



CEDR Services Limited
70 Fleet Street
London
EC4Y 1EU

Our ref: CR_24
Date: 1 October 2019

Dear CEDR Services Limited,

Award of Agreement: Provision of Mediation Services for the UK National Contact Point (UK NCP).

This letter (Award Letter) and Agreement set out the terms of the Agreement between The Department for International Trade as the Customer and CEDR Services Limited as the Contractor for the provision of Mediation Services. Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions used in this Award Letter have the same meanings as in the terms and conditions of the Agreement. In the event of any conflict between this Award Letter and the Agreement, this Award Letter shall prevail. Please do not attach any Contractor's terms and conditions to this Award Letter as they will not be accepted by the Customer and may delay conclusion of the Agreement.

For the purposes of the Agreement, the Customer and the Contractor agree as follows:

- 1) The charges for the Services shall be as set out in Appendix 2 of the Agreement
- 2) The Specification of the Services to be supplied as set out in Appendix 1 of the Agreement.
- 3) The Term shall have deemed to commence on 9 October 2019 and the Expiry Date shall be 31 March 2019.
- 4) The address for notices of the Parties are:

Customer

The Department for International Trade
3 Whitehall Place
London
SW1A 2AW

Contractor

CEDR Services Limited
70 Fleet Street
London
EC4Y 1EU

Attention: [REDACTED]

Attention: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

- 5) The following persons are Key Personnel for the purposes of the Agreement:

[REDACTED]

CEDR Services Limited

- 6) The Customer may require the Contractor to ensure that any person employed in the provision of the Services has undertaken a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The Contractor shall ensure that no person who discloses that he/she has a conviction that is relevant to the nature of the Services, relevant to the work of the Customer, or is of a type otherwise advised by the Customer (each such conviction a “**Relevant Conviction**”), or is found by Contractor to have a Relevant Conviction (whether as a result of a police check, a Disclosure and Barring Service check or otherwise) is employed or engaged in the provision of any part of the Services.

Payment

All invoices should be sent, quoting a valid purchase order number (PO Number), to:

Department for International Trade

c/o UK SBS, Queensway House

West Precinct

Billingham

TS23 2NF

Email : [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of your acceptance of this letter, we will send you a unique PO Number. You must be in receipt of a valid PO Number before submitting an invoice.

To avoid delay in payment it is important that the invoice is compliant and that it includes a valid PO Number, PO Number item number (if applicable) and the details (name and telephone number) of your Customer contact (i.e. Contract Manager). Non-compliant invoices will be sent back to you, which may lead to a delay in payment. If you have a query regarding an outstanding payment please contact our Accounts Payable section either by email to [REDACTED] or by telephone [REDACTED] between 08:30-17:00 Monday to Friday.

Liaison

For general liaison your contact will continue to be [REDACTED]

We thank you for your co-operation to date, and look forward to forging a successful working relationship resulting in a smooth and successful delivery of the Services. Please confirm your acceptance of the award of this Agreement by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter to [REDACTED] at the address shown below within seven (7) days from the date of this letter. No other form of acknowledgement will be accepted. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications relating to this Agreement.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Commercial Team
Commercial, Finance and Corporate Services
Department for International Trade
Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0TL

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Signed for and on behalf of CEDR Services Limited

Name: [REDACTED]

Job Title: Senior Mediator & Founder President

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 21st October 2019

Signed for and on behalf of the Department for International Trade

Name: [REDACTED]

Job Title: HEAD OF COMMERCIAL

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 21 OCTOBER 2019.



Short Form Contract

Contract for the delivery of Mediation Services by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) to the Department for International Trade

Ref: CR_24

09/10/2019

1. Interpretation

1.1 In these terms and conditions:

Term	Description
“Agreement”	means the contract between (i) the Customer acting as part of the Crown and (ii) the Contractor constituted by the Contractor’s acceptance of the Award Letter;
“Award Letter”	means the letter from the Customer to the Contractor printed above these terms and conditions;
“Central Government Body”	means a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics: Government Department; Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal); Non-Ministerial Department; or Executive Agency;
“Charges”	means the charges for the Services as specified in the Award Letter;
“Confidential Information”	means all information, whether written or oral (however recorded), provided by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party and which (i) is known by the receiving Party to be confidential; (ii) is marked as or stated to be confidential; or (iii) ought reasonably to be considered by the receiving Party to be confidential;
“Contractor”	means the person named as Contractor in the Award Letter;
“Controller”	take the meaning given in the GDPR
“Customer”	means the person identified in the letterhead of the Award Letter;

“Data Loss Event”	any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Agreement, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Agreement, including any Personal Data Breach;
“Data Protection Impact Assessment”	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data;
“Data Protection Legislation”	i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;
“Data Protection Officer”	take the meaning given in the GDPR;
“Data Subject”	take the meaning given in the GDPR;
“Data Subject Request”	a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data;
“FOIA”	means the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
“GDPR”	the General Data Protection Regulation (<i>Regulation (EU) 2016/679</i>);
“Information”	has the meaning given under section 84 of the FOIA;
“Joint Controllers”	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing;
“Law”	means any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the Processor is bound to comply;

“LED”	Law Enforcement Directive (<i>Directive (EU) 2016/680</i>);
“Party”	the Contractor or the Customer (as appropriate) and “Parties” shall mean both of them;
“Personal Data”	take the meaning given in the GDPR;
“Personal Data Breach”	take the meaning given in the GDPR;
“Processor”	take the meaning given in the GDPR;
“Processor Personnel”	means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Processor and/or of any Sub-Processor engaged in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
Project	Any project(s) agreed between the Parties from time to time whereby the Contractor performs the Project which are the subject of this contract and supplies deliverables to the Customer as more fully described in the applicable Statement of Work;
“Protective Measures”	appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it including those outlined in Schedule 1 (Security);
“Purchase Order Number”	means the Customer’s unique number relating to the order for Goods to be supplied by the Contractor to the Customer in accordance with the terms of the Agreement;
“Request for Information”	has the meaning set out in the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 as relevant (where the meaning set out for the term “request” shall apply);
“Services”	Means the services to be supplied by the Contractor to the Customer under the Agreement;

“Specification”	means the specification for the Services to be supplied by the Contractor to the Customer as specified in the Award Letter;
“Staff”	means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Contractor and/or of any sub-contractor of the Contractor engaged in the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Agreement;
“Staff Vetting Procedures”	means vetting procedures that accord with good industry practice or, where applicable, the Customer’s procedures for the vetting of personnel as provided to the Contractor from time to time;
Statement of Work	One or more documents describing a Project commissioned by the Customer, written according to the format specified in Annex 1 of Schedule 2 of this contract, and agreed and signed by the Parties;
“Sub-processor”	any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to this Agreement;
“Term”	Means the period from the start date of the Agreement set out in the Award Letter to the Expiry Date as such period may be extended in accordance with clause 4.2 or terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement;
“VAT”	means value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994; and
“Working Day”	means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for business in the City of London.

- 1.2 In these terms and conditions, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1.3 references to numbered clauses are references to the relevant clause in these terms and conditions;
- 1.4 any obligation on any Party not to do or omit to do anything shall include an obligation not to allow that thing to be done or omitted to be done;
- 1.5 the headings to the clauses of these terms and conditions are for information only and do not affect the interpretation of the Agreement;

1.6 any reference to an enactment includes reference to that enactment as amended or replaced from time to time and to any subordinate legislation or byelaw made under that enactment; and

1.7 the word 'including' shall be understood as meaning 'including without limitation'.

2. Basis of Agreement

2.1 The Award Letter constitutes an offer by the Customer to purchase the Services subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

2.2 The offer comprised in the Award Letter shall be deemed to be accepted by the Contractor on receipt by the Customer of a copy of the Award Letter countersigned by the Contractor within seven (7) days of the date of the Award Letter.

3. Supply of Services

3.1 In consideration of the Customer's agreement to pay the Charges, the Contractor shall supply the Services to the Customer subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

3.2 In supplying the Services, the Contractor shall co-operate with the Customer in all matters relating to the supply of the Services and comply with all the Customer's instructions.

3.3 The Contractor shall supply the Services in accordance with the Specification.

3.4 The Contractor shall perform the Services with all reasonable care, skill and diligence in accordance with good industry practice in the Contractor's industry, profession or trade; use Staff who are suitably skilled and experienced to perform tasks assigned to them, and in sufficient number to ensure that the Contractor's obligations are fulfilled in accordance with the Agreement; and provide all equipment, tools and vehicles and other items as are required to provide the Services.

4. Term

4.1 The Agreement shall take effect on the date specified in Award Letter and shall expire on the Expiry Date, unless it is otherwise extended in accordance with clause 4.2 or terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

4.2 The Customer may extend the Agreement for a period of up to six (6) months by giving not less than ten (10) Working Days' notice in writing to the Contractor prior

to the Expiry Date. The terms and conditions of the Agreement shall apply throughout any such extended period.

5. Charges, Payment and Recovery of Sums Due

- 5.1 The Charges for the Services shall be as set out in the Award Letter and shall be the full and exclusive remuneration of the Contractor in respect of the supply of the Services. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Customer, the Charges shall include every cost and expense of the Contractor directly or indirectly incurred in connection with the performance of the Services.
- 5.2 All amounts stated are exclusive of VAT which shall be charged at the prevailing rate. The Customer shall, following the receipt of a valid VAT invoice, pay to the Contractor a sum equal to the VAT chargeable in respect of the Services.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall invoice the Customer as specified in the Agreement. Each invoice shall include such supporting information required by the Customer to verify the accuracy of the invoice, including the relevant Purchase Order Number and a breakdown of the Services supplied in the invoice period.
- 5.4 In consideration of the supply of the Services by the Contractor, the Customer shall pay the Contractor the invoiced amounts no later than thirty (30) days after verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed and includes a valid Purchase Order Number. The Customer may, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies under the Agreement, withhold or reduce payments in the event of unsatisfactory performance.
- 5.5 If the Customer fails to consider and verify an invoice in a timely fashion the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purpose of paragraph 5.4 after a reasonable time has passed.
- 5.6 If there is a dispute between the Parties as to the amount invoiced, the Customer shall pay the undisputed amount. The Contractor shall not suspend the supply of the Services unless the Contractor is entitled to terminate the Agreement for a failure to pay undisputed sums in accordance with clause 16.4. Any disputed amounts shall be resolved through the dispute resolution procedure detailed in clause 19.
- 5.7 If a payment of an undisputed amount is not made by the Customer by the due date, then the Customer shall pay the Contractor interest at the interest rate specified in the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
- 5.8 Where the Contractor enters into a sub-contract, the Contractor shall include in that sub-contract:
- 5.9 provisions having the same effects as clauses 5.3 to 5.7 of this Agreement; and

- 5.10 a provision requiring the counterparty to that sub-contract to include in any sub-contract which it awards provisions having the same effect as 5.3 to 5.8 of this Agreement.
- 5.11 In this clause 5.8, “sub-contract” means a contract between two or more Contractors, at any stage of remoteness from the Authority in a subcontracting chain, made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of this Agreement.
- 5.12 If any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor under the Agreement (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Customer in respect of any breach of the Agreement), that sum may be deducted unilaterally by the Customer from any sum then due, or which may come due, to the Contractor under the Agreement or under any other agreement or contract with the Customer. The Contractor shall not be entitled to assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Customer in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part.

6. Premises and equipment

- 6.1 If necessary, the Customer shall provide the Contractor with reasonable access at reasonable times to its premises for the purpose of supplying the Services. All equipment, tools and vehicles brought onto the Customer’s premises by the Contractor or the Staff shall be at the Contractor’s risk.
- 6.2 If the Contractor supplies all or any of the Services at or from the Customer’s premises, on completion of the Services or termination or expiry of the Agreement (whichever is the earlier) the Contractor shall vacate the Customer’s premises, remove the Contractor’s plant, equipment and unused materials and all rubbish arising out of the provision of the Services and leave the Customer’s premises in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for making good any damage to the Customer’s premises or any objects contained on the Customer’s premises which is caused by the Contractor or any Staff, other than fair wear and tear.
- 6.3 If the Contractor supplies all or any of the Services at or from its premises or the premises of a third party, the Customer may, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice, inspect and examine the manner in which the relevant Services are supplied at or from the relevant premises.
- 6.4 The Customer shall be responsible for maintaining the security of its premises in accordance with its standard security requirements. While on the Customer’s premises the Contractor shall, and shall procure that all Staff shall, comply with all the Customer’s security requirements.

- 6.5 Where all or any of the Services are supplied from the Contractor's premises, the Contractor shall, at its own cost, comply with all security requirements specified by the Customer in writing.
- 6.6 Without prejudice, any equipment provided by the Customer for the purposes of the Agreement shall remain the property of the Customer and shall be used by the Contractor and the Staff only for the purpose of carrying out the Agreement. Such equipment shall be returned promptly to the Customer on expiry or termination of the Agreement.
- 6.7 The Contractor shall reimburse the Customer for any loss or damage to the equipment (other than deterioration resulting from normal and proper use) caused by the Contractor or any Staff. Equipment supplied by the Customer shall be deemed to be in a good condition when received by the Contractor or relevant Staff unless the Customer is notified otherwise in writing within five (5) Working Days.

7. Staff and Key Personnel

- 7.1 If the Customer reasonably believes that any of the Staff are unsuitable to undertake work in respect of the Agreement, it may, by giving written notice to the Contractor:
- a. refuse admission to the relevant person(s) to the Customer's premises;
 - b. direct the Contractor to end the involvement in the provision of the Services of the relevant person(s); and/or
 - c. require that the Contractor replace any person removed under this clause with another suitably qualified person and procure that any security pass issued by the Customer to the person removed is surrendered,
 - d. and the Contractor shall comply with any such notice.
- 7.2 The Contractor shall:
- a. ensure that all Staff are vetted in accordance with the Staff Vetting Procedures;
 - b. if requested, provide the Customer with a list of the names and addresses (and any other relevant information) of all persons who may require admission to the Customer's premises in connection with the Agreement; and
 - c. procure that all Staff comply with any rules, regulations and requirements reasonably specified by the Customer.
- 7.3 Any Key Personnel shall not be released from supplying the Services without the agreement of the Customer, except by reason of long-term sickness, maternity leave, paternity leave, termination of employment or other extenuating circumstances.

- 7.4 Any replacements to the Key Personnel shall be subject to the prior written agreement of the Customer (not to be unreasonably withheld). Such replacements shall be of at least equal status or of equivalent experience and skills to the Key Personnel being replaced and be suitable for the responsibilities of that person in relation to the Services.

8. Assignment and sub-contracting

- 8.1 The Contractor shall not without the written consent of the Customer assign, sub-contract, novate or in any way dispose of the benefit and/ or the burden of the Agreement or any part of the Agreement. The Customer may, in the granting of such consent, provide for additional terms and conditions relating to such assignment, sub-contract, novation or disposal. The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors as though those acts and omissions were its own.
- 8.2 Where the Customer has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, the Contractor shall, at the request of the Customer, send copies of each sub-contract, to the Customer as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- 8.3 The Customer may assign, novate, or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations under the Agreement without the consent of the Contractor provided that such assignment, novation or disposal shall not increase the burden of the Contractor's obligations under the Agreement.

9. Intellectual Property Rights

- 9.1 The All intellectual property rights in any materials provided by the Customer to the Contractor for the purposes of this Agreement shall remain the property of the Customer but the Customer hereby grants the Contractor a royalty-free, non-exclusive and non-transferable licence to use such materials as required until termination or expiry of the Agreement for the sole purpose of enabling the Contractor to perform its obligations under the Agreement.
- 9.2 All intellectual property rights in any materials created or developed by the Contractor pursuant to the Agreement or arising as a result of the provision of the Services shall vest in the Contractor. If, and to the extent, that any intellectual property rights in such materials vest in the Customer by operation of law, the Customer hereby assigns to the Contractor by way of a present assignment of future rights that shall take place immediately on the coming into existence of any such intellectual property rights all its intellectual property rights in such materials (with full title guarantee and free from all third party rights).
- 9.3 The Contractor hereby grants the Customer:

- 9.4 a perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-license) to use all intellectual property rights in the materials created or developed pursuant to the Agreement and any intellectual property rights arising as a result of the provision of the Services; and
- 9.5 a perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable and non-exclusive licence (with a right to sub-license) to use:
- 9.6 any intellectual property rights vested in or licensed to the Contractor on the date of the Agreement; and
- 9.7 any intellectual property rights created during the Term but which are neither created or developed pursuant to the Agreement nor arise as a result of the provision of the Services,
- 9.8 including any modifications to or derivative versions of any such intellectual property rights, which the Customer reasonably requires in order to exercise its rights and take the benefit of the Agreement including the Services provided.
- 9.9 The Contractor shall indemnify, and keep indemnified, the Customer in full against all costs, expenses, damages and losses (whether direct or indirect), including any interest, penalties, and reasonable legal and other professional fees awarded against or incurred or paid by the Customer as a result of or in connection with any claim made against the Customer for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's intellectual property arising out of, or in connection with, the supply or use of the Services, to the extent that the claim is attributable to the acts or omission of the Contractor or any Staff.

10. Governance and Records

- 10.1 The Contractor shall:
 - a. attend progress meetings with the Customer at the frequency and times specified by the Customer and shall ensure that its representatives are suitably qualified to attend such meetings; and
 - b. submit progress reports to the Customer at the times and in the format specified by the Customer.
- 10.2 The Contractor shall keep and maintain until six (6) years after the end of the Agreement, or as long a period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Agreement including the Services supplied under it and all payments made by the Customer. The Contractor shall on request afford the Customer or the Customer's representatives such access to those records as may be reasonably requested by the Customer in connection with the Agreement.

11. Confidentiality, Transparency and Publicity

- 11.1 Subject to clause b, each Party shall:
- a. treat all Confidential Information it receives as confidential, safeguard it accordingly and not disclose it to any other person without the prior written permission of the disclosing Party; and
 - b. not use or exploit the disclosing Party's Confidential Information in any way except for the purposes anticipated under the Agreement.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding clause 11.1, a Party may disclose Confidential Information which it receives from the other Party:
- a. where disclosure is required by applicable law or by a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - b. to its auditors or for the purposes of regulatory requirements;
 - c. on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers;
 - d. to the Serious Fraud Office where the Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Party is involved in activity that may constitute a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010;
 - e. where the receiving Party is the Contractor, to the Staff on a need to know basis to enable performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Agreement provided that the Contractor shall procure that any Staff to whom it discloses Confidential Information pursuant to this clause shall observe the Contractor's confidentiality obligations under the Agreement; and
- 11.3 where the receiving Party is the Customer:
- a. on a confidential basis to the employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Customer;
 - b. on a confidential basis to any other Central Government Body, any successor body to a Central Government Body or any company to which the Customer transfers or proposes to transfer all or any part of its business;
 - c. to the extent that the Customer (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions; or
 - d. in accordance with clause 02.

and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement

containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Customer under this clause 11.

- 11.4 The Parties acknowledge that, except for any Information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of the Agreement is not Confidential Information and the Contractor hereby gives its consent for the Customer to publish the Agreement in its entirety to the general public (but with any Information that is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA redacted) including any changes to the Agreement agreed from time to time. The Customer may consult with the Contractor to inform its decision regarding any redactions but shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Agreement is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA.
- 11.5 The Contractor shall not, and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the Staff shall not, make any press announcement or publicise the Agreement or any part of the Agreement in any way, except with the prior written consent of the Customer.

12. Freedom of Information

- 12.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Customer is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and shall:
- 12.1.1 provide all necessary assistance and cooperation as reasonably requested by the Customer to enable the Customer to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
- 12.1.2 transfer to the Customer all Requests for Information relating to the Agreement that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within 2 Working Days of receipt;
- 12.1.3 provide the Customer with a copy of all Information belonging to the Customer requested in the Request for Information which is in its possession or control in the form that the Customer requires within 5 Working Days (or such other period as the Customer may reasonably specify) of the Customer's request for such Information; and
- 12.1.4 not respond directly to a Request for Information unless authorised in writing to do so by the Customer.
- 12.2 The Contractor acknowledges that the Customer may be required under the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 to disclose Information concerning the Contractor or the Goods (including commercially sensitive information) without consulting or obtaining consent from the Contractor. In these circumstances the Customer shall, in accordance with any relevant guidance issued under the FOIA, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Contractor

advance notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Contractor's attention after any such disclosure

12.3 Notwithstanding any other provision in the Agreement, the Customer shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any Information relating to the Contractor or the Goods is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

13. Data Protection

13.1 The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Customer is the Controller and the Contractor is the Processor unless otherwise specified in Schedule 1. The only processing that the Processor is authorised to do is listed in Schedule 1 by the Controller and may not be determined by the Processor.

13.2 The Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it considers that any of the Controller's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.

13.3 The Processor shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Controller in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Controller, include:

- (a) a systematic description of the envisaged processing operations and the purpose of the processing;
- (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Services;
- (c) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
- (d) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.

13.4 The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with its obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) process that Personal Data only in accordance with Schedule 1, unless the Processor is required to do otherwise by Law. If it is so required the Processor shall promptly notify the Controller before processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law;
- (b) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, which are appropriate to protect against a Data Loss Event, which the Controller may reasonably reject (but failure to reject shall not amount to approval by the Controller of the adequacy of the Protective Measures), having taken account of the:
 - (i) nature of the data to be protected;

- (ii) harm that might result from a Data Loss Event;
- (iii) state of technological development; and
- (iv) cost of implementing any measures;

(c) ensure that:

(i) the Processor Personnel do not process Personal Data except in accordance with this Agreement (and in particular Schedule 1;

(ii) it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Processor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:

(A) are aware of and comply with the Processor's duties under this clause;

(B) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Processor or any Sub-processor;

(C) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third Party unless directed in writing to do so by the Controller or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement; and

(D) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data; and

(d) not transfer Personal Data outside of the EU unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with GDPR Article 46 or LED Article 37) as determined by the Controller;

(ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

(iii) the Processor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the Controller in meeting its obligations); and

(iv) the Processor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Controller with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;

(e) at the written direction of the Controller, delete or return Personal Data (and any copies of it) to the Controller on termination of the Agreement unless the Processor is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.

13.5 Subject to clause 13.6, the Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it:

- (a) receives a Data Subject Request (or purported Data Subject Request);
- (b) receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
- (c) receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- (d) receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data processed under this Agreement;
- (e) receives a request from any third Party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law; or
- (f) becomes aware of a Data Loss Event.

13.6 The Processor's obligation to notify under clause 13.5 shall include the provision of further information to the Controller in phases, as details become available.

13.7 Taking into account the nature of the processing, the Processor shall provide the Controller with full assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under clause 13.5 (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Controller) including by promptly providing:

- (a) the Controller with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
- (b) such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Controller to enable the Controller to comply with a Data Subject Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
- (c) the Controller, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
- (d) assistance as requested by the Controller following any Data Loss Event;
- (e) assistance as requested by the Controller with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by the Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office.

13.8 The Processor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause. This requirement does not apply where the Processor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:

- (a) the Controller determines that the processing is not occasional;
- (b) the Controller determines the processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10 of the GDPR; or
- (d) the Controller determines that the processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.

13.9 The Processor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor.

13.10 Each Party shall designate its own data protection officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.

13.11 Before allowing any Sub-processor to process any Personal Data related to this Agreement, the Processor must:

- (a) notify the Controller in writing of the intended Sub-processor and processing;
- (b) obtain the written consent of the Controller;
- (c) enter into a written agreement with the Sub-processor which give effect to the terms set out in this clause 13 such that they apply to the Sub-processor; and
- (d) provide the Controller with such information regarding the Sub-processor as the Controller may reasonably require.

13.12 The Processor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Sub-processors.

13.13 The Controller may, at any time on not less than 30 Working Days' notice, revise this clause by replacing it with any applicable controller to processor standard clauses or similar terms forming part of an applicable certification scheme (which shall apply when incorporated by attachment to this Agreement).

13.14 The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Controller may on not less than 30 Working Days' notice to the Processor amend this agreement to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.

13.15 Where the Parties include two or more Joint Controllers as identified in Schedule 1 in accordance with GDPR Article 26, those Parties shall enter into a Joint Controller Agreement

based on the terms outlined in Schedule 2 in replacement of Clauses 13.1-13.14 for the Personal Data under Joint Control.

14. Liability

14.1 Neither party shall be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, cost or expense suffered by the other party if and to the extent that it is caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of such party or by breach by such party of its obligations under the Agreement.

14.2 Subject always to clauses 14.3 and 14.4:

14.2.1 the aggregate liability of the Contractor in respect of all defaults, claims, losses or damages howsoever caused, whether arising from breach of the Agreement, the supply or failure to supply of the Services, misrepresentation (whether tortious or statutory), tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise shall in no event exceed a sum equal to 125% of the Charges paid or payable to the Contractor; and

14.2.2 the aggregate liability of the Contractor in respect of all defaults, claims, losses or damages howsoever caused, whether arising from breach of the Agreement, the supply or failure to supply of the Services, misrepresentation (whether tortious or statutory), tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise shall in no event exceed a sum equal to the Charges paid or payable to the Contractor; and except in the case of claims arising against the Contractor under clauses 9.4 and 18.3, in no event shall either party be liable to the other for any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage.

14.3 Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to limit or exclude either Party's liability for:

14.3.1 death or personal injury caused by its negligence or that of its Staff;

14.3.2 fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or that of its Staff; or

14.3.3 any other matter which, by law, may not be excluded or limited.

14.4 The Contractor's liability under the indemnity in clause 9.4 and 18.3 shall be unlimited

15. Force Majeure

The Neither Party shall have any liability under or be deemed to be in breach of the Agreement for any delays or failures in performance of the Agreement which result from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Party affected. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party in writing when such circumstances cause a delay or failure in performance and when they cease to do so. If such circumstances

continue for a continuous period of more than two months, either Party may terminate the Agreement by written notice to the other Party.

16. Termination

- 16.1 The Customer may terminate the Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the Contractor to take effect on any date falling at least 1 month (or, if the Agreement is less than three (3) months in duration, at least ten (10) Working Days) later than the date of service of the relevant notice.
- 16.2 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy it might have, the Customer may terminate the Agreement by written notice to the Contractor with immediate effect if the Contractor:
- 16.2.1 (without prejudice to clause 16.2.5), is in material breach of any obligation under the Agreement which is not capable of remedy;
 - 16.2.2 repeatedly breaches any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement in such a manner as to reasonably justify the opinion that its conduct is inconsistent with it having the intention or ability to give effect to the terms and conditions of the Agreement;
 - 16.2.3 is in material breach of any obligation which is capable of remedy, and that breach is not remedied within 30 days of the Contractor receiving notice specifying the breach and requiring it to be remedied;
 - 16.2.4 undergoes a change of control within the meaning of section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;
 - 16.2.5 breaches any of the provisions of clauses 7.2, 11, 12, 13 and 17;
 - 16.2.6 becomes insolvent, or if an order is made or a resolution is passed for the winding up of the Contractor (other than voluntarily for the purpose of solvent amalgamation or reconstruction), or if an administrator or administrative receiver is appointed in respect of the whole or any part of the Contractor's assets or business, or if the Contractor makes any composition with its creditors or takes or suffers any similar or analogous action (to any of the actions detailed in this clause 16.2.6) in consequence of debt in any jurisdiction; or
 - 16.2.7 fails to comply with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law.
- 16.3 The Contractor shall notify the Customer as soon as practicable of any change of control as referred to in clause 16.2.4 or any potential such change of control.

- 16.4 The Contractor may terminate the Agreement by written notice to the Customer if the Customer has not paid any undisputed amounts within 90 days of them falling due.
- 16.5 Termination or expiry of the Agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights of either Party accrued prior to termination or expiry and shall not affect the continuing rights of the Parties under this clause and clauses 2, 3.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.6, 6.7, 7, 9, 10.2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16.6, 17.4, 18.3, 19 and 20.7 or any other provision of the Agreement that either expressly or by implication has effect after termination.
- 16.6 Upon termination or expiry of the Agreement, the Contractor shall:
- 16.6.1 give all reasonable assistance to the Customer and any incoming Contractor of the Services; and
- 16.6.2 return all requested documents, information and data to the Customer as soon as reasonably practicable.

17. Compliance

- 17.1 Without The Contractor shall promptly notify the Customer of any health and safety hazards which may arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Agreement. The Customer shall promptly notify the Contractor of any health and safety hazards which may exist or arise at the Customer's premises and which may affect the Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement.
- 17.2 The Contractor shall:
- 17.2.1 comply with all the Customer's health and safety measures while on the Customer's premises; and
- 17.2.2 notify the Customer immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement on the Customer's premises where that incident causes any personal injury or damage to property which could give rise to personal injury.
- 17.3 The Contractor shall:
- 17.3.1 perform its obligations under the Agreement in accordance with all applicable equality Law and the Customer's equality and diversity policy as provided to the Contractor from time to time; and
- 17.3.2 take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause 17.3.1 by all Staff.
- 17.4 The Contractor shall supply the Services in accordance with the Customer's environmental policy as provided to the Contractor from time to time.

17.5 The Contractor shall comply with, and shall ensure that its Staff shall comply with, the provisions of:

17.6 the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989; and

17.7 section 182 of the Finance Act 1989

18. Prevention of Fraud and Corruption

18.1 The Contractor shall not offer, give, or agree to give anything, to any person an inducement or reward for doing, refraining from doing, or for having done or refrained from doing, any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the Agreement or for showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Agreement.

18.2 The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps, in accordance with good industry practice, to prevent fraud by the Staff and the Contractor (including its shareholders, members and directors) in connection with the Agreement and shall notify the Customer immediately if it has reason to suspect that any fraud has occurred or is occurring or is likely to occur.

18.3 If the Contractor or the Staff engages in conduct prohibited by clause 18.1 or commits fraud in relation to the Agreement or any other contract with the Crown (including the Customer) the Customer may:

18.3.1 terminate the Agreement and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss suffered by the Customer resulting from the termination, including the cost reasonably incurred by the Customer of making other arrangements for the supply of the Services and any additional expenditure incurred by the Customer throughout the remainder of the Agreement; or

18.3.2 recover in full from the Contractor any other loss sustained by the Customer in consequence of any breach of this clause.

19. Dispute Resolution

- 19.1 The Parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with the Agreement and such efforts shall involve the escalation of the dispute to an appropriately senior representative of each Party.
- 19.2 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties within one month of being escalated as referred to in clause 19.1, the dispute may by agreement between the Parties be referred to a neutral adviser or mediator (the “Mediator”) chosen by agreement between the Parties. All negotiations connected with the dispute shall be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any further proceedings.
- 19.3 If the Parties fail to appoint a Mediator within one month, or fail to enter into a written agreement resolving the dispute within one month of the Mediator being appointed, either Party may exercise any remedy it has under applicable law.

20. General

- 20.1 Each of the Parties represents and warrants to the other that it has full capacity and authority, and all necessary consents, licences and permissions to enter into and perform its obligations under the Agreement, and that the Agreement is executed by its duly authorised representative.
- 20.2 A person who is not a party to the Agreement shall have no right to enforce any of its provisions which, expressly or by implication, confer a benefit on him, without the prior written agreement of the Parties.
- 20.3 The Agreement cannot be varied except in writing signed by a duly authorised representative of both the Parties.
- 20.4 The Agreement contains the whole agreement between the Parties and supersedes and replaces any prior written or oral agreements, representations or understandings between them. The Parties confirm that they have not entered into the Agreement on the basis of any representation that is not expressly incorporated into the Agreement. Nothing in this clause shall exclude liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 20.5 Any waiver or relaxation either partly, or wholly of any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be valid only if it is communicated to the other Party in writing and expressly stated to be a waiver. A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of contract shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other breach of the Agreement.

- 20.6 The Agreement shall not constitute or imply any partnership, joint venture, agency, fiduciary relationship or other relationship between the Parties other than the contractual relationship expressly provided for in the Agreement. Neither Party shall have, nor represent that it has, any authority to make any commitments on the other Party's behalf.
- 20.7 Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Agreement, all remedies available to either Party for breach of the Agreement (whether under the Agreement, statute or common law) are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.
- 20.8 If any provision of the Agreement is prohibited by law or judged by a court to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, the provision shall, to the extent required, be severed from the Agreement and rendered ineffective as far as possible without modifying the remaining provisions of the Agreement, and shall not in any way affect any other circumstances of or the validity or enforcement of the Agreement.

21. Notices

- 21.1 Any notice to be given under the Agreement shall be in writing and may be served by personal delivery, first class recorded or, subject to clause 21.3, e-mail to the address of the relevant Party set out in the Award Letter, or such other address as that Party may from time to time notify to the other Party in accordance with this clause.
- 21.2 Notices served as above shall be deemed served on the Working Day of delivery provided delivery is before 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise delivery shall be deemed to occur on the next Working Day. An email shall be deemed delivered when sent unless an error message is received.
- 21.3 Notices under clauses 15 **Error! Reference source not found.** (Force Majeure) and 16 (Termination) may be served by email only if the original notice is then sent to the recipient by personal delivery or recorded delivery in the manner set out in clause 21.1.

22. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The validity, construction and performance of the Agreement, and all contractual and non contractual matters arising out of it, shall be governed by English law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts to which the Parties submit.

Appendix 1: Specification of Requirement

1. About the Department for International Trade

- 1.1 The Department for International Trade (DIT) was created in July 2016 and is responsible for promoting British trade across the world and ensuring the UK takes advantage of the huge opportunities open to the UK.
- 1.2 DIT's responsibilities include those of the former UK Trade & Investment in helping UK based companies succeed in the global economy. The Department also helps overseas companies bring their high quality investment to the UK's dynamic economy which is acknowledged as Europe's best place from which to succeed in global business.
- 1.3 The Department offers expertise and contacts through its extensive network in the UK and diplomatic offices around the world. The organisation provides companies with the tools they require to be competitive on the world stage.
- 1.4 The Department also has a regionally-based delivery network providing support for exporters and foreign investors.

2. Background to the Requirement

- 2.1 The Department maintains a National Contact Point (NCP) as part of its commitment to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (MNEs) on Responsible Business Conduct. The NCP provides mediation services as part of its complaints handling procedure. Mediation must be conducted by an independent third party outside of the UK NCP with specialist knowledge of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The person or organisation providing the mediation service must also be appropriately accredited by external bodies, which are relevant to the chapter of the OECD Guidelines, including the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) and Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). By providing this service, the UK Government will continue to meet its obligation to provide a complaints process under the OECD Guidelines.

3. The Requirement

- 3.1 The Contractor will provide mediation services for the UK NCP according to the following technical standards:
 - Specialist understanding of the OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises.
 - Mediators accredited by the external bodies, which are relevant to the chapter of the OECD Guidelines, including Advisory, Conciliation and

Arbitration Service (ACAS) and Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR).

- Mediation services in languages required by the Customer.

- 3.2 The Contractor will provide the services specified in Schedule 2 (Agreed Statements of Work), and thereafter shall provide services for individual Projects, specified in Statements of Work agreed and signed by the Contractor and the Customer.
- 3.3 The Parties may agree new Projects to be delivered under this Contract by agreeing a new Statement of Work. This must be done in writing and using the form set out in Annex 1 of Schedule 2. Once both Parties have signed a Statement of Work, it shall form part of this Contract.
- 3.4 Any schedule attached to a Statement of Work will describe in detail the different types of Services to be provided under that Statement of Work. A schedule attached to a Statement of Work only applies to the relevant Project to be delivered under that Statement of Work, and not to any other Statement of Work, or to the provision of the contract as a whole.
- 3.5 Travel and subsistence costs included in Statement of Works other than 001 and 002 shall comply with DIT's Travel and Subsistence Policy, included in Annex 2 of Schedule 2 of this contract.

Appendix 2 – Contract Charges

Below is an itemised breakdown of the cost of this contract. **The maximum value of this contract shall not exceed one hundred thousand pounds (£100,000.00). The daily rate charged for each mediator under this contract shall not exceed one thousand five hundred pounds (£1500.00) per day.**

Committed Spend:

Period/Session	Cost (exc. VAT)
London (10 th - 17 th October)	£7500.00
Accra (23 rd – 30 th October)	£24,500.00

Optional Spend:

Period/Session	Cost (exc. VAT)
Other mediation sessions	Up to a maximum of £67,500.00

Schedule 1– Schedule of Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects

This Schedule shall be completed by the Controller, who may take account of the view of the Processors, however the final decision as to the content of this Schedule shall be with the Controller at its absolute discretion.

1.The contact details of the Controller’s Data Protection Officer are:

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2.The contact details of the Processor’s Data Protection Officer are:

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3.The Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to processing by the Controller.

4.Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Schedule.

Description	Details
Identity of the Controller and Processor	The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Customer is the Controller and the Contractor is the Processor in accordance with Clause 1.1.

Subject matter of the processing	The processing is needed in order to ensure that the Contractor can effectively deliver their obligations under this contract.
Duration of the processing	9 October 2019 and the Expiry Date shall be 31 March 2019.
Nature and purposes of the processing	<p>The purpose and nature processing of the data will include collection, storage, use and destruction.</p> <p>The purpose of the processing is to ensure that the Contractor can effectively deliver their obligations under this contract.</p>
Type of Personal Data being Processed	Names, email addresses and telephone numbers of individual of parties to complaints
Categories of Data Subject	Customers/ clients of the UK National Contact Point
<p>Plan for return and destruction of the data once the processing is complete</p> <p>UNLESS requirement under union or member state law to preserve that type of data</p>	Personal data will be destroyed within 30 days of the expiry of this contract.

Schedule 2 – Agreed Statements of Work

Statement of Work 001

Project description:	Investment Mediation Services - London
Project Start Date	10 th October
Project End Date	17 th October
Services and deliverables	Mediation services for the UK OECD NCP to be provided in London between 10 th and 17 th October.

Project charges:

Type of cost	Description of cost	Cost
Mediation costs	One (1) mediator for five (5) days (£1250 per day).	£7500.00
Travel and Subsistence costs	Not applicable.	£0.00
Other Costs	Not applicable.	£0.00
	Total Costs:	£7500.00

Statement of Work 002

Project description:	Investment Mediation Services - Accra
Project Start Date	23 rd October 2019
Project End Date	30 th October 2019
Services and deliverables	Mediation services for the UK OECD NCP to be provided in Accra, Ghana between 23 rd and 30 th October, including travel, subsistence, and ancillary services.

Project charges:

Type of cost	Description of cost	Cost
Mediation costs	5 days of professional mediation (£2500 per day).	£12,500.00
Travel and Subsistence costs	Travel & subsistence	£6000.00
Other Costs	Pre- and post-mediation services	£6000.00
	Total Costs:	£24,500.00

Annex 1

Template Statement of Work

This Statement of Work is issued under and in accordance with the Contract entered into between the parties dated 9 October 2019.

Project description:	<i>[To include an outline of what the project is and what support is required]</i>
Project Start Date	
Project End Date	
Services and deliverables	<i>[To include a breakdown of the services provided, deliverables and key dates associated with deliverables]</i>

Project charges:

Type of cost	Description of cost <i>[a full breakdown of the cost should be included e.g. specifying the number of days and rate applied etc.]</i>	Cost
Mediation costs		
Travel and Subsistence costs		
Other Costs		
	Total Costs:	

Annex 2 – Travel and Subsistence

Contractor to note that the Customer is in the process of developing DIT Travel, Expenses and Subsistence Policies, once these have been agreed, these policies will supersede the UKTI policies outlined below.

UKTI Travel, Subsistence, Business Hospitality and Representational guidance (August 2015)

Introduction Context

This document gives a consistent, transparent and standardised guidance for travel, subsistence, business hospitality and representational work.

Scope of this guidance

This guidance applies to all UKTI staff¹ in the UK or overseas, and/or where UKTI funds the activity. Contractors and other specialists employed or funded by UKTI are expected to adhere to these guidelines.

Underlying Principles

UKTI expects its staff and those within the scope of this guidance to make appropriate and justifiable spending decisions; weighing the balance between value for money, public perception and business benefits.

No one should either benefit or be out of pocket as a result of undertaking UKTI activities. Claims should be made on the basis of actual receipted costs. Any costs should be in addition to those that would have been incurred at the normal place of work.

Approving expenditure

Approvers must show leadership and judgement, in both considering the necessity of the activity and when challenging and approving claims.

Approvers must also check all receipts in support of claims. For electronic claims, a scan of the receipt is acceptable. Claims made without receipts ordinarily should be rejected unless a compelling case can be made by the claimant.

1. Travel Principles

Travel may be undertaken when alternatives (virtual meetings, etc.) have been considered. Once travel has been agreed (see below), it must be:

- Be pre-approved (see below);
- By the cheapest appropriate route (see class of travel); Planned ahead to take advantage of cheaper fares;
- Take advantage of any savings, i.e. travelling in groups with group discounts or combining taxi, coach, etc. journeys;
- By booked using the appropriate government travel agents (see below); Adhere to markers for hotels overseas or maximum rates for hotels in UK.

Booking travel

All travel, hotel and other expenses require pre-approval:

In UK, UKTI staff require pre-approval from their Managing Director (MD).

Overseas, UKTI staff require pre-approval from their Director/Head of Trade & Investment (HoTI). In large Posts, the HoTI may delegation this function to the Deputy Director.

Pre-approval may take the form of an email either from the MD/HoTI or the Budget Holder (cc'd MD/HoTI).

Air travel

Class of travel

The class of travel for all UKTI staff, regardless of grade, is:

Flights over 14 hours flying time	Business
Night flights over 7 hours flying time	Business
Flights over 5 hours flying time	Premium Economy
Flights under 5 hours flying time	Economy

Use budget airlines whenever possible for flights up to 3 hours.

Time away from normal location	Limits
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Up to 5 hours	No claims
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If Premium Economy is unavailable on a routing, the MD/HoTI approval may be sought for Business Class, but will only be given if no alternative routing (not just the preferred routing) has a Premium Economy available.

Flying time

Flying time is:

The time of the journey, or each segment of the journey, as published by the airline for that routing;

Only the time in the air – it does not include transfer time;

UKTI staff may not use routes to extend the flying time of their journey in order to use a higher class of travel.

Night flights

Night flights are those leaving the destination after 20:00 hours (local), i.e. after take-off after 8pm from the destination

Each leg of a return journey must separately meet the above criteria, i.e. an outward night flight over 7 hours flying time does not automatically qualify the individual for a Business Class return journey: if the return journey is not night time, then Premium Economy would apply.

Other rules and considerations

All flights must be on the cheapest reasonable airline.

Tickets must be booked for set dates;

Open dated tickets (which are more expensive) are not to be booked.

UKTI cannot take advantage of any deals which would allow them to travel above the permitted class of travel for the journey, i.e. taking a Business Class flight when Premium Economy is permitted, even if that is cheaper through use of a different airline/routing.

Excess baggage charges will not normally be refunded, unless the flight has been made by a Budget airline with no or low baggage allowances (and such allowances are not normally a reason to use "premium" airlines).

UKTI will only pay other charges, i.e. re-booking or cancellation fees, for operational reasons, i.e. when travel plans have changed for business reasons after the MD/HoTI has approved the travel. Compassionate grounds will be considered.

Air miles

Air miles may be accumulated and used to gain access to airline benefits, i.e. entry to airline lounges, priority boarding, etc. However, air miles cannot be used for any other purpose, whether official or personal.

Exceptions to the class of travel

Exceptions may be considered and approved by the MD/HoTI when: There are disability or health reasons;

Travel is across multiple time zones and there is no opportunity for rest and recuperation (R&R) before work begins. It must be shown that there was no possibility of travelling earlier to allow time for R&R: a reasonable length of time for R&R would be overnight following a 5 hour (in Premium Economy – above) flight. No R&R would normally be expected after a Business Class flight.

Rail travel

Rail travel should be used for:

- All journeys within the UK (unless the equivalent air journey is over 1 hour flying time and the cost is equivalent)
- All journeys overseas where the rail network is developed and offers advantages of cost, convenience and speed over air travel. This would include many journeys within Europe, Japan, etc. Journeys between London and Paris/Brussels, i.e. Eurostar.

Class of travel

All rail travel, including Eurostar, should be by "Standard" class or its equivalent. No first or premium rail travel is permitted. No exceptions will be considered.

Use of overnight sleepers is permitted if it provides good value for money, i.e. allowing the UKTI officer to start work on arrival and/or a saving on a night's hotel accommodation.

Taxis

Taxis may be used in the following circumstances:

- Where there are no reasonable public transport alternatives: London and most developed cities offer reasonable public transport, i.e. train, metro/tube, and buses;
- Where it is more cost effective, i.e. one taxi for three UKTI officers being cheaper than three separate train fares;
- For personal safety reasons;

- More luggage than is reasonable to manage on public transport, i.e. more than carry-on and one checked-in piece of luggage.

Taxis may not be used in the following circumstances:

- When public transport incurs only a modest additional travel time or there is no deadline to arrive at the destination;
- When public transport incurs an unreasonable degree of difficulty when changing modes, i.e. the train station located an unreasonable distance from the connecting metro/tube station;
- Being late through leaving insufficient time to reach the destination.

Hotels and Subsistence

Hotels

There is no “marker” system in the UK to identify hotels. However, the maximum cost for “bed & breakfast” is £125 per night (Greater London) and £85 per night (outside Greater London).

All overseas Posts have “marker” hotels. Only marker hotels may be used overseas at rates equal or less than the Post’s published corporate rate. Marker hotels are available on the FCO’s Extranet or from Post’s UKTI team.

Exceptions

Very few exceptions to the maximum permitted nightly cost (in the UK) or to using marker hotels (overseas) will be considered. However, reasons may be where the arrangements are part of group and booked by a third party, i.e. a mission led by a multiplier (but not a UKTI team).

Subsistence

Staff may reclaim actual expenses incurred for meals when away from their normal location. All expenses must be supported by receipts.