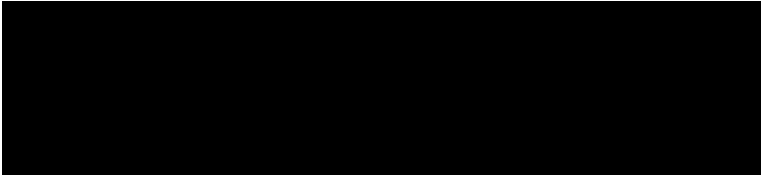


## Schedule 9 - Variation Form

This form is to be used in order to change a Call-Off Contract in accordance with Clause 32 (Variation process)

Contract Details	
This variation is between:	<b>UK Research and Innovation ("the Buyer")</b>  And  <b>SOMERFORD ASSOCIATES LIMITED ("the Supplier")</b>
Contract name:	DDaT24509 (HashiCorp HCP Terraform - Infrastructure as Code, Manage any Cloud Infrastructure). ( <b>"the Contract"</b> )
Contract reference number:	DDaT24509
Details of Proposed Variation	
Variation initiated by:	Buyer
Variation number:	<b>1</b>
Date variation is raised:	<b>04/06/2025</b>
Proposed variation	<p>This variation seeks to uplift the total call off contract value by £6,599.53 excluding vat. To cover Period 30-Jun-2025 to 25-Feb-2026, as proposal 250603.</p> <p>The initial contract value for call off contract DDaT24509 is £24,802.49.</p> <p>The new value of this call off contract is £31,402.02 excluding VAT.</p>
Reason for the variation:	<p>The DevSecOps project marks the implementation of a new infrastructure across all IUK IT systems, including the grants competition platform. Developed with the support of a security consultancy, the project's primary objective is to align with leading industry security frameworks.</p> <p>This initiative adopts the Infrastructure as Code (IaC) approach, ensuring full traceability and auditability of changes within our environments. Initially, the project scope was based on the current number of billable services to</p>

	<p>establish a baseline. However, as we migrate more services, usage has already exceeded that baseline—and will continue to grow as new applications and services are onboarded under the IaC model.</p> <p>This approach aligns with security best practices and recommendations from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), the Centre for Internet Security (CIS), and OWASP. It mitigates several key risks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misconfiguration and human error, by enforcing version-controlled, repeatable deployments;</li> <li>• Lack of visibility and traceability, by enabling auditable change history;</li> <li>• Security drift, where infrastructure diverges from security standards over time;</li> <li>• Slow incident response, by allowing rapid and consistent redeployment of secure environments;</li> <li>• Uncontrolled access and privilege escalation, through integration of policy-as-code and automated access controls.</li> </ul> <p>By embedding security into the development lifecycle and infrastructure provisioning process, the project significantly reduces the likelihood of security breaches, non-compliance, and operational disruptions.</p> 
A Variation Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	N/A
<b>Impact of Variation</b>	
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	N/A

Outcome of Variation		
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is varied as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase licences, to cover the implementation of Infrastructure as a Code (IaC) Terraform.</li> </ul>	
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£24,802.49 excluding VAT
	Additional cost due to variation:	£6,599.53 excluding VAT
	New Contract value:	£31,402.02 excluding VAT

1. This Variation must be agreed and signed by both Parties to the Contract and shall only be effective from the date it is signed by Buyer
2. Words and expressions in this Variation shall have the meanings given to them in the Contract.
3. The Contract, including any previous Variations, shall remain effective and unaltered except as amended by this Variation.

