Fail</p>		
	Contract 1	Contract 2	Contract 3
Name of customer organisation			
Point of contact in the organisation			
Position in the organisation			
E-mail address			
Description of contract			
Contract Start date			
Contract completion date			

Estimated contract value			
	Modern Slavery Act 2015: Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015		
SEL5.3	<p>SEL5.3 Are you a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 ("Transparency in supply chains etc.") of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?</p> <p>Bidder guidance - Bidder shall confirm they are or are not a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 by answering Yes or No.</p> <p>Yes - Please provide an answer to SEL5.4 No - Please answer N/A to SEL5.4</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - For Information Only</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
SEL5.4	<p>SEL5.4 If you have answered yes to question SEL5.3 are you compliant with the annual reporting requirements contained within Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015?</p> <p>If you are subject to the Modern Slavery Act then it is a requirement of the authority in its contractual terms, for you to comply with this obligation including the authority's right of audit under any contract awarded.</p> <p>Bidder Guidance - The bidder shall respond Yes or No Yes - Please provide relevant URL or attachment No - Please provide an explanation as an attachment</p> <p>Scoring Criteria - Mandatory Pass/fail</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please provide relevant the url ...</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please provide an explanation</p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I have answered "no" to SEL5.3</p>	
SEL5.5	Please self-certify that your organisation has a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislative requirements. These should consider not only were your organisation is based but also any needs that are required in the country of delivery of the procurement.		
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No - Fail</p>		
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail		
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No		
SEL5.6	Has your organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years?		
Bidder	The Bidder Shall answer yes or no Yes = *Fail		

Guidance	<p>No = Pass</p> <p>If your answer to this question is “Yes”, please provide details in a separate Appendix of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served.</p> <p>The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under Health and Safety legislation in the last 3 years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/Fail
SEL5.7	Has your organisation been convicted of breaching environmental legislation, or had any notice served upon it, in the last three years by any environmental regulator or authority (including local authority)?
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer yes or no</p> <p>Yes – Fail*</p> <p>No – Pass</p> <p>If your answer to this question is “Yes”, please provide details in a separate Appendix of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served.</p> <p>The Contracting Authority will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under environmental legislation in the last 3 years, unless the authority is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No
SEL5.8	If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of these organisations have been convicted or had a notice served upon them for infringement of environmental legislation?
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder Shall answer Yes/No/Not Applicable</p> <p>A response of ‘Yes’ or ‘Not Applicable’ will result in a pass and a response of ‘No’ will result in a fail against this question.</p>
Scoring Criteria	Selection – Yes/No/ Not Applicable
SEL5.9	<p>In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or;</p> <p>In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a</p>

	comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Fail*</p> <p>No – Pass</p> <p>*If you have answered “yes” please provide, as an attachment to this question, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.</p> <p>If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.</p> <p>You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority’s satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.</p>
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No
SEL5.10	<p>If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the circumstances in regards to the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your subcontractors by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or;</p> <p>In the last three years, has any of your subcontractors had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?</p>
Bidder Guidance	<p>The Bidder Shall answer yes or no</p> <p>Yes – Fail*</p> <p>No – Pass</p> <p>*If you have answered “yes” please provide, as an attachment to this question, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.</p> <p>If the investigation upheld the complaint against your sub-contractors, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.</p> <p>You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority’s satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken by your sub-contractors to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.</p>
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/fail

Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No
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FOI1.1	<p>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOIA) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)</p> <p>Information provided in the course of the procurement process may be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004.</p> <p>Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOIA exemptions and EIR exceptions. More information on applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website http://ico.org.uk</p> <p>Please confirm you have been informed that information provided under this Bid may be disclosed under the FOIA and EIR and agree to it being published.</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No - Fail</p>
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

FOI1.2	<p>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 EXEMPTIONS</p> <p>Please complete this section <u>only</u> if you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOIA or EIR in FOI1.1</p> <p>If you have not agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOIA or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete the table 'N/A' (not applicable)</p> <p>If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOIA or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or exceptions may apply to your information and why? If you are not relying on any exemptions or exceptions please complete each field 'N/A' (not applicable).</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in the table below.</p> <p>The Bidder shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested exemptions or exceptions have not been applied properly, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied</p>

	<p>by the Contracting Authority.</p> <p>Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'yes' you have agreed for the Contracting Authority to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004, therefore you will not be approached for consent.</p>	
Scoring criteria	For information only	
Bidder response	Confidential Information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOIA / EIR
	Commercially sensitive information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOIA / EIR

Section 6 – Award questionnaire

6.2 The Award questionnaires are located within the e-sourcing tool.

6.3 Guidance on completion of the questions is available at <http://www.ukpbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

RFP Governance

AW1.1	<p>FORM OF BID</p> <p>I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in this RFP are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to bid for the Contracting Authority's requirement and I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Contracting Authority may reject this RFP if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false/misleading information.</p> <p>I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that sourcing documents, including RFP templates such as this, are published on a designated, publicly searchable web site, and, that the same applies to other sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority, including the RFP, and any contract entered into by the Contracting Authority or its Customers with its preferred supplier once the procurement is complete.</p> <p>By submitting a response to this RFP I agree that our participation may be made public.</p> <p>I understand that the answers given in this response may be published on the web site (but elements may be redacted under Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)).</p> <p>By submitting a response to this RFP I agree and accept the justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria.</p> <p>By submitting a response to this RFP I agreed and accept that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change without notice the procedure for awarding the Contract, to reject any or all bids for the Contract, to stop the process and not award the Contract (in whole or in part) at any time without any liability on its part.</p> <p>By submitting a response to this RFP I agree and accept that nothing in this process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between the Parties unless and until a Contract is awarded. The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs resulting from cancellation of this process nor any costs incurred by Bidders taking part in this procurement process.</p> <p>I understand that where sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority</p>
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	or contracts with its suppliers fall to be disclosed The Contracting Authority will redact them as it thinks necessary, having regard (inter alia) to the exemptions/exceptions in the FOIA or EIR.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No - Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No

AW1.2	<p>Having examined the contents of the RFP we offer to carry out the requirement in conformity with the said conditions for the maximum fixed prices detailed in the schedule attached in response to AW5.2.</p> <p>We undertake to carry out the requirements specified within the period stated in the enquiry letter.</p> <p>Our Bid offer shall be binding between us for a period of 90 days from the closing date for receipt of Bids.</p> <p>Unless and until a formal agreement is prepared and executed this Bid and a written acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between us.</p> <p>We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid you may receive.</p>
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No - Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No

AW1.3	<p>CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID</p> <p>The essence of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide competitive Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a bona fide Bid, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of Bid by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other person.</p> <p>We also certify that we have not done and we undertake that we will not do at any</p>
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	<p>time before the hour and date specified for the return of this Bid any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these Bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed Bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the Bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the Bid; (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any Bid to be submitted; (c) Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other Bid or proposed Bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of the sort described above. <p>In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and any body or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.</p> <p>We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in Bidding for this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or execution of this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority.</p> <p>We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders information / documentation (submitted to the Contracting Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No - Fail</p>
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No

Executive summary

<p>AW2.1</p>	<p>Please provide an executive summary of your bid.</p> <p>The executive summary should focus on the key features of the Bidder's Response including all key assumptions made by the Bidder (but excluding all pricing/financial information)</p> <p>The objective of the executive summary is to provide the Contracting Authority with a clear, concise and complete summary of the Bidder's Response together with an insight into the reasoning and rationale behind the Response.</p> <p>It is intended that the executive summary should provide a useful introduction to the Response for evaluators, as well as senior stakeholders who may not be involved in the detailed evaluation.</p> <p>Whilst the executive summary will not be formally evaluated, it will be scrutinised for consistency with your Response and clarification will be sought if required.</p> <p>The executive summary must only contain information drawn from other areas of your Response and must not contain any new material. Whilst diagrams and photographs may be used, they should be high level and should not be used to support other parts of the Response where more detailed information is required.</p>
<p>Bidder guidance</p>	<p>Maximum character count – 4000 characters</p> <p>Any information submitted over and above the specified limit will be disregarded and not evaluated</p>
<p>Scoring criteria</p>	<p>For information only</p>
<p>Bidder response</p>	<p>Text</p>

Compliance to the Contract Terms

AW4.1	<p>Please confirm your acceptance of the attached Contract Terms.</p>  <p>RE19185 UKRI Precedent Goods Se</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes, No with justification or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No with justification –Pass. See question AW4.2 for details of what amounts to a valid justification.</p> <p>No – Fail</p>
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes, No with justification, No

AW4.2	<p>Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with ‘no with justification’ they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>A justification for not accepting a specific clause or series of clauses from the attached Contract Terms is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with that clause or series of clauses (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation).</p> <p>Where the Bidder has answered question AW4.1 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide a Contract mark-up utilising track changes detailing the relevant clause, the proposed changes to the clause and the justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Contract Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and • the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the Contracting Authority and are reasonably necessary and proportionate to ensure the Bidder complies with the legal requirements and statutory regulations. <p>Where a Bidder has answered Question AW4.1 with ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ it must answer ‘not applicable’ to achieve a Pass to question AW4.2 (noting that an answer of ‘No’ to question AW4.1 has already resulted in a fail).</p> <p>In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail.</p>

Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu 'N/A' 'I have answered AW4.1 'No with justification' and attach modifications / requested / justification'.
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes, No with justification, No

PRICE QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.2	<p>Bidders are required to complete the Excel Pricing Schedule attached in the 'RFX attachments' section in the e-sourcing tool.</p>  <p>RE19185%20Price% 20Schedule%20v2.xl</p> <p>All prices shall be exclusive of VAT.</p> <p>All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.</p>																								
Bidder guidance	<p>Bidders shall confirm they have completed the Pricing Schedule.</p> <p>The scoring methodology for this question shall be:</p> <p>The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100.</p> <p>All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.</p> <p>Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50</p> <p>In the example if a supplier scores 80 from the available 100 points this will equate to 40% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points multiplied by 50 (80/100 x 50 = 40)</p> <p>The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.</p> <p>The lowest score possible is 0.</p> <p>For example, assuming the lowest bid is £100,000.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1451 1350 1800"> <thead> <tr> <th>Bid Price</th> <th>Differential to the lowest price which meets the mandatory pass criteria at Award stage</th> <th>Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£100,000</td> <td>0</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£120,000</td> <td>20%</td> <td>80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£140,000</td> <td>40%</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£150,000</td> <td>50%</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£175,000</td> <td>75%</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£200,000</td> <td>100%</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£300,000</td> <td>200%</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bid Price	Differential to the lowest price which meets the mandatory pass criteria at Award stage	Score	£100,000	0	100	£120,000	20%	80	£140,000	40%	60	£150,000	50%	50	£175,000	75%	25	£200,000	100%	0	£300,000	200%	0
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QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

<p>AW6.1</p>	<p>Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mass spectrometer and filament degas device must be fitted with low-organic vacuum pump system including dry backing pumps (see Section 4 specification 1). 2. A degas device (~20+ filament capacity) must be provided within the overall cost of the main mass spectrometer package (see Section 4 specification 2). 3. That the mass spectrometer is fitted with an optical pyrometer for the measurement of filament temperature during sample analysis (see Section 4 specification 3). 4. The new instrument must match or exceed the current NEIF-GTF TIMS performance for single ion counter dynamic peak jumping analysis mode, specifically that the minimum specification of the ion counter is an operational range of 0 to 1E+06 cps with 0.1% linearity from 1E+03 to 1E+06 cps, dark noise <20 cpm, and a peak top that is flat on the ion counter to within $\pm 0.1\%$ over ± 50 ppm of mass around peak centre (see Section 4 specification 4). 5. The instrument must be able to make the following static multicollector Faraday measurements and static multicollector Faraday – SEM or Daly (ion counter) measurements for the following routines (see Section 4 specifications points 5 & 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Faraday Uoxide measurements (masses 265 {233Uoxide}, 267 {235Uoxide}, 270 {238Uoxide}, 272 {238Uoxide}). • Static Faraday Pb measurements (masses 202Pb, 204Pb, 205Pb, 206Pb, 207Pb, 208Pb). • Static Faraday – ion counter Pb measurements (202Pb{Faraday}, 204Pb{ion counter}, 205Pb{Faraday}, 206Pb{Faraday}, 207Pb{Faraday}, 208Pb {Faraday}). • Static Faraday – ion counter Uoxide measurements (masses 265 {Faraday}, 267 {Faraday}, 270 {Faraday}, 272 {ion counter}). 6. Dynamic (two peak jump) multicollector Faraday – ion detector measurements with masses 202Pb (Faraday), 204Pb (Daly or SEM), 205Pb (SEM or Daly/Faraday), 206Pb (Faraday), 207Pb (Faraday), 208Pb (Faraday). Ion counter/Faraday yield to be calculated from static 205Pb (SEM or Daly)/206Pb (Faraday) and static 205Pb (Faraday)/206Pb (Faraday) measured isotope ratios. The derived yield factor is to be stable to better than $\pm 0.2\%$ (95% confidence level) over the course of a sample measurement. The internal precision of yield-corrected isotope ratios should be largely accounted for by the yield factor uncertainty propagated with the ion beam counting statistics as measured for a stable ion beam (i.e. where contributions to uncertainty due to beam size variations are not a factor). (see Section 4 specification Point 7) 7. Dynamic single collector peak jumping Pb and U isotope measurements on a discrete dynode Daly or SEM detector where peak settle times, peak measurement times can be flexibly assigned in the operating software to optimise data collection efficiency. Time-stamped beam interpolation for correction of ion beam intensity drift during the measurement is essential. The measurements that the MC-TIMS shall be capable of delivering in peak-jumping mode are (i) m/z 201 (interference), 202Pb, m/z 203 (interference), 204Pb, 205Pb, 206Pb, 207Pb, 208Pb and shorter derivative sequences; and (ii) m/z 265 (233U oxide), m/z 267 (235U oxide), m/z 268 (236U oxide), m/z 270 (238U oxide), and m/z 272 (238U oxide), and shorter derivative sequences. (see Section 4 Specification Point 8)
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	<p>8. That there are minimal to no isobaric interferences arising from organics originating off mass spectrometer source parts or the pumping system. Compliance with this condition would be evidenced by isotope ratio measurements critical to zircon geochronology being consistent within uncertainty throughout a typical radiogenic Pb analysis (e.g. $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = \sim 20\text{-}10000$, as measured for a 5-50 pg total Pb sample loaded with silica gel on zone refined Re with a loading blank of <0.1 pg Pb, Daly or SEM single collector peak-jumping analysis), or at worst that the isotope ratios plateau out at an internally consistent value after 20 minutes of run time within a Pb isotope single collector peak jumping analytical run (typically 1.5-3 hours total duration). (see Section 4 specification point 9)</p> <p>9. That the bidder is an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) – only new mass spectrometers supplied from the place of manufacture from established bona fide MC-TIMS instrument manufacturers are acceptable. Refurbished and/or upgraded previously-owned (used or unused) instruments, or otherwise new instruments containing any components or sub-systems that have been previously used or refurbished, are completely unacceptable for the provision of the new MC-TIMS to NEIF-GTF (see Section 4 specification 10).</p> <p>10. The software operating the MC-TIMS must be capable of performing ion beam – time interpolation for on-line correction of single-collector peak jumping measurements and outputting time stamped data (see Section 4 specification 11).</p> <p>11. The instrument will be delivered on site before end March 2020.</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes – Pass</p> <p>No – Fail</p>
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes / No

AW6.2	Variable Bids
Bidder guidance	<p>The Contracting Authority shall not accept variable bids as part of this Procurement. The criteria in regards to variable bids for this Procurement is outlined below.</p> <p>The Bidder shall answer Yes or No</p> <p>Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail</p> <p>No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass</p>
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

PROJ1.1	The bidder is required to upload full details of the equipment being provided including how their system meets the specification
Bidder guidance	<p>The bidder is required to upload full details of the equipment being provided</p> <p>Attachments are allowed for this question</p> <p>The Bidder shall make a declaration that they have provided the requested information in the form and content as required.</p> <p>Information submitted by the bidder can be used as supporting evidence against compliance to the specification in question AW6.1. UK SBS have the discretion to negate a response received from the bidder in question AW6.1 on the basis of their assessment</p>
Scoring criteria	For Information only
Bidder response	The Bidder shall make a declaration that they have provided the requested information in the form and content as required

PROJ1.2	<p>Low Noise Faraday signal detection system</p> <p>1. The instrument is supplied with low noise Faraday amplifiers (or equivalent) able to measure isotope ratios to $\pm 0.1\%$ 2RSE internal precision and accuracy (the latter following application of appropriate fractionation, baseline, gain correction factors) using a smallest isotope beam at 30,000 cps or better. (15 Marks)</p> <p>1.1 It is highly desirable to have <30,000 cps capability at the above stated precision. (10 Marks)</p> <p>2. There a minimum of 5 Faraday detectors connected to high-sensitivity amplifiers (e.g. $1E+13$ ohm amplifiers), or the equivalent high-sensitivity and wide-range proprietary devices or better. (15 Marks)</p> <p>2.1 Low noise Faraday detection systems for all Faraday cups to cover both Pb and U detection without shifting Faraday cup association is desirable. (10 Marks)</p> <p>3. The high sensitivity amplifiers (e.g. $1E+13$ ohm) or equivalent for the Faraday cups have a signal decay to <100 ppm of peak signal within 10 seconds. The manufacturer should specify the type of amplifier. (15 Marks)</p> <p>3.1 A shorter decay (e.g. ≤ 2 seconds) to facilitate a shorter duty cycle without compromising data quality (precision, accuracy) when peak jumping with Faraday detectors is desirable. (10 Marks)</p> <p>4. The Faraday system can accomodate the static Faraday multicollector and dynamic Faraday multicollector – ion counting device alignment that permits the desired Pb and U oxide measurements listed in Section 4 specification points 25, 26, and 27. (25 Marks)</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The bidder is required to select all of the applicable capabilities of their system from the list above</p> <p>The bidder is required to provide an attachment detailing how their system meets the criteria they have selected. The bidder is requested to supply information on the length of</p>

	baseline measurement required to achieve the measurements mentioned in PROJ1.2 item 1.
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks – 25%
Bidder response	Selection/Attachment

PROJ1.3	<p>Ion counting system stability, linearity, and longevity</p> <p>1. The linearity of the ion counting system is 0.1% between 1E+03 and 1E+06 cps or better. (15 Marks)</p> <p>1.1 Linearity better than 0.1%, especially over a wider operational range is desirable. (5 Marks)</p> <p>1.2 Stable performance of SEM or Daly PMT over a useful lifetime of up to 5 yrs at ca. 2E+12 counts/year with dark noise <10 cpm and better than 0.1 % peakflat over 200 ppm of mass, is highly desirable. (15 Marks)</p> <p>2. The relative gain stability of the ion counting device $\pm 0.5\%$ 2RSD within run relative to a Faraday or better. (20 Marks)</p> <p>2.1 Ion counter/Faraday gain stability of $\pm 0.1\%$ 2RSD or better is highly desirable. (15 Marks)</p> <p>3. The ion counting device has an operational range 0-1E+06 cps within the linearity specification listed in Section 4, specification point 4 or better. (20 Marks)</p> <p>3.1 A larger operational range while meeting the linearity specification above would be desirable. (10 Marks)</p>
Bidder guidance	<p>The bidder is required to select all of the applicable capabilities of their system from the list above</p> <p>The bidder is required to provide an attachment detailing how their system meets the criteria they have selected</p>
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks – 25%
Bidder response	Selection/Attachment

<p>PROJ1.4</p>	<p>Magnet</p> <p>1. The magnet and magnet field regulation system provide a peak side stability of at least ± 50 ppm of mass over ≥ 30 minutes as measured on the ^{238}U oxide peak ($m/z = 270$). (40 Marks)</p> <p>2. The magnet has a settling time of 2 seconds or better where the mass positioning is within ± 100 ppm of the desired mass for a small m/z jump (e.g. ^{206}Pb to ^{207}Pb, 267 (^{235}Uoxide) to 270 (^{238}Uoxide)). (40 Marks)</p> <p>2.1 Settling times should be specified for the type of magnet supplied on the MC-TIMS and if data are available, for small and large mass range jumps. Settling times significantly faster than those specified above within the above mass positioning specification would be desirable so that improvements on duty cycle could be achieved. (20 Marks)</p>
<p>Bidder guidance</p>	<p>The bidder is required is required to select all of the applicable capabilities of their system from the list above</p> <p>The bidder is required to provide an attachment detailing how their system meets the criteria they have selected</p>
<p>Scoring criteria</p>	<p>Maximum Marks – 10%</p>
<p>Bidder response</p>	<p>Selection/Attachment</p>

<p>PROJ1.5</p>	<p>The Source</p> <p>1. The source is fitted with an isolation valve between the flight tube and the thermal ionisation source region that is controllable by the software in either automatic (computer controlled) or manual running modes. (15 Marks)</p> <p>2. The source capable of being fitted with at least one filament preheat position for sample preconditioning. (5 Marks)</p> <p>2.1 At least one preheat fitted to the mass spectrometer is included. (20 Marks)</p> <p>3. The source capable of achieving a source pressure of $\leq 2\text{E}-07$ mbar within 4 hours from start of pumping down from atmosphere. (10 Marks)</p> <p>3.1 The source attaining a pressure of $\leq 2\text{E}-07$ mbar within 4 hours of pumping down from atmosphere without the necessity of a liquid nitrogen cryopump is desirable. (15 Marks)</p> <p>3.2 The source attaining a pressure of $\leq 2\text{E}-07$ mbar within 2 hours of pumping down from atmosphere without the necessity of a liquid nitrogen cryopump is highly desirable. (10 Marks)</p> <p>4. The pumping system and source region design and materials deliver the minimal isobaric interferences discussed in Section 4 specification 9. (25 Marks)</p>
<p>Bidder guidance</p>	<p>The bidder is required is required to select all of the applicable capabilities of their system from the list above</p> <p>The bidder is required to provide an attachment detailing how their system meets the criteria they have selected</p>

Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks – 10%
Bidder response	Selection/Attachment

PROJ1.6	Future Proofing Detail your future development plan for supporting the scientific publication of U-(Th-)Pb geochronological data acquired using your instrument and how the proposed TIMS system integrates with FAIR data principles and how will this benefit the requirement.
Bidder guidance	The bidder is required to provide an attachment with their response to this question. Information on FAIR data principles and GTF science can be found using the following web links. https://www.force11.org/group/fairgroup/fairprinciples https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-01720-7 https://www.bgs.ac.uk/sciencefacilities/laboratories/geochemistry/gtf/highPrecisionU-Th-Pb.html
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks – 5%
Bidder response	Free text/Attachment

PROJ1.7	Installation Will the instrument be installed within the below time frame and within the 2019-2020 financial year
Bidder guidance	The bidder is required to confirm whether they are able to install the product before 27 th March 2020, and state if it is possible to complete the commissioning tests of the instrument by 27 th March 2020, and if not how soon after that date. Between 2 nd – 6 th March 2019 = 100 Marks Between 9 th – 13 th March 2019 = 75 Marks Between 16 th – 20 th March 2019 = 50 Marks Between 22 nd – 26 th March 2019 = 25 Marks 27 th March 2019 = 0 Marks An attachment is allowed for this question
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks – 5%
Bidder response	Selection

PROJ1.8	<p>System features</p> <p>1. The vacuum system is protected against power interruption such that there are fail-safe devices resident that isolate high vacuum regions from low vacuum/ambient pressure regions to eliminate risk of venting high vacuum regions to atmosphere. (10 Marks)</p> <p>2. The vacuum pressures are monitored in all critical locations within the TIMS instrument (e.g. turbo pump backing line pressure, source region pressure, flight tube pressure) and displayed by the control software. (10 Marks)</p> <p>3. The ultimate flight tube pressure is sufficient to provide an abundance sensitivity of 2 ppm or better at the Faraday detectors on a continuous basis and not as a transient feature dependent upon special operating conditions or use of an RPQ or Warp filter device. (20 Marks)</p> <p>4. The mass resolution is ≥ 400 with flat-topped well-defined peaks as measured on the Faraday detectors and SEM/Daly detector(s). (20 Marks)</p> <p>5. The instrument is supplied with 1 years' worth of spare parts, spare ca.20 position sample wheel and spare ion lens assembly. (20 Marks)</p> <p>6. A liquid nitrogen is cryopump included. (20 Marks)</p>
Bidder guidance	The bidder is required to attachment a document to state what features from the above list are included in their bid
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks – 10%
Bidder response	Selection/Attachment