Order Form (Lots 3 to 10)

CALL-OFF REFERENCE:	SR311856772
THE BUYER:	HM Revenue and Customs
BUYER ADDRESS	100 Parliament Street, Westminster, London SW1A 2BQ
THE SUPPLIER:	DX Network Services Limited
SUPPLIER ADDRESS:	
REGISTRATION NUMBER:	
DUNS NUMBER:	
SID4GOV ID:	

This Order Form, when completed and executed by both Parties, forms a Call-Off Contract. A Call-Off Contract can be completed and executed using an equivalent document or electronic purchase order system.

APPLICABLE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT

This Order Form is for the provision of the Call-Off Deliverables and dated 01/04/2020. It's issued under the Framework Contract with the reference number **RM6017** for the provision of postal services under the Supplier's Document Exchange Service

CALL-OFF LOT(S):

Framework Ref: RM6017 Project Version: v1.0 Model Version: v3.3

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Lot Number	Lot Description	Relevant (Yes / No)
3	Collection and Delivery of Letters,	Yes
	Large Letters and Parcels	
4	Collection and Delivery of Letters,	
	Large Letters and Parcels to	
	International Destinations	
5	Audits, Efficiency Reviews and Niche	
	Consultancy	
6	Business Process Outsourcing,	
	Mailroom, Document and Data	
	Managed Service	
7	Hybrid Mail, Digital and	
	Transformational Communications	
8	Inbound Delivery Services	
9	Mail Opening and Digital Scanning	
	Services	
10	Security Screening Services	

CALL-OFF INCORPORATED TERMS

The following documents are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract. Where numbers are missing we are not using those Schedules. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:

- 1. This Order Form including the Call-Off Special Terms and Call-Off Special Schedules.
- 2. Joint Schedule 1(Definitions and Interpretation) RM6017
- 3. The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:
 - Joint Schedules for RM6017
 - Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)
 - Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)
 - Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)
 - Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors) Not Applicable
 - Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)
 - Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) Not applicable
 - Joint Schedule 9 (Minimum Standards of Reliability) Not applicable
 - Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)
 - Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)
 - Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility)
 - Joint Schedule 13 (Continuous Improvement)
 - Joint Schedule 14 (Benchmarking)
 - Call-Off Schedules for SR311856772
 - Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports) Not Applicable
 - Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)

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- [Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)
- [Call-Off Schedule 6 (ICT Services) Not Applicable
- [Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)
- [Call-Off Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)
- [Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security)
- [Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)
- o [Call-Off Schedule 11 (Installation Works) Not Applicable
- o [Call-Off Schedule 12 (Clustering) Not Applicable
- o [Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing)
- [Call-Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels)
- [Call-Off Schedule 15 (Call-Off Contract Management)
- o [Call-Off Schedule 17 (MOD Terms) Not Applicable
- o [Call-Off Schedule 18 (Background Checks)
- o [Call-Off Schedule 19 (Scottish Law) Not Applicable
- o [Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)
- o [Call-Off Schedule 21 (Northern Ireland Law) Not Applicable
- o CCS Core Terms (version 3.0.6)
- 4. Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM6017
- 5. [Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender) Not Applicable

No other Supplier terms are part of the Call-Off Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

CALL-OFF ADDITIONAL TERMS

The Supplier will comply with the Authority's mandatory terms as set out in Schedule 22 of this Call-Off Contract

CALL-OFF DATES

CALL-OFF START DATE:	01/04/2020
CALL-OFF EXPIRY DATE	31/03/2022
CALL-OFF INITIAL PERIOD:	24 Months
CALL-OFF EXTENSION PERIOD:	12 Months Possible Extension

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CALL-OFF DELIVERABLES

See details in Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification).

MAXIMUM LIABILITY

The limitation of liability for this Call-Off Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first Contract Year is



CALL-OFF CHARGES

See details in Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)]

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES (LOT 5 ONLY)

N/A

PAYMENT METHOD

See Schedule 5

BUYER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

Name	
Role	
Email Address	
Address	

BUYER'S SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

HMRC's Sustainability Report can be found online at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmrc-and-valuation-office-agency-sustainability-report/hmrc-sustainability-report-2017-to-2018--2

SUPPLIER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

Name	
Role	
Email Address	
Address	

SUPPLIER'S CONTRACT MANAGER

Name	
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Role	
Email Address	
Address	

PROGRESS REPORT FREQUENCY

See Schedule 20 (Call Off Specification) – Section 13.9 (Contract Management)

PROGRESS MEETING FREQUENCY

See Schedule 20 (Call Off Specification) – Section 13 (Contract Management)

KEY SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

Not Applicable

COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The subscription fees set out in Schedule 5 Pricing Details and the mail tariffs detailed within Schedule 5 are considered to be Commercially Sensitive Information for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract. Any subsequent subscription fees or mail tariffs agreed between the Customer and Supplier shall also be considered Commercially Sensitive Information. This Commercially Sensitive Information shall be treated confidentially for the duration of the Call Off Contract, including any periods of extension and shall not be disclosed by the Customer or any Authority. Information provided by the Supplier specified by it as showing unique service solutions shall also be treated as Commercially Sensitive Information and which shall include the following, as may be amended or updated from time to time

SERVICE CREDITS

Not Applicable

ADDITIONAL INSURANCES

See Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

GUARANTEE

Not applicable

SOCIAL VALUE COMMITMENT

Not applicable

Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules) Crown Copyright 2018

For and on behalf of the Supplier:		For and on behalf of the Buyer:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Name:		Name:	
Role:		Role:	
Date:		Date:	

Joint Schedules for RM6017

Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions and Interpretation) RM6017

- 1.1 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in this Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 If a capitalised expression does not have an interpretation in this Schedule or any other Schedule, it shall, in the first instance, be interpreted in accordance with the common interpretation within the relevant market sector/industry where appropriate. Otherwise, it shall be interpreted in accordance with the dictionary meaning.
- 1.3 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 1.3.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
 - 1.3.2 reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
 - 1.3.3 references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Crown Body;
 - 1.3.4 a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
 - 1.3.5 the words "including", "other", "in particular", "for example" and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation":
 - 1.3.6 references to "writing" include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
 - 1.3.7 references to "**representations**" shall be construed as references to present facts, to "**warranties**" as references to present and future facts and to "**undertakings**" as references to obligations under the Contract;
 - 1.3.8 references to "Clauses" and "Schedules" are, unless otherwise provided, references to the clauses and schedules of the Core Terms and references in any Schedule to parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables are, unless otherwise provided, references to the parts, paragraphs, annexes and tables of the Schedule in which these references appear;
 - 1.3.9 references to **"Paragraphs"** are, unless otherwise provided, references to the paragraph of the appropriate Schedules unless otherwise provided;

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- 1.3.10 references to a series of Clauses or Paragraphs shall be inclusive of the clause numbers specified;
- 1.3.11 the headings in each Contract are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of a Contract; and
- 1.3.12 where the Buyer is a Crown Body it shall be treated as contracting with the Crown as a whole.
- 1.4 In each Contract, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Achieve"	in respect of a Test, to successfully pass such Test without any Test Issues and in respect of a Milestone, the issue of a Satisfaction Certificate in respect of that Milestone and "Achieved", "Achieving" and "Achievement" shall be construed accordingly;
"Additional Insurances"	insurance requirements relating to a Call-Off Contract specified in the Order Form additional to those outlined in Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements);
"Admin Fee"	means the costs incurred by CCS in dealing with MI Failures calculated in accordance with the tariff of administration charges published by the CCS on: http://CCS.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-amsupplier/management-information/admin-fees;
"Affected Party"	the party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;
"Affiliates"	in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control of that body corporate from time to time;
"Annex"	extra information which supports a Schedule;
"Approval"	the prior written consent of the Buyer and "Approve" and "Approved" shall be construed accordingly;
"Audit"	the Relevant Authority's right to:
	 a) verify the accuracy of the Charges and any other amounts payable by a Buyer under a Call-Off Contract (including proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with the Contract);
	b) verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Subcontractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Services;
	c) verify the Open Book Data;
	d) verify the Supplier's and each Subcontractor's compliance with the applicable Law;
	e) identify or investigate actual or suspected breach of Clauses 27 to 33 and/or Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility), impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security and in these circumstances the Relevant

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	Authority shall have no obligation to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;
	 f) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier, any Guarantor, and/or any Subcontractors or their ability to provide the Deliverables;
	g) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Relevant Authority's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;
	h) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with each Contract;
	 i) carry out the Relevant Authority's internal and statutory audits and to prepare, examine and/or certify the Relevant Authority's annual and interim reports and accounts;
	 j) enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Relevant Authority has used its resources; or
	k) verify the accuracy and completeness of any Management Information delivered or required by the Framework Contract;
"Auditor"	a) the Buyer's internal and external auditors;
	b) the Buyer's statutory or regulatory auditors;
	c) the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and/or any appointed representatives of the National Audit Office;
	d) HM Treasury or the Cabinet Office;
	e) any party formally appointed by the Buyer to carry out audit or similar review functions; and
	f) successors or assigns of any of the above;
"Authority"	CCS and each Buyer;
"Authority Cause"	any breach of the obligations of the Relevant Authority or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the Relevant Authority, of its employees, servants, agents in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of the Contract and in respect of which the Relevant Authority is liable to the Supplier;
"BACS"	the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services, which is a scheme for the electronic processing of financial transactions within the United Kingdom;
"Beneficiary"	a Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of an indemnity under this Contract;

"Buyer"	the relevant public sector purchaser identified as such in the Order Form;
"Buyer Assets"	the Buyer's infrastructure, data, software, materials, assets, equipment or other property owned by and/or licensed or leased to the Buyer and which is or may be used in connection with the provision of the Deliverables which remain the property of the Buyer throughout the term of the Contract;
"Buyer Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Buyer from time to time in relation to the Call-Off Contract initially identified in the Order Form;
"Buyer Premises"	premises owned, controlled or occupied by the Buyer which are made available for use by the Supplier or its Subcontractors for the provision of the Deliverables (or any of them);
"Call-Off Contract"	the contract between the Buyer and the Supplier (entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Framework Contract), which consists of the terms set out and referred to in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Contract Period"	the Contract Period in respect of the Call-Off Contract;
"Call-Off Expiry Date"	the date of the end of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Call-Off Contract specified under the relevant heading in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Initial Period"	the Initial Period of a Call-Off Contract specified in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Optional Extension Period"	such period or periods beyond which the Call-Off Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Procedure"	the process for awarding a Call-Off Contract pursuant to Clause 2 (How the contract works) and Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Procedure and Award Criteria);
"Call-Off Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Order Form incorporated into the applicable Call-Off Contract;
"Call-Off Start Date"	the date of start of a Call-Off Contract as stated in the Order Form;
"Call-Off Tender"	the tender submitted by the Supplier in response to the Buyer's Statement of Requirements following a Further Competition Procedure and set out at Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender);
"CCS"	the Minister for the Cabinet Office as represented by Crown Commercial Service, which is an executive agency and operates as a trading fund of the Cabinet Office, whose offices are located at 9th Floor, The Capital, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9PP;

"CCS Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by CCS from time to time in relation to the Framework Contract initially identified in the Framework Award Form;
"Central Government Body"	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:
	a) Government Department;
	b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);
	c) Non-Ministerial Department; or
	d) Executive Agency;
"Change in Law"	any change in Law which impacts on the supply of the Deliverables and performance of the Contract which comes into force after the Start Date;
"Change of Control"	a change of control within the meaning of Section 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;
"Charges"	the prices (exclusive of any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract, as set out in the Order Form, for the full and proper performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract less any Deductions;
"Claim"	any claim which it appears that a Beneficiary is, or may become, entitled to indemnification under this Contract;
"Commercially Sensitive Information"	the Confidential Information listed in the Framework Award Form or Order Form (if any) comprising of commercially sensitive information relating to the Supplier, its IPR or its business or which the Supplier has indicated to the Authority that, if disclosed by the Authority, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;
"Comparable Supply"	the supply of Deliverables to another Buyer of the Supplier that are the same or similar to the Deliverables;
"Compliance Officer"	the person(s) appointed by the Supplier who is responsible for ensuring that the Supplier complies with its legal obligations;
"Confidential Information"	means any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, Know-How, personnel and suppliers of CCS, the Buyer or the Supplier, including IPRs, together with information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;

"Conflict of Interest"	a conflict between the financial or personal duties of the Supplier or the Supplier Staff and the duties owed to CCS or any Buyer under a Contract, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer or CCS;
"Contract"	either the Framework Contract or the Call-Off Contract, as the context requires;
"Contracts Finder"	the Government's publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;
"Contract Period"	the term of either a Framework Contract or Call-Off Contract from the earlier of the:
	a) applicable Start Date; or
	b) the Effective Date
	until the applicable End Date;
"Contract Value"	the higher of the actual or expected total Charges paid or payable under a Contract where all obligations are met by the Supplier;
"Contract Year"	a consecutive period of twelve (12) Months commencing on the Start Date or each anniversary thereof;
"Control"	control in either of the senses defined in sections 450 and 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and "Controlled" shall be construed accordingly;
"Controller"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Core Terms"	CCS' standard terms and conditions for common goods and services which govern how Supplier must interact with CCS and Buyers under Framework Contracts and Call-Off Contracts;
"Costs"	the following costs (without double recovery) to the extent that they are reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier in providing the Deliverables:
	 a) the cost to the Supplier or the Key Subcontractor (as the context requires), calculated per Man Day, of engaging the Supplier Staff, including:
	i) base salary paid to the Supplier Staff;
	ii) employer's National Insurance contributions;
	iii) pension contributions;
	iv) car allowances;
	v) any other contractual employment benefits;
	vi) staff training;
	vii) work place accommodation;
	viii)work place IT equipment and tools reasonably necessary to provide the Deliverables (but not including items included within limb (b) below); and
1	ix) reasonable recruitment costs, as agreed with the Buyer;

	 b) costs incurred in respect of Supplier Assets which would be treated as capital costs according to generally accepted accounting principles within the UK, which shall include the cost to be charged in respect of Supplier Assets by the Supplier to the Buyer or (to the extent that risk and title in any Supplier Asset is not held by the Supplier) any cost actually incurred by the Supplier in respect of those Supplier Assets; c) operational costs which are not included within (a) or (b) above, to the extent that such costs are necessary and properly incurred by the Supplier in the provision of the Deliverables; and
	d) Reimbursable Expenses to the extent these have been specified as allowable in the Order Form and are incurred in delivering any Deliverables;
	but excluding:
	a) Overhead;
	b) financing or similar costs;
	 c) maintenance and support costs to the extent that these relate to maintenance and/or support Deliverables provided beyond the Call-Off Contract Period whether in relation to Supplier Assets or otherwise;
	d) taxation;
	e) fines and penalties;
	f) amounts payable under Call-Off Schedule 16 (Benchmarking) where such Schedule is used; and
	g) non-cash items (including depreciation, amortisation, impairments and movements in provisions);
"Crown Body"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"CRTPA"	the Contract Rights of Third Parties Act 1999;
"Data Loss Event"	any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Contract, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Contract, including any Personal Data Breach;

"Data Protection Legislation"	(i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the 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 Impact Assessment	an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data;
"Data Protection Officer"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject"	has the meaning given to it in the GDPR;
"Data Subject Access 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;
"Deductions"	all Service Credits, Delay Payments (if applicable), or any other deduction which the Buyer is paid or is payable to the Buyer under a Call-Off Contract;
"Default"	any breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including abandonment of a Contract in breach of its terms) or any other default (including material default), act, omission, negligence or statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff howsoever arising in connection with or in relation to the subject-matter of a Contract and in respect of which the Supplier is liable to the Relevant Authority;
"Default Management Charge"	has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.1.1 of Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Delay Payments"	the amounts (if any) payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of a delay in respect of a Milestone as specified in the Implementation Plan;
"Deliverables"	Goods and/or Services that may be ordered under the Contract including the Documentation;
"Delivery"	delivery of the relevant Deliverable or Milestone in accordance with the terms of a Call-Off Contract as confirmed and accepted by the Buyer by the either (a) confirmation in writing to the Supplier; or (b) where Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) is used issue by the Buyer of a Satisfaction Certificate. "Deliver" and "Delivered" shall be construed accordingly;
"Disaster"	the occurrence of one or more events which, either separately or cumulatively, mean that the Deliverables, or a material part thereof will be unavailable (or could reasonably be anticipated to be unavailable) for the period specified in the Order Form (for the purposes of this definition the "Disaster Period");

"Disclosing Party"	the Party directly or indirectly providing Confidential Information to the other Party in accordance with Clause 15 (What you must keep confidential);
"Dispute"	any claim, dispute or difference arises out of or in connection with the Contract or in connection with the negotiation, existence, legal validity, enforceability or termination of the Contract, whether the alleged liability shall arise under English law or under the law of some other country and regardless of whether a particular cause of action may successfully be brought in the English courts;
"Dispute Resolution Procedure"	the dispute resolution procedure set out in Clause 34 (Resolving disputes);
"Documentation"	descriptions of the Services and Service Levels, technical specifications, user manuals, training manuals, operating manuals, process definitions and procedures, system environment descriptions and all such other documentation (whether in hardcopy or electronic form) is required to be supplied by the Supplier to the Buyer under a Contract as:
	 a) would reasonably be required by a competent third party capable of Good Industry Practice contracted by the Buyer to develop, configure, build, deploy, run, maintain, upgrade and test the individual systems that provide the Deliverables
	 b) is required by the Supplier in order to provide the Deliverables; and/or
	 c) has been or shall be generated for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
"DOTAS"	the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HMRC of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions;
"DPA 2018"	the Data Protection Act 2018;
"Due Diligence Information"	any information supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority prior to the Start Date;
"Effective Date"	the date on which the final Party has signed the Contract;
"EIR"	the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
"Employment Regulations"	the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) as amended or replaced or any other Regulations implementing the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC;
"End Date"	the earlier of:

 a) the Expiry Date (as extended by any Extension Period exercised by the Authority under Clause 10.2); or
 b) if a Contract is terminated before the date specified in (a) above, the date of termination of the Contract;
to conserve energy, water, wood, paper and other resources, reduce waste and phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment, including any written environmental policy of the Buyer;
the anticipated total Charges payable by the Buyer in the first Contract Year specified in the Order Form;
means for the purposes of calculating each Party's annual liability under clause 11.2 :
i) in the first Contract Year, the Estimated Year 1 Charges; or
ii) in the any subsequent Contract Years, the Charges paid or payable in the previous Call-off Contract Year; or
iii) after the end of the Call-off Contract, the Charges paid or payable in the last Contract Year during the Call-off Contract Period;
the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or
replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
any and all IPR that are owned by or licensed to either Party and which are or have been developed independently of the Contract (whether prior to the Start Date or otherwise);
the Framework Expiry Date or the Call-Off Expiry Date (as the context dictates);
the Framework Optional Extension Period or the Call-Off Optional Extension Period as the context dictates;
the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such legislation;

"Force Majeure Event"	any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause affecting the performance by either the Relevant Authority or the Supplier of its obligations arising from:
	 a) acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party which prevent or materially delay the Affected Party from performing its obligations under a Contract;
	b) riots, civil commotion, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare;
	c) acts of a Crown Body, local government or regulatory bodies;
	d) fire, flood or any disaster; or
	e) an industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party is not reasonably available but excluding:
	 i) any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier, the Supplier Staff (including any subsets of them) or any other failure in the Supplier or the Subcontractor's supply chain;
	ii) any event, occurrence, circumstance, matter or cause which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against it by the Party concerned; and
	iii) any failure of delay caused by a lack of funds;
"Force Majeure Notice"	a written notice served by the Affected Party on the other Party stating that the Affected Party believes that there is a Force Majeure Event;
"Framework Award Form"	the document outlining the Framework Incorporated Terms and crucial information required for the Framework Contract, to be executed by the Supplier and CCS;
"Framework Contract"	the framework agreement established between CCS and the Supplier in accordance with Regulation 33 by the Framework Award Form for the provision of the Deliverables to Buyers by the Supplier pursuant to the OJEU Notice;
"Framework Contract Period"	the period from the Framework Start Date until the End Date or earlier termination of the Framework Contract;
"Framework Expiry Date"	the date of the end of the Framework Contract as stated in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Incorporated Terms"	the contractual terms applicable to the Framework Contract specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Initial Period"	the initial term of the Framework Contract as specified in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Optional	such period or periods beyond which the Framework Initial Period may be extended up to a maximum of the number of years in total specified in the Framework Award Form;
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Extension Period"	
"Framework Price(s)"	the price(s) applicable to the provision of the Deliverables set out in Framework Schedule 3 (Framework Prices);
"Framework Special Terms"	any additional terms and conditions specified in the Framework Award Form incorporated into the Framework Contract;
"Framework Start Date"	the date of start of the Framework Contract as stated in the Framework Award Form;
"Framework Tender Response"	the tender submitted by the Supplier to CCS and annexed to or referred to in Framework Schedule 2 (Framework Tender Response);
"Further Competition Procedure"	the further competition procedure described in Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Procedure and Award Criteria);
"GDPR"	the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
"General Anti-	a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 and; and
Abuse Rule"	 b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid National Insurance contributions;
"General Change in Law"	a Change in Law where the change is of a general legislative nature (including taxation or duties of any sort affecting the Supplier) or which affects or relates to a Comparable Supply;
"Goods"	goods made available by the Supplier as specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Call-Off Contract as specified in the Order Form;
"Good Industry Practice"	standards, practices, methods and procedures conforming to the Law and the exercise of the degree of skill and care, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced person or body engaged within the relevant industry or business sector;
"Government"	the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Government and the National Assembly for Wales), including government ministers and government departments and other bodies, persons, commissions or agencies from time to time carrying out functions on its behalf;
"Government Data"	a) the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, including any of the Authority's Confidential Information, and which:
	i) are supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority; or
	ii) the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to a Contract; or

	b) any Personal Data for which the Authority is the Data Controller;
"Government Procurement Card"	the Government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-procurement-card2;
"Guarantor"	the person (if any) who has entered into a guarantee in the form set out in Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) in relation to this Contract;
"Halifax Abuse Principle"	the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others;
"HMRC"	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
"ICT Policy"	the Buyer's policy in respect of information and communications technology, referred to in the Order Form, which is in force as at the Call-Off Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time in accordance with the Variation Procedure;
"Impact Assessment"	an assessment of the impact of a Variation request by the Relevant Authority completed in good faith, including:
	 a) details of the impact of the proposed Variation on the Deliverables and the Supplier's ability to meet its other obligations under the Contract;
	b) details of the cost of implementing the proposed Variation;
	c) details of the ongoing costs required by the proposed Variation when implemented, including any increase or decrease in the Framework Prices/Charges (as applicable), any alteration in the resources and/or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party;
	d) a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and
	e) such other information as the Relevant Authority may reasonably request in (or in response to) the Variation request;
"Implementation Plan"	the plan for provision of the Deliverables set out in Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) where that Schedule is used or otherwise as agreed between the Supplier and the Buyer;
"Indemnifier"	a Party from whom an indemnity is sought under this Contract;
"Independent Control"	where a Controller has provided Personal Data to another Party which is not a Processor or a Joint Controller because the recipient itself determines the purposes and means of processing but does so separately from the Controller providing it with Personal Data and "Independent Controller" shall be construed accordingly;
"Indexation"	the adjustment of an amount or sum in accordance with Framework Schedule 3 (Framework Prices) and the relevant Order Form;

"Information"	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"Information Commissioner"	the UK's independent authority which deals with ensuring information relating to rights in the public interest and data privacy for individuals is met, whilst promoting openness by public bodies;
"Initial Period"	the initial term of a Contract specified in the Framework Award Form or the Order Form, as the context requires;
"Insolvency	a) in respect of a person:
Event"	b) a proposal is made for a voluntary arrangement within Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 or of any other composition scheme or arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of, its creditors; or
	c) a shareholders' meeting is convened for the purpose of considering a resolution that it be wound up or a resolution for its winding-up is passed (other than as part of, and exclusively for the purpose of, a bona fide reconstruction or amalgamation); or
	d) a petition is presented for its winding up (which is not dismissed within fourteen (14) Working Days of its service) or an application is made for the appointment of a provisional liquidator or a creditors' meeting is convened pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
	e) a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over the whole or any part of its business or assets; or
	f) an application is made either for the appointment of an administrator or for an administration order, an administrator is appointed, or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given; or
	g) it is or becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
	h) being a "small company" within the meaning of section 382(3) of the Companies Act 2006, a moratorium comes into force pursuant to Schedule A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
	i) where the person is an individual or partnership, any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (g) (inclusive) occurs in relation to that individual or partnership; or
	 j) any event analogous to those listed in limbs (a) to (h) (inclusive) occurs under the law of any other jurisdiction;
"Installation Works"	all works which the Supplier is to carry out at the beginning of the Call-Off Contract Period to install the Goods in accordance with the Call-Off Contract;
"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPR"	a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade or

	business names, goodwill, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information;
	 b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction; and
	 all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;
"Invoicing Address"	the address to which the Supplier shall Invoice the Buyer as specified in the Order Form;
"IPR Claim"	any claim of infringement or alleged infringement (including the defence of such infringement or alleged infringement) of any IPR, used to provide the Deliverables or otherwise provided and/or licensed by the Supplier (or to which the Supplier has provided access) to the Relevant Authority in the fulfilment of its obligations under a Contract;
"IR35"	the off-payroll rules requiring individuals who work through their company pay the same tax and National Insurance contributions as an employee which can be found online at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ir35-find-out-if-it-applies ;
"Joint Controllers"	where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing;
"Key Personnel"	the individuals (if any) identified as such in the Order Form;
"Key Sub- Contract"	each Sub-Contract with a Key Subcontractor;
"Key	any Subcontractor:
Subcontractor"	a) which is relied upon to deliver any work package within the Deliverables in their entirety; and/or
	 b) which, in the opinion of CCS or the Buyer performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Deliverables; and/or
	 c) with a Sub-Contract with a contract value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) 10% of the aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under the Call-Off Contract,
	and the Supplier shall list all such Key Subcontractors in section 19 of the Framework Award Form and in the Key Subcontractor Section in Order Form;
"Know-How"	all ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the Deliverables but excluding know-how already in the other Party's possession before the applicable Start Date;
"Law"	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 relevant Party is bound to comply;
"LED"	Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680);
"Losses"	all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), disbursements, costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgment, interest and penalties whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise and "Loss" shall be interpreted accordingly;
"Lots"	the number of lots specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification), if applicable;
"Man Day"	7.5 Man Hours, whether or not such hours are worked consecutively and whether or not they are worked on the same day;
"Man Hours"	the hours spent by the Supplier Staff properly working on the provision of the Deliverables including time spent travelling (other than to and from the Supplier's offices, or to and from the Sites) but excluding lunch breaks;
"Management Charge"	the sum specified in the Framework Award Form payable by the Supplier to CCS in accordance with Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
	Only Goods and/or Services which are deemed to fall under the Universal Service Obligation as defined in the Postal Services Act 2011 shall be exempt from the Management Charge. For the avoidance of doubt the Management Charge shall apply to ALL Goods and/or Services which fall outside of the USO;
	Please use the link below to view a list of USO products:
	http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/vpostmanual/VPOST9100.htm
"Management Information" or "MI"	the management information specified in Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);
"Marketing Contact"	shall be the person identified in the Framework Award Form;
"MI Default"	means when two (2) MI Reports are not provided in any rolling six (6) month period
"MI Failure"	means when an MI report:
	a) contains any material errors or material omissions or a missing mandatory field; or
	b) is submitted using an incorrect MI reporting Template; or
	c) is not submitted by the reporting date (including where a declaration of no business should have been filed);
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"MI Report"	means a report containing Management Information submitted to the Authority in accordance with Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information);	
"MI Reporting Template"	means the form of report set out in the Annex to Framework Schedule 5 (Management Charges and Information) setting out the information the Supplier is required to supply to the Authority;	
"Milestone"	an event or task described in the Implementation Plan;	
"Milestone Date"	the target date set out against the relevant Milestone in the Implementation Plan by which the Milestone must be Achieved;	
"Month"	a calendar month and "Monthly" shall be interpreted accordingly;	
"National Insurance"	contributions required by the National Insurance Contributions Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1868) made under section 132A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992;	
"New IPR"	 a) IPR in items created by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of a Contract and updates and amendments of these items including (but not limited to) database schema; and/or 	
	 b) IPR in or arising as a result of the performance of the Supplier's obligations under a Contract and all updates and amendments to the same; 	
	but shall not include the Supplier's Existing IPR;	
"Occasion of Tax Non– Compliance"	where: a) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:	
	 i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation in any jurisdiction that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti- Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle; 	
	 ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime in any jurisdiction; and/or 	
	 b) any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 which gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Start Date or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion; 	
"Open Book Data "	complete and accurate financial and non-financial information which is sufficient to enable the Buyer to verify the Charges already paid or payable and Charges forecast to be paid during the remainder of the Call-Off Contract, including details and all assumptions relating to:	

"Order Form Template" "Other Contracting Authority"	the template in Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules); any actual or potential Buyer under the Framework Contract;
"Order Form"	a completed Order Form Template and Equipment Order, where required, (or equivalent information issued by the Buyer) used to create a Call-Off Contract;
"Order"	means an order for the provision of the Deliverables placed by a Buyer with the Supplier under a Contract;
	h) the actual Costs profile for each Service Period;
	g) an explanation of the type and value of risk and contingencies associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the amount of money attributed to each risk and/or contingency; and
	f) confirmation that all methods of Cost apportionment and Overhead allocation are consistent with and not more onerous than such methods applied generally by the Supplier;
	e) the Supplier Profit achieved over the Framework Contract Period and on an annual basis;
	d) all interest, expenses and any other third party financing costs incurred in relation to the provision of the Deliverables;
	c) Overheads;
	iv) Reimbursable Expenses, if allowed under the Order Form;
	iii) a list of Costs underpinning those rates for each manpower grade, being the agreed rate less the Supplier Profit Margin; and
	ii) manpower resources broken down into the number and grade/role of all Supplier Staff (free of any contingency) together with a list of agreed rates against each manpower grade;
	 i) the unit costs and quantity of Goods and any other consumables and bought-in Deliverables;
	b) operating expenditure relating to the provision of the Deliverables including an analysis showing:
	 a) the Supplier's Costs broken down against each Good and/or Service and/or Deliverable, including actual capital expenditure (including capital replacement costs) and the unit cost and total actual costs of all Deliverables;

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for or engaged by a Buyer or any other public body a financial of other advantage to:	"Prohibited Acts"	 a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or any other public body a financial or other advantage to:

 i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or 	
ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;	
b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with each Contract; or	
c) committing any offence:	
 i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act); or 	
ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or	
iii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud a Buyer or other public body; or	
 d) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under (c) above if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK; 	
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a request by the Supplier to return Goods to the Supplier or the manufacturer after the discovery of safety issues or defects (including defects in the right IPR rights) that might endanger health or hinder performance;	
the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information;	
the Supplier's plan (or revised plan) to rectify it's breach using the template in Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan Template)which shall include:	
a) full details of the Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis;	
b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and	
c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Default from recurring,	

	including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Default (where applicable);
"Rectification Plan Process"	the process set out in Clause 10.4.3 to 10.4.5 (Rectification Plan Process);
"Regulations"	the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and/or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (as the context requires);
"Reimbursable Expenses"	the reasonable out of pocket travel and subsistence (for example, hotel and food) expenses, properly and necessarily incurred in the performance of the Services, calculated at the rates and in accordance with the Buyer's expenses policy current from time to time, but not including:
	 a) travel expenses incurred as a result of Supplier Staff travelling to and from their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed, unless the Buyer otherwise agrees in advance in writing; and
	 b) subsistence expenses incurred by Supplier Staff whilst performing the Services at their usual place of work, or to and from the premises at which the Services are principally to be performed;
"Relevant Authority"	the Authority which is party to the Contract to which a right or obligation is owed, as the context requires;
"Relevant Authority's Confidential Information"	 a) all Personal Data and any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, property rights, trade secrets, Know-How and IPR of the Relevant Authority (including all Relevant Authority Existing IPR and New IPR);
	b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked "confidential") or which ought reasonably be considered confidential which comes (or has come) to the Relevant Authority's attention or into the Relevant Authority's possession in connection with a Contract; and
	information derived from any of the above;
"Relevant Requirements"	all applicable Law relating to bribery, corruption and fraud, including the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 9 of the Bribery Act 2010;
"Relevant Tax Authority"	HMRC, or, if applicable, the tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established;
"Reminder Notice"	a notice sent in accordance with Clause 10.6 given by the Supplier to the Buyer providing notification that payment has not been received on time;
"Replacement Deliverables"	any deliverables which are substantially similar to any of the Deliverables and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Deliverables following the Call-Off Expiry Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;

"Replacement Subcontractor"	a Subcontractor of the Replacement Supplier to whom Transferring Supplier Employees will transfer on a Service Transfer Date (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);
"Replacement Supplier"	any third party provider of Replacement Deliverables appointed by or at the direction of the Buyer from time to time or where the Buyer is providing Replacement Deliverables for its own account, shall also include the Buyer;
"Request For Information"	a request for information or an apparent request relating to a Contract for the provision of the Deliverables or an apparent request for such information under the FOIA or the EIRs;
"Required Insurances"	the insurances required by Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements) or any additional insurances specified in the Order Form;
"Satisfaction Certificate"	the certificate (materially in the form of the document contained in of Part B of Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) or as agreed by the Parties where Call-Off Schedule 13 is not used in this Contract) granted by the Buyer when the Supplier has met all of the requirements of an Order, Achieved a Milestone or a Test;
"Schedules"	any attachment to a Framework Contract or Call-Off Contract which contains important information specific to each aspect of buying and selling;
"Security Management Plan"	the Supplier's security management plan prepared pursuant to Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security) (if applicable);
"Security Policy"	the Buyer's security policy, referred to in the Order Form, in force as at the Call-Off Start Date (a copy of which has been supplied to the Supplier), as updated from time to time and notified to the Supplier;
"Self Audit Certificate"	means the certificate in the form as set out in Framework Schedule 8 (Self Audit Certificate);
"Serious Fraud Office"	the UK Government body named as such as may be renamed or replaced by an equivalent body from time to time;
"Service Levels"	any service levels applicable to the provision of the Deliverables under the Call Off Contract (which, where Call Off Schedule 14 (Service Credits) is used in this Contract, are specified in the Annex to Part A of such Schedule);
"Service Period"	has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;

"Services"	services made available by the Supplier as specified in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) and in relation to a Call-Off Contract as specified in the Order Form;	
"Service Transfer"	any transfer of the Deliverables (or any part of the Deliverables), for whatever reason, from the Supplier or any Subcontractor to a Replacement Supplier or a Replacement Subcontractor;	
"Service Transfer Date"	the date of a Service Transfer;	
"Sites"	any premises (including the Buyer Premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises) from, to or at which:	
	a) the Deliverables are (or are to be) provided; or	
	b) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Deliverables;	
"SME"	an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises;	
"Special Terms"	any additional Clauses set out in the Framework Award Form or Order Form which shall form part of the respective Contract;	
"Specific Change in Law"	a Change in Law that relates specifically to the business of the Buyer and which would not affect a Comparable Supply where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Deliverables is not reasonably foreseeable at the Start Date;	
"Specification"	the specification set out in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification), as may, in relation to a Call-Off Contract, be supplemented by the Order Form;	
"Standards"	any:	
	 a) standards published by BSI British Standards, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, the International Organisation for Standardisation or other reputable or equivalent bodies (and their successor bodies) that a skilled and experienced operator in the same type of industry or business sector as the Supplier would reasonably and ordinarily be expected to comply with; 	
	b) standards detailed in the specification in Schedule 1 (Specification);	
	c) standards detailed by the Buyer in the Order Form or agreed between the Parties from time to time;	
	d) relevant Government codes of practice and guidance applicable from time to time;	

"Start Date"	in the case of the Framework Contract, the date specified on the Framework Award Form, and in the case of a Call-Off Contract, the date specified in the Order Form;
"Statement of Requirements"	a statement issued by the Buyer detailing its requirements in respect of Deliverables issued in accordance with the Call-Off Procedure;
"Storage Media"	the part of any device that is capable of storing and retrieving data;
"Sub-Contract"	any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement), other than a Call-Off Contract or the Framework Contract, pursuant to which a third party:
	a) provides the Deliverables (or any part of them);
	 b) provides facilities or services necessary for the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them); and/or
	 c) is responsible for the management, direction or control of the provision of the Deliverables (or any part of them);
"Subcontractor"	any person other than the Supplier, who is a party to a Sub-Contract and the servants or agents of that person;
"Subprocessor"	any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to a Contract;
"Supplier"	the person, firm or company identified in the Framework Award Form;
"Supplier Assets"	all assets and rights used by the Supplier to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Call-Off Contract but excluding the Buyer Assets;
"Supplier Authorised Representative"	the representative appointed by the Supplier named in the Framework Award Form, or later defined in a Call-Off Contract;
"Supplier's Confidential Information"	 a) any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, IPR of the Supplier (including the Supplier Existing IPR) trade secrets, Know-How, and/or personnel of the Supplier;
	b) any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential and which comes (or has come) to the Supplier's attention or into the Supplier's possession in connection with a Contract;
	c) Information derived from any of (a) and (b) above;
"Supplier's Contract Manager	the person identified in the Order Form appointed by the Supplier to oversee the operation of the Call-Off Contract and any alternative person whom the Supplier intends to appoint to the role, provided that the Supplier informs the Buyer prior to the appointment;
"Supplier Equipment"	the Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, equipment, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used

by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract; "Supplier Non-Performance" where the Supplier has failed to:		
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"Transferring Supplier Employees"	those employees of the Supplier and/or the Supplier's Subcontractors to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Service Transfer Date;		
"Transparency Information"	the Transparency Reports and the content of a Contract, including any changes to this Contract agreed from time to time, except for –		
	 (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Relevant Authority; and 		
	(ii) Commercially Sensitive Information;		
"Transparency Reports"	the information relating to the Deliverables and performance of the Contracts which the Supplier is required to provide to the Buyer in accordance with the reporting requirements in Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports);		
"US-EU Privacy Shield Register"	a list of companies maintained by the United States of America Department for Commence that have self-certified their commitment to adhere to the European legislation relating to the processing of personal data to non-EU countries which is available online at: https://www.privacyshield.gov/list ;		
"Variation"	has the meaning given to it in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);		
"Variation Form"	the form set out in Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form);		
"Variation Procedure"	the procedure set out in Clause 24 (Changing the contract);		
"VAT"	value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;		
"VCSE"	a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives;		
"Worker"	any one of the Supplier Staff which the Buyer, in its reasonable opinion, considers is an individual to which Procurement Policy Note 08/15 (Tax Arrangements of Public Appointees) (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0815-tax-arrangements-of-appointees) applies in respect of the Deliverables; and		
"Working Day"	any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales unless specified otherwise by the Parties in the Order Form.		

Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)

This form is to be used in order to change a contract in accordance with Clause 24 (Changing the Contract)

Contract Details				
This variation is between: [Buyer] ("CCS" "the Buyer")				
	And			
	[insert name of Supplier] ("the S	Supplier")		
Contract name:	[insert name of contract to be ch	anged] ("the Contract")		
Contract reference number:	[insert contract reference number	er]		
	Details of Proposed Variation			
Variation initiated by:	[delete as applicable: CCS/Buye	r/Supplier]		
Variation number:	[insert variation number]			
Date variation is raised:	[insert date]			
Proposed variation				
Reason for the variation:	[insert reason]			
An Impact Assessment shall be provided within:	[insert number] days			
	Impact of Variation			
Likely impact of the proposed variation:	[Supplier to insert assessment	of impact]		
Outcome of Variation				
Contract variation:	This Contract detailed above is v	aried as follows:		
	[CCS/Buyer to insert of the be varied and the change in the change	riginal Clauses or Paragraphs to ed clause]		
Financial variation:	Original Contract Value:	£ [insert amount]		
	Additional cost due to variation:	£ [insert amount]		
	New Contract value:	£ [insert amount]		

- 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 **[delete** as applicable: CCS / 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.

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Signed by an authorise	d signatory for and on behalf of the [delete as applicable: CCS / Buyer]
Signature	
Date	
Name (in Capitals)	
Address	
Signed by an authorise	d signatory to sign for and on behalf of the Supplier
Signature	
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Name (in Capitals)	
Address	

Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)

1. The insurance you need to have

- 1.1 The Supplier shall take out and maintain, or procure the taking out and maintenance of the insurances as set out in the Annex to this Schedule, any additional insurances required under a Call-Off Contract (specified in the applicable Order Form) ("Additional Insurances") and any other insurances as may be required by applicable Law (together the "Insurances"). The Supplier shall ensure that each of the Insurances is effective no later than:
 - 1.1.1 the Framework Start Date in respect of those Insurances set out in the Annex to this Schedule and those required by applicable Law; and
 - 1.1.2 the Call-Off Contract Effective Date in respect of the Additional Insurances.

1.2 The Insurances shall be:

- 1.2.1 maintained in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
- 1.2.2 (so far as is reasonably practicable) on terms no less favourable than those generally available to a prudent contractor in respect of risks insured in the international insurance market from time to time;
- 1.2.3 taken out and maintained with insurers of good financial standing and good repute in the international insurance market; and
- 1.2.4 maintained for at least six (6) years after the End Date.
- 1.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the public and products liability policy contain an indemnity to principals clause under which the Relevant Authority shall be indemnified in respect of claims made against the Relevant Authority in respect of death or bodily injury or third party property damage arising out of or in connection with the Deliverables and for which the Supplier is legally liable.

2. How to manage the insurance

- 2.1 Without limiting the other provisions of this Contract, the Supplier shall:
 - 2.1.1 take or procure the taking of all reasonable risk management and risk control measures in relation to Deliverables as it would be reasonable to expect of a prudent contractor acting in accordance with Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of relevant claims to insurers;
 - 2.1.2 promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances of which the Supplier is or becomes aware; and

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2.1.3 hold all policies in respect of the Insurances and cause any insurance broker effecting the Insurances to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of placing cover representing any of the Insurances to which it is a party.

3. What happens if you aren't insured

- 3.1 The Supplier shall not take any action or fail to take any action or (insofar as is reasonably within its power) permit anything to occur in relation to it which would entitle any insurer to refuse to pay any claim under any of the Insurances.
- 3.2 Where the Supplier has failed to purchase or maintain any of the Insurances in full force and effect, the Relevant Authority may elect (but shall not be obliged) following written notice to the Supplier to purchase the relevant Insurances and recover the reasonable premium and other reasonable costs incurred in connection therewith as a debt due from the Supplier.

4. Evidence of insurance you must provide

4.1 The Supplier shall upon the Start Date and within fifteen (15) Working Days after the renewal of each of the Insurances, provide evidence, in a form satisfactory to the Relevant Authority, that the Insurances are in force and effect and meet in full the requirements of this Schedule.

5. Making sure you are insured to the required amount

5.1 The Supplier shall ensure that any Insurances which are stated to have a minimum limit "in the aggregate" are maintained at all times for the minimum limit of indemnity specified in this Contract and if any claims are made which do not relate to this Contract then the Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority and provide details of its proposed solution for maintaining the minimum limit of indemnity.

6. Cancelled Insurance

- 6.1 The Supplier shall notify the Relevant Authority in writing at least five (5) Working Days prior to the cancellation, suspension, termination or non-renewal of any of the Insurances.
- 6.2 The Supplier shall ensure that nothing is done which would entitle the relevant insurer to cancel, rescind or suspend any insurance or cover, or to treat any insurance, cover or claim as voided in whole or part. The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Relevant Authority (subject to third party confidentiality obligations) as soon as practicable when it becomes aware of any relevant fact, circumstance or matter which has caused, or is reasonably likely to provide grounds to, the relevant insurer to give notice to cancel, rescind, suspend or void any insurance, or any cover or claim under any insurance in whole or in part.

7. Insurance claims

7.1 The Supplier shall promptly notify to insurers any matter arising from, or in relation to, the Deliverables, or each Contract for which it may be entitled to claim under any of the Insurances. In the event that the Relevant Authority

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- receives a claim relating to or arising out of a Contract or the Deliverables, the Supplier shall co-operate with the Relevant Authority and assist it in dealing with such claims including without limitation providing information and documentation in a timely manner.
- 7.2 Except where the Relevant Authority is the claimant party, the Supplier shall give the Relevant Authority notice within twenty (20) Working Days after any insurance claim in excess of 10% of the sum required to be insured pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 relating to or arising out of the provision of the Deliverables or this Contract on any of the Insurances or which, but for the application of the applicable policy excess, would be made on any of the Insurances and (if required by the Relevant Authority) full details of the incident giving rise to the claim.
- 7.3 Where any Insurance requires payment of a premium, the Supplier shall be liable for and shall promptly pay such premium.
- 7.4 Where any Insurance is subject to an excess or deductible below which the indemnity from insurers is excluded, the Supplier shall be liable for such excess or deductible. The Supplier shall not be entitled to recover from the Relevant Authority any sum paid by way of excess or deductible under the Insurances whether under the terms of this Contract or otherwise.

ANNEX: REQUIRED INSURANCES

1. The Supplier shall hold the following standard insurance cover in relation to their agreed Lots 3 and 4 from the Framework Start Date in accordance with this Schedule:

Lot No. &	Insurance Required			
Description	Professional Indemnity	Public Liability	Employers Liability	Product Liability
Lot 1 Low To Medium Volume Franking Machines and Associated Consumables	Required	Required	Required	Required
Lot 2 Franking Machines, Mailroom Equipment And Associated Consumables	Required	Required	Required	Required
Lot 3 Collection And Delivery of Letters, Large Letters and Parcels	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Lot 4 Collection And Delivery of Letters, Large Letters and Parcels to International Destinations	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Lot 5 Audits, Efficiency Reviews and Niche Consultancy	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Lot 6 Business Process Outsourcing, Mailroom, Document and Data Managed Service	Required	Required	Required	Not Required

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Lot 7 Hybrid Mail, Digital and Transformational Communications	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Lot 8 – Inbound Delivery Services	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Lot 9 Mail Opening And Digital Scanning Services	Required	Required	Required	Not Required
Lot 10 Security Screening Services	Required	Required	Required	Not Required

- 1.1 **professional indemnity insurance** with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than one million pounds (£1,000,000) or such higher limit as required by Law and shall ensure that all agents, professional consultants and Sub-Contractors involved in the provision of the Deliverables effect and maintain such insurance for the period of this Framework Contract;
- 1.2 public liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than two million pounds (£2,000,000);
- 1.3 employers' liability insurance with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than five million pounds (£5,000,000) and shall ensure that all agents, professional consultants and Sub-Contractors involved in the provision of the Deliverables effect and maintain such own Employer's indemnity insurance for the period of this Framework Contract: and
- 1.4 **product liability insurance** with cover (for a single event or a series of related events and in the aggregate) of not less than two million pounds (£2,000,000).

1.5 Individual Compensation Levels

1.5.1 Notwithstanding the Core Terms RM6017 Postal Goods, Services and Solutions (including the liability limits set out in paragraph 11 thereof) it is agreed that the aggregate liability of the Supplier in respect of any one Item or part thereof shall be limited to the lesser of (i) £10; (ii) the amount of loss or damage actually sustained; and (iii) the actual value of the Item as determined by its cost of preparation or replacement or reconstruction value; cost of repair; resale or fair market value without reference to the commercial

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utility or special value to the Buyer or any other person, less the value of the Item after the loss or damage sustained.

- 1.5.2 The Supplier shall not be liable to the Buyer or any other person for any and all:
 - (a) loss or damage caused to an Item which cannot be shown to have occurred whilst such Item was within the care, custody and control of DX or its employees/agents
 - (b) damage caused to an Item unless such damage is evidenced by crushing, piercing, water damage, or other damage to, or deterioration of, the outer packaging of such Item which is apparent to the naked eye (and the Buyer is required to retain the packaging to provide evidence of such damage); f) liability arising from or caused by an action or omission by the Buyer or its agents
 - (c) claims which are not notified in writing to the Supplier within five (5) Working Days of the date on which the Buyer knew or ought reasonably to have known of the circumstances giving rise to such claim and in any event within thirty (30) days of the date of despatch of the Item to which the claim relates or where the Buyer fails to return the Supplier's claim form with 14 days of receipt.

Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)

The subscription fees set out in Schedule 5 Pricing Details and the mail tariffs detailed within Schedule 5 are considered to be Commercially Sensitive Information for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract. Any subsequent subscription fees or mail tariffs agreed between the Customer and Supplier shall also be considered Commercially Sensitive Information. This Commercially Sensitive Information shall be treated confidentially for the duration of the Call Off Contract, including any periods of extension and shall not be disclosed by the Customer or any Authority. Information provided by the Supplier specified by it as showing unique service solutions shall also be treated as Commercially Sensitive Information and which shall include the following, as may be amended or updated from time to time

Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM6017

1. What we expect from our Suppliers

- 1.1 In September 2017, HM Government published a Supplier Code of Conduct setting out the standards and behaviours expected of suppliers who work with government.
 - (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/646497/2017-09-
 - 13_Official_Sensitive_Supplier_Code_of_Conduct_September_2017.pdf)
- 1.2 CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to meet the standards set out in that Code. In addition, CCS expects its suppliers and subcontractors to comply with the standards set out in this Schedule.
- 1.3 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may have additional requirements in relation to corporate social responsibility. The Buyer expects that the Supplier and its Subcontractors will comply with such corporate social responsibility requirements as the Buyer may notify to the Supplier from time to time.

2. Equality and Accessibility

- 2.1 In addition to legal obligations, the Supplier shall support CCS and the Buyer in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality duty under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 by ensuring that it fulfils its obligations under each Contract in a way that seeks to:
 - 2.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation of any kind; and
 - 2.1.2 advance equality of opportunity and good relations between those with a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership) and those who do not share it.

3. Modern Slavery, Child Labour and Inhumane Treatment

- "Modern Slavery Helpline" means the mechanism for reporting suspicion, seeking help or advice and information on the subject of modern slavery available online at https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/report or by telephone on 08000 121 700.
 - 3.1 The Supplier:
 - 3.1.1 shall not use, nor allow its Subcontractors to use forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour;
 - 3.1.2 shall not require any Supplier Staff or Subcontractor Staff to lodge deposits or identify papers with the Employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice;

- 3.1.3 warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.4 warrants that to the best of its knowledge it is not currently under investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings in relation to any allegation of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.5 shall make reasonable enquires to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offenses anywhere around the world.
- 3.1.6 shall have and maintain throughout the term of each Contract its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act and include in its contracts with its Subcontractors anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions;
- 3.1.7 shall implement due diligence procedures to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in any part of its supply chain performing obligations under a Contract;
- 3.1.8 shall prepare and deliver to CCS, an annual slavery and human trafficking report setting out the steps it has taken to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains or in any part of its business with its annual certification of compliance with Paragraph 3;
- 3.1.9 shall not use, nor allow its employees or Subcontractors to use physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation of its employees or Subcontractors;
- 3.1.10 shall not use or allow child or slave labour to be used by its Subcontractors;
- 3.1.11 shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery or trafficking by it or its Subcontractors to CCS, the Buyer and Modern Slavery Helpline.

4. Income Security

- 4.1 The Supplier shall:
 - 4.1.1 ensure that that all wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards in the country of employment;
 - 4.1.2 ensure that all Supplier Staff are provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter;
 - 4.1.3 All workers shall be provided with written and understandable Information about their employment conditions in respect of wages before they enter employment and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid;

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- 4.1.4 not make deductions from wages:
 - (a) as a disciplinary measure
 - (b) except where permitted by law; or
 - (c) without expressed permission of the worker concerned;
- 4.1.5 record all disciplinary measures taken against Supplier Staff; and
- 4.1.6 ensure that Supplier Staff are engaged under a recognised employment relationship established through national law and practice.

5. Working Hours

- 5.1 The Supplier shall:
 - 5.1.1 ensure that the working hours of Supplier Staff comply with national laws, and any collective agreements;
 - 5.1.2 that the working hours of Supplier Staff, excluding overtime, shall be defined by contract, and shall not exceed 48 hours per week unless the individual has agreed in writing;
 - 5.1.3 ensure that use of overtime used responsibly, taking into account:
 - (1) the extent;
 - (2) frequency; and
 - (3) hours worked;

by individuals and by the Supplier Staff as a whole;

- 5.2 The total hours worked in any seven day period shall not exceed 60 hours, except where covered by Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 5.3 Working hours may exceed 60 hours in any seven day period only in exceptional circumstances where all of the following are met:
 - 5.3.1 this is allowed by national law;
 - 5.3.2 this is allowed by a collective agreement freely negotiated with a workers' organisation representing a significant portion of the workforce:
 - appropriate safeguards are taken to protect the workers' health and safety; and
 - 5.3.3 the employer can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances apply such as unexpected production peaks, accidents or emergencies.
- 5.4 All Supplier Staff shall be provided with at least one (1) day off in every seven (7) day period or, where allowed by national law, two (2) days off in every fourteen (14) day period.

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6. Sustainability

6.1 The supplier shall meet the applicable Government Buying Standards applicable to Deliverables which can be found online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-procurement-the-government-buying-standards-gbs

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Joint Schedule 6 (Key Subcontractors) - Not applicable

Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Credit Rating Threshold"

the minimum credit rating level for the Monitored Company as set out in Annex 2 and

"Financial Distress Event"

the occurrence or one or more of the following events:

- a) the credit rating of the Monitored
 Company dropping below the
 applicable Credit Rating Threshold;
- the Monitored Company issuing a profits warning to a stock exchange or making any other public announcement about a material deterioration in its financial position or prospects;
- there being a public investigation into improper financial accounting and reporting, suspected fraud or any other impropriety of the Monitored Party;
- d) Monitored Company committing a material breach of covenant to its lenders;
- e) a Key Subcontractor (where applicable) notifying CCS that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute; or
- f) any of the following:
 - i) commencement of any litigation against the Monitored Company with respect to financial indebtedness or obligations under a contract;

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- ii) non-payment by the Monitored Company of any financial indebtedness;
- iii) any financial indebtedness of the Monitored Company becoming due as a result of an event of default; or
- iv) the cancellation or suspension of any financial indebtedness in respect of the Monitored Company

in each case which CCS reasonably believes (or would be likely reasonably to believe) could directly impact on the continued performance of any Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with any Call-Off Contract;

"Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan" a plan setting out how the Supplier will ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with [each Call-Off] Contract in the event that a Financial Distress Event occurs;

"Monitored Company"

Supplier

"Rating Agencies"

the rating agencies listed in Annex 1.

2. When this Schedule applies

- 2.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in relation to the assessment of the financial standing of the Monitored Companies and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.
- 2.2 The terms of this Schedule shall survive:
 - 2.2.1 under the Framework Contract until the later of (a) the termination or expiry of the Framework Contract or (b) the latest date of termination or expiry of any call-off contract entered into under the Framework Contract (which might be after the date of termination or expiry of the Framework Contract); and
 - 2.2.2 under the Call-Off Contract until the termination or expiry of the Call-Off Contract.

3. What happens when your credit rating changes

3.1 The Supplier warrants and represents to CCS that as at the Start Date the long term credit ratings issued for the Monitored Companies by each of the Rating Agencies are as set out in Annex 2.

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- 3.2 The Supplier shall promptly (and in any event within five (5) Working Days) notify CCS in writing if there is any downgrade in the credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for a Monitored Company.
- 3.3 If there is any downgrade credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for the Monitored Company the Supplier shall at CCS' request ensure that an authorised director or auditor of the Monitored Company thereafter provides CCS within 10 Working Days of the end of each Contract Year and within 10 Working Days of written request by CCS (such requests not to exceed 4 in any Contract Year) with written calculations of the quick ratio for the Monitored Company as at the end of each Contract Year or such other date as may be requested by CCS. For these purposes the "quick ratio" on any date means:

$$\frac{A+B+C}{D}$$

where:

Α	is the value at the relevant date of all cash in hand
	and at the bank of the Monitored Company];

В	is the value of all marketable securities held by the
	Supplier the Monitored Company determined using
	closing prices on the Working Day preceding the
	relevant date;

- C is the value at the relevant date of all account receivables of the Monitored]; and
- D is the value at the relevant date of the current liabilities of the Monitored Company].

3.4 The Supplier shall:

- 3.4.1 regularly monitor the credit ratings of each Monitored Company with the Rating Agencies; and
- 3.4.2 promptly notify (or shall procure that its authorised director or auditor promptly notifies) CCS in writing following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event or any fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event and in any event, ensure that such notification is made within 10 Working Days of the date on which the Supplier first becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event or the fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event.
- 3.5 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred the credit rating of the Monitored Company shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold if any of the Rating Agencies have rated the Monitored Company at or below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold.

4. What happens if there is a financial distress event

- 4.1 Not Applicable
- 4.2 The Supplier shall and shall procure that the other Monitored Companies shall:
 - 4.2.1 at the request of CCS meet CCS as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within three (3) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event) to review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance each Call-Off Contract; and
 - 4.2.2 where CCS reasonably believes (taking into account the discussions and any representations made under Paragraph 4.3.1) that the Financial Distress Event could impact on the continued performance of each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Call-Off Contract:
 - submit to CCS for its approval, a draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event, within ten (10) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event); and
 - (b) provide such financial information relating to the Monitored Company as CCS may reasonably require.
- 4.3 If CCS does not (acting reasonably) approve the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, it shall inform the Supplier of its reasons and the Supplier shall take those reasons into account in the preparation of a further draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, which shall be resubmitted to CCS within five (5) Working Days of the rejection of the first or subsequent (as the case may be) drafts. This process shall be repeated until the Financial Distress= Service Continuity Plan is approved by CCS or referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.4 If CCS considers that the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is insufficiently detailed to be properly evaluated, will take too long to complete or will not remedy the relevant Financial Distress Event, then it may either agree a further time period for the development and agreement of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan or escalate any issues with the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan using the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.5 Following approval of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan by CCS, the Supplier shall:
 - 4.5.1 on a regular basis (which shall not be less than Monthly), review the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan and assess whether it remains adequate and up to date to ensure the continued performance each Contract and delivery of the Deliverables in accordance with each Call-Off Contract;

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- 4.5.2 where the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is not adequate or up to date in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.1, submit an updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan to CCS for its approval, and the provisions of Paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 shall apply to the review and approval process for the updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan; and
- 4.5.3 comply with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (including any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan).
- 4.6 Where the Supplier reasonably believes that the relevant Financial Distress Event (or the circumstance or matter which has caused or otherwise led to it) no longer exists, it shall notify CCS and subject to the agreement of the Parties, the Supplier may be relieved of its obligations under Paragraph 4.64.5.
- 4.7 CCS shall be able to share any information it receives from the Supplier in accordance with this Paragraph with any Buyer who has entered into a Call-Off Contract with the Supplier.

5. When CCS or the Buyer can terminate for financial distress

- 5.1 CCS shall be entitled to terminate this Contract and Buyers shall be entitled to terminate their Call-Off Contracts for material Default if:
 - 5.1.1 the Supplier fails to notify CCS of a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Paragraph 3.4;
 - 5.1.2 CCS and the Supplier fail to agree a Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.5; and/or
 - 5.1.3 the Supplier fails to comply with the terms of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraph 4.6.3.

6. What happens If your credit rating is still good

- 6.1 Without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations and CCS' and the Buyer's rights and remedies under Paragraph 5, if, following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event, the Rating Agencies review and report subsequently that the credit ratings do not drop below the relevant Credit Rating Threshold, then:
 - 6.1.1 the Supplier shall be relieved automatically of its obligations under Paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6; and
 - 6.1.2 CCS shall not be entitled to require the Supplier to provide financial information in accordance with Paragraph 4.3.2(b).

ANNEX 1: RATING AGENCIES

DUN & BRADSTREET (D&B)

ANNEX 2: CREDIT RATINGS & CREDIT RATING THRESHOLDS

Part 1: Current Rating

Entity	Credit rating (long term)
Supplier	

Part 2: Credit Rating Threshold

Lot No. & Description	Credit Rating Threshold
Lot 3 Collection And Delivery of Letters, Large Letters and Parcels	50

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Joint Schedule 8 (Guarantee) - Not Applicable

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Joint Schedule 9 (Minimum Standards of Reliability) - Not Applicable

Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)

Reque	est for [Revised] Rectification	on Plan
Details of the Default:	[Guidance: Explain the Default, with clear schedule and clause references as appropriate]	
Deadline for receiving the [Revised] Rectification Plan:	[add date (minimum 10 days from request)]	
Signed by [CCS/Buyer] :		Date:
Supplier [Revised] Rectification Plan		
Cause of the Default	[add cause]	
Anticipated impact assessment:	[add impact]	
Actual effect of Default:	[add effect]	
Steps to be taken to	Steps	Timescale
rectification:	1.	[date]
	2.	[date]
	3.	[date]
	4.	[date]
	[] [date]	
Timescale for complete Rectification of Default	[X] Working Days	
Steps taken to prevent	Steps	Timescale
recurrence of Default	1.	[date]
	2.	[date]
	3.	[date]
	4.	[date]

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	[]	[date]
Signed by the Supplier:		Date:
Review of Rectification Plan [CCS/Buyer]		
Outcome of review	[Plan Accepted] [Plan Rejected] [Revised Plan Requested]	
Reasons for Rejection (if applicable)	[add reasons]	
Signed by [CCS/Buyer]		Date:

Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)

Status of the Controller

- 1. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the nature of the activity carried out by each of them in relation to their respective obligations under a Contract dictates the status of each party under the DPA. A Party may act as:
- (a) "Controller" in respect of the other Party who is "Processor";
- (b) "Processor" in respect of the other Party who is "Controller";
- (c) "Joint Controller" with the other Party;
- (d) "Independent Controller" of the Personal Data where there other Party is also "Controller",

in respect of certain Personal Data under a Contract and shall specify in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*) which scenario they think shall apply in each situation.

Where one Party is Controller and the other Party its Processor

- 2. Where a Party is a Processor, the only processing that it is authorised to do is listed in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*) by the Controller.
- 3. The Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it considers that any of the Controller's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.
- 4. 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 and the purpose of the Processing;
- (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the Processing 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.
- 5. The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data Processed in connection with its obligations under the Contract:
- (a) Process that Personal Data only in accordance with Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*), unless the Processor is required to do otherwise by Law. If it

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- 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, including in the case of the Supplier the measures set out in Clause 14.3 of the Core Terms, 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 the Contract (and in particular Annex 1 (Processing Personal Data));
 - (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 Joint Schedule 11, Clauses 14 (*Data protection*), 15 (*What you must keep confidential*) and 16 (*When you can share information*);
 - (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 the Contract; and
 - (D) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data;
- (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,

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- 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; and
- (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 Contract unless the Processor is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.
- 6. Subject to paragraph 7 of this Joint Schedule 11, the Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if in relation to it Processing Personal Data under or in connection with the Contract 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;
- receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data Processed under the Contract;
- 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.
- 7. The Processor's obligation to notify under paragraph 6 of this Joint Schedule 11 shall include the provision of further information to the Controller in phases, as details become available.
- 8. Taking into account the nature of the Processing, the Processor shall provide the Controller with reasonable assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under paragraph 6 of this Joint Schedule 11 (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 it 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; and/or

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- (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.
- 9. The Processor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this Joint Schedule 11. 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
- (c) the Controller determines that the Processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.
- 10. The Processor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor.
- 11. The Parties shall designate a Data Protection Officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.
- 12. Before allowing any Sub-processor to Process any Personal Data related to the Contract, the Processor must:
- (a) notify the Controller in writing of the intended Subprocessor and Processing;
- (b) obtain the written consent of the Controller;
- (c) enter into a written agreement with the Subprocessor which give effect to the terms set out in this Joint Schedule 11 such that they apply to the Subprocessor; and
- (d) provide the Controller with such information regarding the Subprocessor as the Controller may reasonably require.
- 13. The Processor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Subprocessors.
- 14. The Relevant Authority may, at any time on not less than 30 Working Days' notice, revise this Joint Schedule 11 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 the Contract).
- 15. The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Relevant Authority may on not less than 30 Working Days' notice to the Supplier amend the Contract to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Where the Parties are Joint Controllers of Personal Data

16. In the event that the Parties are Joint Controllers in respect of Personal Data under the Contract, the Parties shall implement paragraphs that are necessary to comply with GDPR Article 26 based on the terms set out in Annex 2 to this Joint Schedule 11 (*Processing Data*).

Independent Controllers of Personal Data

- 17. With respect to Personal Data provided by one Party to another Party for which each Party acts as Controller but which is not under the Joint Control of the Parties, each Party undertakes to comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their Processing of such Personal Data as Controller.
- 18. Each Party shall Process the Personal Data in compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation and not do anything to cause the other Party to be in breach of it.
- 19. Where a Party has provided Personal Data to the other Party in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Joint Schedule 11 above, the recipient of the Personal Data will provide all such relevant documents and information relating to its data protection policies and procedures as the other Party may reasonably require.
- 20. The Parties shall be responsible for their own compliance with Articles 13 and 14 GDPR in respect of the Processing of Personal Data for the purposes of the Contract.
- 21. The Parties shall only provide Personal Data to each other:
- (a) to the extent necessary to perform their respective obligations under the Contract:
- (b) in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation (including by ensuring all required data privacy information has been given to affected Data Subjects to meet the requirements of Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR); and
- (c) where it has recorded it in Annex 1 (Processing Personal Data).
- 22. Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of Processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, each Party shall, with respect to its Processing of Personal Data as Independent Controller, implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the GDPR, and the measures shall, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation, including Article 32 of the GDPR.
- 23. A Party Processing Personal Data for the purposes of the Contract shall maintain a record of its Processing activities in accordance with Article 30

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GDPR and shall make the record available to the other Party upon reasonable request.

- 24. Where a Party receives a request by any Data Subject to exercise any of their rights under the Data Protection Legislation in relation to the Personal Data provided to it by the other Party pursuant to the Contract ("Request Recipient"):
- (a) the other Party shall provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the Request Recipient to help it respond to the request or correspondence, at the cost of the Request Recipient; or
- (b) where the request or correspondence is directed to the other Party and/or relates to that other Party's Processing of the Personal Data, the Request Recipient will:
 - (i) promptly, and in any event within five (5) Working Days of receipt of the request or correspondence, inform the other Party that it has received the same and shall forward such request or correspondence to the other Party; and
 - (ii) provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the other Party to help it respond to the request or correspondence in the timeframes specified by Data Protection Legislation.
- 25. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party upon it becoming aware of any Personal Data Breach relating to Personal Data provided by the other Party pursuant to the Contract and shall:
- (a) do all such things as reasonably necessary to assist the other Party in mitigating the effects of the Personal Data Breach;
- (b) implement any measures necessary to restore the security of any compromised Personal Data;
- (c) work with the other Party to make any required notifications to the Information Commissioner's Office and affected Data Subjects in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation (including the timeframes set out therein); and
- (d) not do anything which may damage the reputation of the other Party or that Party's relationship with the relevant Data Subjects, save as required by Law.
- 26. Personal Data provided by one Party to the other Party may be used exclusively to exercise rights and obligations under the Contract as specified in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).
- 27. Personal Data shall not be retained or processed for longer than is necessary to perform each Party's respective obligations under the Contract which is specified in Annex 1 (*Processing Personal Data*).

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28. Notwithstanding the general application of paragraphs 2 to 15 of this Joint Schedule 11 to Personal Data, where the Supplier is required to exercise its regulatory and/or legal obligations in respect of Personal Data, it shall act as an Independent Controller of Personal Data in accordance with paragraphs16 to 27 of this Joint Schedule 11.

1.1 Annex 1 - Processing Personal Data

This Annex 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 Annex shall be with the Relevant Authority at its absolute discretion.

- 1.1 The contact details of the Relevant Authority's Data Protection Officer are: 7834189@internal.hmrc.gov.uk
- 1.2 The contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer are:
- 1.3 Stephen Newman email: Stephen.newman@thedx.co.ukThe Processor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to Processing by the Controller.
- 1.4 Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex.

Description	Details
Identity of Controller for each Category of Personal Data	The Relevant Authority is Controller. The Supplier will not process data and no data is transferred between HMRC and the Supplier throughout the contract. The Supplier will handle documents to/from HMRC Customers. The Supplier provides a secure Document Exchange postal mail service using sealed envelopes only.
	The documents will contain customer information, but will be enveloped, the only visible information will be the Supplier's Document Exchange addressing system (3 line addressing containing DX number and Exchange Town).
	The Supplier shall not be considered a Data Processor for any personal and/or Sensitive Data that is contained within an Item that is being delivered and/or collected from the Designated Area.
Duration	The term of the Call-Off Contract and any extension period(s).
Nature and purposes of the Processing	The Supplier will be collecting and delivering documents from HMRC. The documents contain customer information but will be in sealed envelopes. The only visible information to the Supplier will be the Supplier's identifying address method (3 Line address system detailing the Supplier's Document Exchange number, Exchange Town)

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Type of Personal Data	For the purpose of the Call-off Order Form and invoices, the business contact(s) name and contact information.
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete	Limited data maybe retained by the supplier in the form of business contacts name and contact information, for the purpose of conducting and managing the contract.
UNLESS requirement under Union or Member State law to preserve that type of data	

Annex 2 - Joint Controller Agreement – Not Applicable

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Joint Schedule 12 (Supply Chain Visibility) - Not Applicable

Joint Schedule 13 (Continuous Improvement)

1. RELEVANT AUTHORITY'S RIGHTS

1.1 The Relevant Authority and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management), a Buyer may give CCS the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

2. SUPPLIER'S OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1 The Supplier must, throughout the Contract Period, identify new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables with a view to reducing the Relevant Authority's costs (including the Charges /Framework Prices) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables and their supply to the Relevant Authority.
- 2.2 The Supplier must adopt a policy of continuous improvement in relation to the Deliverables.
- 2.3 This may include regular reviews with the Relevant Authority of the Deliverables and the way it provides them, with a view to reducing the Relevant Authority's costs (including the Charges/ Framework Prices) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables. The Supplier and the Relevant Authority must provide each other with any information relevant to meeting this objective.
- 2.4 In addition to Paragraph 2.1, the Supplier may be requested by the Relevant Authority to produce at the start of each Contract (or where otherwise specified in the Order Form) a plan for improving the provision of the Deliverables and/or reducing the Charges/Framework Prices (without adversely affecting the performance of this Contract) ("Continuous Improvement Plan") for the Relevant Authority's approval. The Continuous Improvement Plan must include, as a minimum, proposals:
 - 2.4.1 identifying the emergence of relevant new and evolving technologies;
 - 2.4.2 changes in business processes of the Supplier or the Relevant Authority and ways of working that would provide cost savings and/or enhanced benefits to the Relevant Authority (such as methods of interaction, supply chain efficiencies, reduction in energy consumption and methods of sale);
 - 2.4.3 new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Deliverables; and
 - 2.4.4 measuring and reducing the sustainability impacts of the Supplier's operations and supply-chains relating to the Deliverables, and identifying opportunities to assist the Relevant Authority in meeting their sustainability objectives.

- 2.5 The initial Continuous Improvement Plan may be requested by the Relevant Authority during the first (1st) Contract Year and where applicable, shall be submitted by the Supplier to the Relevant Authority for approval within one hundred (100) Working Days of the first Order or six (6) Months following the Start Date, whichever is earlier.
- 2.6 The Relevant Authority reserves the right to request the initial Continuous Improvement Plan at any time during the Contract Period which may be after the first (1st) Contract Year, where it is deemed to be beneficial.
- 2.7 The Relevant Authority shall notify the Supplier of its approval or rejection of the proposed Continuous Improvement Plan or any updates to it within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt. If it is rejected then the Supplier shall, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of notice of rejection, submit a revised Continuous Improvement Plan reflecting the changes required. Once approved, it becomes the Continuous Improvement Plan for the purposes of this Contract.
- 2.8 The Supplier must provide sufficient information with each suggested improvement to enable a decision on whether to implement it. The Supplier shall provide any further information as requested.
- 2.9 If the Relevant Authority wishes to incorporate any improvement into this Contract, it must request a Variation in accordance with the Variation Procedure and the Supplier must implement such Variation at no additional cost to the Buyer or CCS.
- 2.10 Once the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been approved in accordance with Paragraph 2.7
 - 2.10.1 the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement any agreed deliverables in accordance with the Continuous Improvement Plan; and
 - 2.10.2 the Parties agree to meet as soon as reasonably possible following the start of each quarter (or as otherwise agreed between the Parties) to review the Supplier's progress against the Continuous Improvement Plan.
- 2.11 The Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan as and when required but at least once every Contract Year (after the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been approved) in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in Paragraph 2.4.
- 2.12 All costs relating to the compilation or updating of the Continuous Improvement Plan and the costs arising from any improvement made pursuant to it and the costs of implementing any improvement, shall have no effect on and are included in the Charges.
- 2.13 Should the Supplier's costs in providing the Deliverables to the Relevant Authority be reduced as a result of any changes implemented, all of the cost savings shall be passed on to the Relevant Authority by way of a consequential and immediate reduction in the Charges for the Deliverables.
- 2.14 At any time during the Contract Period of the Call-Off Contract, the Supplier may make a proposal for gainshare. If the Relevant Authority deems

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gainshare to be applicable then the Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan so as to include details of the way in which the proposal shall be implemented in accordance with an agreed gainshare ratio.

Joint Schedule 14 (Benchmarking)

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Schedule, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Benchmark Review" a review of the Deliverables carried out in

accordance with this Schedule to determine whether those Deliverables represent Good

Value;

"Benchmarked Deliverables"

any Deliverables included within the scope of a Benchmark Review pursuant to this

Schedule:

"Comparable Rates"

the Charges for Comparable Deliverables;

"Comparable Deliverables"

deliverables that are identical or materially similar to the Benchmarked Deliverables (including in terms of scope, specification, volume and quality of performance) provided

that if no identical or materially similar

Deliverables exist in the market, the Supplier shall propose an approach for developing a

comparable Deliverables benchmark;

"Comparison Group"

a sample group of organisations providing Comparable Deliverables which consists of organisations which are either of similar size

to the Supplier or which are similarly structured in terms of their business and their service offering so as to be fair

comparators with the Supplier or which, are

best practice organisations;

"Equivalent Data" data derived from an analysis of the

Comparable Rates and/or the Comparable Deliverables (as applicable) provided by the

Comparison Group;

"Good Value" that the Benchmarked Rates are within the

Upper Quartile; and

"Upper Quartile" in respect of Benchmarked Rates, that

based on an analysis of Equivalent Data, the Benchmarked Rates, as compared to the

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range of prices for Comparable Deliverables, are within the top 25% in terms of best value for money for the recipients of Comparable Deliverables.

2. When you should use this Schedule

- 2.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Relevant Authority wishes to ensure that the Deliverables, represent value for money to the taxpayer throughout the Contract Period.
- 2.2 This Schedule sets to ensure the Contracts represent value for money throughout and that the Relevant Authority may terminate the Contract by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier if the Supplier refuses or fails to comply with its obligations as set out in Paragraphs 3 of this Schedule.
- 2.3 The Relevant Authority and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management), the Buyer may give CCS the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
- 2.4 Amounts payable under this Schedule shall not fall with the definition of a Cost.

3. Benchmarking

3.1 How benchmarking works

- 3.1.1 The Relevant Authority may, by written notice to the Supplier, require a Benchmark Review of any or all of the Deliverables.
- 3.1.2 The Relevant Authority shall not be entitled to request a Benchmark Review during the first six (6) Month period from the Contract Commencement Date or at intervals of less than twelve (12) Months after any previous Benchmark Review.
- 3.1.3 The purpose of a Benchmark Review will be to establish whether the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually and/or as a whole, Good Value.
- 3.1.4 The Deliverables that are to be the Benchmarked Deliverables will be identified by the Relevant Authority in writing.
- 3.1.5 Upon its request for a Benchmark Review the Relevant Authority shall nominate a benchmarker. The Supplier must approve the nomination within ten (10) Working Days unless the Supplier provides a reasonable explanation for rejecting the appointment. If the appointment is rejected then the Relevant Authority may propose an alternative benchmarker. If the Parties cannot agree the appointment within twenty (20) days of the initial request for Benchmark review then a benchmarker shall be selected by the Chartered Institute of Financial Accountants.
- 3.1.6 The cost of a benchmarker shall be borne by the Relevant Authority (provided that each Party shall bear its own internal costs of the

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Benchmark Review) except where the Benchmark Review demonstrates that the Benchmarked Service and/or the Benchmarked Deliverables are not Good Value, in which case the Parties shall share the cost of the benchmarker in such proportions as the Parties agree (acting reasonably). Invoices by the benchmarker shall be raised against the Supplier and the relevant portion shall be reimbursed by the Relevant Authority.

3.2 Benchmarking Process

- 3.2.1 The benchmarker shall produce and send to the Relevant Authority, for Approval, a draft plan for the Benchmark Review which must include:
 - (a) a proposed cost and timetable for the Benchmark Review;
 - (b) a description of the benchmarking methodology to be used which must demonstrate that the methodology to be used is capable of fulfilling the benchmarking purpose; and
 - (c) a description of how the benchmarker will scope and identify the Comparison Group.
- 3.2.2 The benchmarker, acting reasonably, shall be entitled to use any model to determine the achievement of value for money and to carry out the benchmarking.
- 3.2.3 The Relevant Authority must give notice in writing to the Supplier within ten (10) Working Days after receiving the draft plan, advising the benchmarker and the Supplier whether it Approves the draft plan, or, if it does not approve the draft plan, suggesting amendments to that plan (which must be reasonable). If amendments are suggested then the benchmarker must produce an amended draft plan and this Paragraph 3.2.3 shall apply to any amended draft plan.
- 3.2.4 Once both Parties have approved the draft plan then they will notify the benchmarker. No Party may unreasonably withhold or delay its Approval of the draft plan.
- 3.2.5 Once it has received the Approval of the draft plan, the benchmarker shall:
 - (a) finalise the Comparison Group and collect data relating to Comparable Rates. The selection of the Comparable Rates (both in terms of number and identity) shall be a matter for the Supplier's professional judgment using:
 - (i) market intelligence;
 - (ii) the benchmarker's own data and experience;
 - (iii) relevant published information; and
 - (iv) pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.6 below, information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates;

- (b) by applying the adjustment factors listed in Paragraph 3.2.7 and from an analysis of the Comparable Rates, derive the Equivalent Data;
- (c) using the Equivalent Data, calculate the Upper Quartile;
- (d) determine whether or not each Benchmarked Rate is, and/or the Benchmarked Rates as a whole are. Good Value.
- 3.2.6 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours and act in good faith to supply information required by the benchmarker in order to undertake the benchmarking. The Supplier agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to obtain information from other suppliers or purchasers on Comparable Rates.
- 3.2.7 In carrying out the benchmarking analysis the benchmarker may have regard to the following matters when performing a comparative assessment of the Benchmarked Rates and the Comparable Rates in order to derive Equivalent Data:
 - (a) the contractual terms and business environment under which the Comparable Rates are being provided (including the scale and geographical spread of the customers);
 - (b) exchange rates;
 - (c) any other factors reasonably identified by the Supplier, which, if not taken into consideration, could unfairly cause the Supplier's pricing to appear non-competitive.

3.3 Benchmarking Report

- 3.3.1 For the purposes of this Schedule "Benchmarking Report" shall mean the report produced by the benchmarker following the Benchmark Review and as further described in this Schedule:
- 3.3.2 The benchmarker shall prepare a Benchmarking Report and deliver it to the Relevant Authority, at the time specified in the plan Approved pursuant to Paragraph 3.2.3, setting out its findings. Those findings shall be required to:
 - (a) include a finding as to whether or not a Benchmarked Service and/or whether the Benchmarked Deliverables as a whole are, Good Value;
 - (b) if any of the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually or as a whole, not Good Value, specify the changes that would be required to make that Benchmarked Service or the Benchmarked Deliverables as a whole Good Value; and
 - (c) include sufficient detail and transparency so that the Party requesting the Benchmarking can interpret and understand how the Supplier has calculated whether or not the Benchmarked Deliverables are, individually or as a whole, Good Value.
- 3.3.3 The Parties agree that any changes required to this Contract identified in the Benchmarking Report shall be implemented at the direction of

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the Relevant Authority in accordance with Clause 24 of the Core Terms (Changing the contract)

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Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports) - Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)

If there is no staff transfer (either 1st generation or 2nd generation) at the Start Date then Part C shall apply.

Part E (dealing with staff transfer on exit) shall apply to every Contract.

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Employee Liability"

all claims, actions, proceedings, orders, demands, complaints, investigations (save for any claims for personal injury which are covered by insurance) and any award, compensation, damages, tribunal awards, fine, loss, order, penalty, disbursement, payment made by way of settlement and costs, expenses and legal costs reasonably incurred in connection with a claim or investigation including in relation to the following:

- a) redundancy payments including contractual or enhanced redundancy costs, termination costs and notice payments;
- b) unfair, wrongful or constructive dismissal compensation;
- c) compensation for discrimination on grounds of sex, race, disability, age, religion or belief, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation or claims for equal pay;
- compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed term employees;
- e) outstanding debts and unlawful deduction of wages including any PAYE and National Insurance Contributions in relation to payments made by the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier to a Transferring Supplier Employee which would have been payable by the Supplier or the Sub-contractor if such payment should have been made prior to the Service Transfer Date and also including any payments arising in respect of pensions;

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f) claims whether in tort, contract or statute or otherwise:

any investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or other enforcement, regulatory or supervisory body and of implementing any requirements which may arise from such investigation;

"Former Supplier"

a supplier supplying the Deliverables to the Buyer before the Relevant Transfer Date that are the same as or substantially similar to the Deliverables (or any part of the Deliverables) and shall include any Subcontractor of such supplier (or any Sub-contractor of any such Sub-contractor);

"Partial Termination"

the partial termination of the relevant Contract to the extent that it relates to the provision of any part of the Services as further provided for in Clause 10.4 (When CCS or the Buyer can end this contract) or 10.6 (When the Supplier can end the contract):

"Relevant Transfer"

a transfer of employment to which the Employment Regulations applies;

"Relevant Transfer Date"

n relation to a Relevant Transfer, the date upon which the Relevant Transfer takes place, and for the purposes of Part D: Pensions, shall include the Commencement Date, where appropriate;

Supplier Personnel List"

"Supplier's Final a list provided by the Supplier of all Supplier Personnel whose will transfer under the Employment Regulations on the Service Transfer Date:

"Supplier's **Provisional** Supplier Personnel List"

a list prepared and updated by the Supplier of all Supplier Personnel who are at the date of the list wholly or mainly engaged in or assigned to the provision of the Services or any relevant part of the Services which it is envisaged as at the date of such list will no longer be provided by the Supplier;

"Staffing Information"

in relation to all persons identified on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List or Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, as the case may be, such information as the Buyer may reasonably request (subject to all applicable provisions of the Data Protection Laws), but including in an anonymised format:

- their ages, dates of commencement of employment or engagement, gender and place of work;
- (b) details of whether they are employed, selfemployed contractors or consultants, agency workers or otherwise;
- (c) the identity of the employer or relevant contracting Party;
- (d) their relevant contractual notice periods and any other terms relating to termination of employment, including redundancy procedures, and redundancy payments;
- (e) their wages, salaries, bonuses and profit sharing arrangements as applicable;
- (f) details of other employment-related benefits, including (without limitation) medical insurance, life assurance, pension or other retirement benefit schemes, share option schemes and company car schedules applicable to them;
- (g) any outstanding or potential contractual, statutory or other liabilities in respect of such individuals (including in respect of personal injury claims);
- (h) details of any such individuals on long term sickness absence, parental leave, maternity leave or other authorised long term absence;
- copies of all relevant documents and materials relating to such information, including copies of relevant contracts of employment (or relevant standard contracts if applied generally in respect of such employees); and
- (j) any other "employee liability information" as such term is defined in regulation 11 of the Employment Regulations:

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"Term" the period commencing on the Start Date and ending

on the expiry of the Initial Period or any Extension Period or on earlier termination of the relevant

Contract;

"Transferring

Buyer Employees" those employees of the Buyer to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date and whose names are provided to the Supplier on or prior to the Relevant Transfer Date:

"Transferring Former Supplier Employees"

in relation to a Former Supplier, those employees of the Former Supplier to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date and whose names are provided to the Supplier on or

prior to the Relevant Transfer Date.

2. INTERPRETATION

Where a provision in this Schedule imposes any obligation on the Supplier including (without limit) to comply with a requirement or provide an indemnity, undertaking or warranty, the Supplier shall procure that each of its Sub-contractors shall comply with such obligation and provide such indemnity, undertaking or warranty to CCS, the Buyer, Former Supplier, Replacement Supplier or Replacement Sub-contractor, as the case may be and where the Sub-contractor fails to satisfy any claims under such indemnities the Supplier will be liable for satisfying any such claim as if it had provided the indemnity itself.

3. Which parts of this Schedule apply

Only the following parts of this Schedule shall apply to this Call Off Contract:

- [Part C (No Staff Transfer On Start Date)]
- o Part E (Staff Transfer on Exit)

PART A: STAFF TRANSFER AT THE START DATE OUTSOURCING FROM THE BUYER – NOT APPLICABLE

PART B: STAFF TRANSFER AT THE START DATE TRANSFER FROM A FORMER SUPPLIER ON RE-PROCUREMENT – NOT APPLICABLE

PART C: NO STAFF TRANSFER ON THE START DATE

1. What happens if there is a staff transfer

- 1.1 The Buyer and the Supplier agree that the commencement of the provision of the Services or of any part of the Services will not be a Relevant Transfer in relation to any employees of the Buyer and/or any Former Supplier.
- 1.2 Subject to Paragraphs 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5, if any employee of the Buyer and/or a Former Supplier claims, or it is determined in relation to any employee of the Buyer and/or a Former Supplier, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier to the Supplier and/or any Sub-contractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations then:
 - 1.2.1 the Supplier will, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer in writing;
 - 1.2.2 the Buyer may offer employment to such person, or take such other steps as it considered appropriate to resolve the matter, within 10 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Supplier;
 - 1.2.3 if such offer of employment is accepted, the Supplier shall immediately release the person from its employment;
 - 1.2.4 if after the period referred to in Paragraph 1.2.2 no such offer has been made, or such offer has been made but not accepted, the Supplier may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment of such person;

and subject to the Supplier's compliance with Paragraphs 1.2.1 to 1.2.4:

- (a) the Buyer will indemnify the Supplier and/or the relevant Sub-contractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Buyer's employees referred to in Paragraph 1.2; and
- (b) the Buyer will procure that the Former Supplier indemnifies the Supplier and/or any Sub-contractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of termination of the employment of the employees of the Former Supplier referred to in Paragraph 1.2.
- 1.3 The indemnities in Paragraph 1.2 shall not apply to any claim:
 - 1.3.1 for discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief or equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees in relation to any alleged act or omission of the Supplier and/or Sub-contractor; or

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- 1.3.2 any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Supplier and/or any Sub-contractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure
- 1.4 The indemnities in Paragraph 1.2 shall not apply to any termination of employment occurring later than 3 Months from the Commencement Date.
- 1.5 If the Supplier and/or the Sub-contractor does not comply with Paragraph 1.2, all Employee Liabilities in relation to such employees shall remain with the Supplier and/or the Sub-contractor and the Supplier shall (i) comply with the provisions of Part D: Pensions of this Schedule, and (ii) indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier against any Employee Liabilities that either of them may incur in respect of any such employees of the Supplier and/or employees of the Sub-contractor.

2. Limits on the Former Supplier's obligations

Where in this Part C the Buyer accepts an obligation to procure that a Former Supplier does or does not do something, such obligation shall be limited so that it extends only to the extent that the Buyer's contract with the Former Supplier contains a contractual right in that regard which the Buyer may enforce, or otherwise so that it requires only that the Buyer must use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Former Supplier does or does not act accordingly.

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PART D: PENSIONS_- NOT APPLICABLE

Part E: Staff Transfer on Exit

- 1. Obligations before a Staff Transfer
 - 1.1 The Supplier agrees that within 20 Working Days of the earliest of:
 - 1.1.1 receipt of a notification from the Buyer of a Service Transfer or intended Service Transfer;
 - 1.1.2 receipt of the giving of notice of early termination or any Partial Termination of the relevant Contract;
 - 1.1.3 the date which is 12 Months before the end of the Term; and
 - 1.1.4 receipt of a written request of the Buyer at any time (provided that the Buyer shall only be entitled to make one such request in any 6 Month period),

it shall provide in a suitably anonymised format so as to comply with the Data Protection Laws, the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List, together with the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List and it shall provide an updated Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List at such intervals as are reasonably requested by the Buyer.

- 1.2 At least 20 Working Days prior to the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer or at the direction of the Buyer to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Sub-contractor (i) the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, which shall identify the basis upon which they are Transferring Supplier Employees and (ii) the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List (insofar as such information has not previously been provided).
- 1.3 The Buyer shall be permitted to use and disclose information provided by the Supplier under Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 for the purpose of informing any prospective Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor.
- 1.4 The Supplier warrants, for the benefit of The Buyer, any Replacement Supplier, and any Replacement Sub-contractor that all information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 shall be true and accurate in all material respects at the time of providing the information.
- 1.5 From the date of the earliest event referred to in Paragraph 1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.1, the Supplier agrees that it shall not assign any person to the provision of the Services who is not listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List and shall, unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer (acting reasonably):

not replace or re-deploy any Supplier Personnel listed on the Supplier Provisional Supplier Personnel List other than where any replacement is of equivalent grade, skills, experience and expertise and is employed on the same terms and conditions of employment as the person he/she replaces

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not make, promise, propose, permit or implement any material changes to the terms and conditions of (i) employment and/or (ii) pensions, retirement and death benefits (including not to make pensionable any category of earnings which were not previously pensionable or reduce the pension contributions payable) of the Supplier Personnel (including any payments connected with the termination of employment);

- 1.5.1 not increase the proportion of working time spent on the Services (or the relevant part of the Services) by any of the Supplier Personnel save for fulfilling assignments and projects previously scheduled and agreed;
- 1.5.2 not introduce any new contractual or customary practice concerning the making of any lump sum payment on the termination of employment of any employees listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List;
- 1.5.3 not increase or reduce the total number of employees so engaged, or deploy any other person to perform the Services (or the relevant part of the Services);
- 1.5.4 not terminate or give notice to terminate the employment or contracts of any persons on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List save by due disciplinary process;
- 1.5.5 not dissuade or discourage any employees engaged in the provision of the Services from transferring their employment to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor;
- 1.5.6 give the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor reasonable access to Supplier Personnel and/or their consultation representatives to inform them of the intended transfer and consult any measures envisaged by the Buyer, Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor in respect of persons expected to be Transferring Supplier Employees;
- 1.5.7 co-operate with the Buyer and the Replacement Supplier to ensure an effective consultation process and smooth transfer in respect of Transferring Supplier Employees in line with good employee relations and the effective continuity of the Services, and to allow for participation in any pension arrangements to be put in place to comply with New Fair Deal;
- 1.5.8 promptly notify the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and any Replacement Sub-contractor of any notice to terminate employment given by the Supplier or received from any persons listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List regardless of when such notice takes effect:
- 1.5.9 not for a period of 12 Months from the Service Transfer Date reemploy or re-engage or entice any employees, suppliers or Sub-contractors whose employment or engagement is

- transferred to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier (unless otherwise instructed by the Buyer (acting reasonably));
- 1.5.10 not to adversely affect pension rights accrued by all and any Fair Deal Employees in the period ending on the Service Transfer Date;
- 1.5.11 fully fund any Broadly Comparable pension schemes set up by the Supplier;
- 1.5.12 maintain such documents and information as will be reasonably required to manage the pension aspects of any onward transfer of any person engaged or employed by the Supplier or any Sub-contractor in the provision of the Services on the expiry or termination of this Contract (including without limitation identification of the Fair Deal Employees);
- 1.5.13 promptly provide to the Buyer such documents and information mentioned in Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. o f Part D: Pensions which the Buyer may reasonably request in advance of the expiry or termination of this Contract; and
- 1.5.14 fully co-operate (and procure that the trustees of any Broadly Comparable pension scheme shall fully co-operate) with the reasonable requests of the Supplier relating to any administrative tasks necessary to deal with the pension aspects of any onward transfer of any person engaged or employed by the Supplier or any Sub-contractor in the provision of the Services on the expiry or termination of this Contract.
- On or around each anniversary of the Effective Date and up to four times during the last 12 Months of the Term, the Buyer may make written requests to the Supplier for information relating to the manner in which the Services are organised. Within 20 Working Days of receipt of a written request the Supplier shall provide such information as the Buyer may reasonably require which shall include:
 - 1.6.1 the numbers of employees engaged in providing the Services;
 - 1.6.2 the percentage of time spent by each employee engaged in providing the Services;
 - 1.6.3 the extent to which each employee qualifies for membership of any of the Fair Deal Schemes (as defined in Part D: Pensions); and
 - 1.6.4 a description of the nature of the work undertaken by each employee by location.
- 1.7 The Supplier shall provide all reasonable cooperation and assistance to the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Sub-contractor to ensure the smooth transfer of the Transferring Supplier Employees on the Service Transfer Date including providing sufficient information in advance of the Service Transfer Date to ensure that all necessary payroll arrangements can be made to enable the Transferring Supplier Employees to be paid as appropriate. Without prejudice to the generality of the

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foregoing, within 5 Working Days following the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Sub-contractor (as appropriate), in respect of each person on the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List who is a Transferring Supplier Employee:

- 1.7.1 the most recent month's copy pay slip data;
- 1.7.2 details of cumulative pay for tax and pension purposes;
- 1.7.3 details of cumulative tax paid;
- 1.7.4 tax code;
- 1.7.5 details of any voluntary deductions from pay; and
- 1.7.6 bank/building society account details for payroll purposes.

2. Staff Transfer when the contract ends

- 2.1 A change in the identity of the supplier of the Services (or part of the Services), howsoever arising, may constitute a Relevant Transfer to which the Employment Regulations will apply. The Buyer and the Supplier agree that where a Relevant Transfer occurs, the contracts of employment between the Supplier and the Transferring Supplier Employees (except in relation to any contract terms disapplied through operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) will have effect on and from the Service Transfer Date as if originally made between the Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Sub-contractor (as the case may be) and each such Transferring Supplier Employee.
- 2.2 The Supplier shall comply with all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Supplier Employees arising under the Employment Regulations in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date including (without limit) the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements, PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and all such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Fair Deal Schemes (as defined in Part D: Pensions).
- 2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.4, the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Sub-contractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of any act or omission of the Supplier or any Sub-contractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date.
- 2.4 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.3 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Sub-contractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date.
- 2.5 Subject to Paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7, if any employee of the Supplier who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Transferring Supplier Employee List claims, or it is determined in relation to any employees of the Supplier, that

his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Supplier to the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations then.

- 2.5.1 the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor will, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer and the Supplier in writing;
- 2.5.2 the Supplier may offer employment to such person, or take such other steps as it considered appropriate to resolve the matter, within 10 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor;
- 2.5.3 if such offer of employment is accepted, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor shall immediately release the person from its employment;
- 2.5.4 if after the period referred to in Paragraph 2.5.2 no such offer has been made, or such offer has been made but not accepted, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment of such person;

and subject to the Replacement Supplier's and/or Replacement Subcontractor's compliance with Paragraphs 2.5.1 to 2.5.4 the Supplier will indemnify the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Supplier's employees referred to in Paragraph 2.5.

- 2.6 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.5 shall not apply to:
 - 2.6.1 (a) any claim for discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief, or equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees, arising as a result of any alleged act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor, or
 - 2.6.2 (b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure.
- 2.7 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.5 shall not apply to any termination of employment occurring later than 3 Months from the Service Transfer Date.
- 2.8 If at any point the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contract accepts the employment of any such person as is described in Paragraph 2.5, such person shall be treated as a Transferring Supplier Employee and Paragraph 2.5 shall cease to apply to such person.
- 2.9 The Supplier shall promptly provide the Buyer and any Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Buyer, the Replacement Supplier and/or

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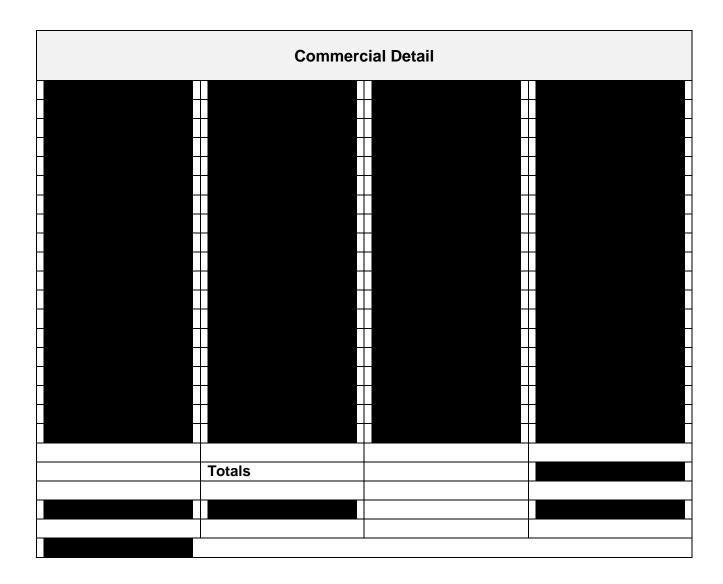
Replacement Sub-contractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor, shall promptly provide to the Supplier and each Sub-contractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Supplier and each Sub-contractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.

- 2.10 Subject to Paragraph 2.9, the Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier indemnifies the Supplier on its own behalf and on behalf of any Replacement Sub-contractor and its Sub-contractors against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of any act or omission, whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Sub-contractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee.
- 2.11 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.10 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Supplier and/or any Sub-contractor (as applicable) whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, including any Employee Liabilities arising from the failure by the Supplier and/or any Sub-contractor (as applicable) to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations, or to the extent the Employee Liabilities arise out of the termination of employment of any person who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List in accordance with Paragraph 2.5 (and subject to the limitations set out in Paragraphs 2.6 and 2.7 above).

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Call-Off Schedule 4 (Call-Off Tender)- Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 5 (Pricing Details)



The Supplier shall invoice the Buyer annually in advance (at the start of each contractual year) for the Document Exchange Services with the exception of which shall be invoiced calendar monthly in arrears.

1 Payment Method

- 1.1 The Supplier shall accept payment by BACS transfer and shall work with the Client to support any other method of payment process it introduces at no additional cost to the Client.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall use HMRC's e-sourcing platform for all invoices and payments.

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- 1.3 The Supplier shall present monthly invoices in electronic format to the specified contact point identified in the implementation period. This shall be supported by description details that outline the charges for that period. This shall be where possible supported by Supplier charging data, format to be mutually agreed within the implementation discussions.
- 1.4 The Client shall pay the Supplier within 30 days of the date of a correct monthly invoice.
- 1.5 The invoice must show the charges at a branch level with the Supplier being able to sort and bill accurately to each relevant cost centre. These accounts shall link to the Client's identifier in order to facilitate capture of high-level MI, so that the Client can obtain both an overview and detailed view of all volumes and traffic.
- 1.6 Invoices must specify VAT and non-VAT elements.
- 1.7 All invoices payable against the contract shall be referenced with all appropriate Contract references and appropriate Purchase Order number. Separate invoices for each of the Client's accounts shall be sent, electronically by the Supplier each month to the agreed contact name and by the agreed date.
- 1.8 Any query relating to any invoice must be notified to the Supplier' Credit Control Team within seven (7) days of the date of invoice. Both parties shall resolve all disputed invoices within 7 days of the Client advising that there is a dispute with an invoice. Both Parties shall provide any supporting evidence/information that is needed to resolve the dispute.

2 Pricing

- 2.1 The Contractor shall not increase its prices during the first year of the Contract. After this an annual price review may be conducted, prior to any agreement to review the Contract price.
- 2.2 The Supplier shall support the Client's requirement to maximise its contribution to government efficiency targets and live within budget allocations, by reporting to the Client on any market changes or process changes it has made over the Contract period that have led to a reduction in its cost base for this Service. The Supplier shall share these savings with the Client as per the previous contract agreement.
- 2.3 Price increases shall be reviewed annually upon the anniversary of the start date of the Call-off.
- 2.4 All prices and rates for this service shall be quoted exclusive of VAT. VAT shall be chargeable at the prevailing rate and itemised separately on all invoices.

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Call-Off Schedule 6 (ICT Services) – Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 7 (Key Supplier Staff)

- 1.1 The Annex 1 to this Schedule lists the key roles ("Key Roles") and names of the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles at the Start Date.
- 1.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Staff fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Contract Period.
- 1.3 The Buyer may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Staff.
- 1.4 Not applicable
- 1.5 The Supplier shall:
 - 1.5.1 notify the Buyer promptly of the absence of any Key Staff (other than for short-term sickness or holidays of two (2) weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
 - 1.5.2 ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
 - 1.5.3 give as much notice as is reasonably practicable of its intention to remove or replace any member of Key Staff and, except in the cases of death, unexpected ill health or a material breach of the Key Staff's employment contract, this will mean at least three (3) Months' notice;
 - 1.5.4_ ensure that all arrangements for planned changes in Key Staff provide adequate periods during which incoming and outgoing staff work together to transfer responsibilities and ensure that such change does not have an adverse impact on the provision of the Deliverables; and
 - 1.5.5_ ensure that any replacement for a Key Role has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role and is fully competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Staff whom he or she has replaced.
- 1.6 Not applicable

Annex 1- Key Roles

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Key Role	Key Staff	Contact Details	

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Key Role	Key Staff	Contact Details

Call-Off Schedule 8 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"BCDR Plan" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

2.2 of this Schedule;

"Business Continuity has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

Plan" 2.3.2 of this Schedule;

"Disaster Recovery the Deliverables embodied in the processes

Deliverables" and procedures for restoring the provision

of Deliverables following the occurrence of

a Disaster;

"Disaster Recovery Plan" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

2.3.3 of this Schedule;

"Disaster Recovery the system embodied in the processes and

procedures for restoring the provision of

Deliverables following the occurrence of a

Disaster:

"Related Supplier" any person who provides Deliverables to

the Buyer which are related to the Deliverables from time to time:

"Review Report" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

6.3 of this Schedule; and

"Supplier's Proposals" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

6.3 of this Schedule;

2. BCDR Plan

System"

- 2.1 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Schedule 4 (Framework Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.
- 2.2 At least ninety (90) Working Days prior to the Start Date the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Buyer for the Buyer's written approval a plan (a "BCDR Plan"), which shall detail the processes and arrangements that the Supplier shall follow to:
 - 2.2.1 ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Services following any failure or disruption of any element of the Deliverables; and

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- 2.2.2 the recovery of the Deliverables in the event of a Disaster
- 2.3 The BCDR Plan shall be divided into three sections:
 - 2.3.1 Section 1 which shall set out general principles applicable to the BCDR Plan;
 - 2.3.2 Section 2 which shall relate to business continuity (the **"Business Continuity Plan"**); and
 - 2.3.3 Section 3 which shall relate to disaster recovery (the "Disaster Recovery Plan").
- 2.4Following receipt of the draft BCDR Plan from the Supplier, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the BCDR Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the BCDR Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

3. General Principles of the BCDR Plan (Section 1)

- 3.1 Section 1 of the BCDR Plan shall:
 - 3.1.1 set out how the business continuity and disaster recovery elements of the BCDR Plan link to each other;
 - 3.1.2 provide details of how the invocation of any element of the BCDR Plan may impact upon the provision of the Deliverables and any goods and/or services provided to the Buyer by a Related Supplier;
 - 3.1.3 contain an obligation upon the Supplier to liaise with the Buyer and any Related Suppliers with respect to business continuity and disaster recovery;
 - 3.1.4 detail how the BCDR Plan interoperates with any overarching disaster recovery or business continuity plan of the Buyer and any of its other Related Supplier in each case as notified to the Supplier by the Buyer from time to time;
 - 3.1.5 contain a communication strategy including details of an incident and problem management service and advice and help desk facility which can be accessed via multiple channels;
 - 3.1.6 contain a risk analysis, including:
 - (a) failure or disruption scenarios and assessments of likely frequency of occurrence;
 - (b) identification of any single points of failure within the provision of Deliverables and processes for managing those risks;
 - (c) identification of risks arising from the interaction of the provision of Deliverables with the goods and/or services provided by a Related Supplier; and
 - (d) a business impact analysis of different anticipated failures or disruptions;

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- 3.1.7 provide for documentation of processes, including business processes, and procedures;
- 3.1.8 set out key contact details for the Supplier (and any Subcontractors) and for the Buyer;
- 3.1.9 identify the procedures for reverting to "normal service";
- 3.1.10 set out method(s) of recovering or updating data collected (or which ought to have been collected) during a failure or disruption to minimise data loss:
- 3.1.11 identify the responsibilities (if any) that the Buyer has agreed it will assume in the event of the invocation of the BCDR Plan; and
- 3.1.12 provide for the provision of technical assistance to key contacts at the Buyer as required by the Buyer to inform decisions in support of the Buyer's business continuity plans.
- 3.2 The BCDR Plan shall be designed so as to ensure that:
 - 3.2.1 the Deliverables are provided in accordance with this Contract at all times during and after the invocation of the BCDR Plan;
 - 3.2.2 the adverse impact of any Disaster is minimised as far as reasonably possible;
 - 3.2.3 it complies with the relevant provisions of ISO/IEC 27002; ISO22301/ISO22313 and all other industry standards from time to time in force; and
 - 3.2.4 it details a process for the management of disaster recovery testing.
- 3.3 The BCDR Plan shall be upgradeable and sufficiently flexible to support any changes to the Deliverables and the business operations supported by the provision of Deliverables.
- 3.4The Supplier shall not be entitled to any relief from its obligations under the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service levels, or to any increase in the Charges to the extent that a Disaster occurs as a consequence of any breach by the Supplier of this Contract.

4. Business Continuity (Section 2)

- 4.1 The Business Continuity Plan shall set out the arrangements that are to be invoked to ensure that the business processes facilitated by the provision of Deliverables remain supported and to ensure continuity of the business operations supported by the Services including:
 - 4.1.1 the alternative processes, options and responsibilities that may be adopted in the event of a failure in or disruption to the provision of Deliverables; and
 - 4.1.2 the steps to be taken by the Supplier upon resumption of the provision of Deliverables in order to address the effect of the failure or disruption.

- 4.2 The Business Continuity Plan shall:
 - 4.2.1 address the various possible levels of failures of or disruptions to the provision of Deliverables;
 - 4.2.2 set out the goods and/or services to be provided and the steps to be taken to remedy the different levels of failures of and disruption to the Deliverables:
 - 4.2.3 specify any applicable Performance Indicators with respect to the provision of the Business Continuity Services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Business Continuity Plan; and
 - 4.2.4 set out the circumstances in which the Business Continuity Plan is invoked.

5. Disaster Recovery (Section 3)

- 5.1 The Disaster Recovery Plan (which shall be invoked only upon the occurrence of a Disaster) shall be designed to ensure that upon the occurrence of a Disaster the Supplier ensures continuity of the business operations of the Buyer supported by the Services following any Disaster or during any period of service failure or disruption with, as far as reasonably possible, minimal adverse impact.
- 5.2The Supplier's BCDR Plan shall include an approach to business continuity and disaster recovery that addresses the following:
 - 5.2.1 loss of access to the Buyer Premises;
 - 5.2.2 loss of utilities to the Buyer Premises;
 - 5.2.3 loss of the Supplier's helpdesk;
 - 5.2.4 emergency notification and escalation process;
 - 5.2.5 contact lists;
 - 5.2.6 staff training and awareness;
 - 5.2.7 BCDR Plan testing;
 - 5.2.8 post implementation review process;
 - 5.2.9 any applicable Performance Indicators (PI's) with respect to the provision of the disaster recovery services and details of any agreed relaxation to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels in respect of the provision of other Deliverables during any period of invocation of the Disaster Recovery Plan;
 - 5.2.10 details of how the Supplier shall ensure compliance with security standards ensuring that compliance is maintained for any period during which the Disaster Recovery Plan is invoked;
 - 5.2.11 access controls to any disaster recovery sites used by the Supplier in relation to its obligations pursuant to this Schedule; and
 - 5.2.12 Not Applicable

6. Review and changing the BCDR Plan

- 6.1 The Supplier shall review the BCDR Plan:
 - 6.1.1 on a regular basis and as a minimum once every six (6) Months;
 - 6.1.2 within three (3) calendar Months of the BCDR Plan (or any part) having been invoked pursuant to Paragraph 7; and
 - 6.1.3 where the Buyer requests in writing any additional reviews (over and above those provided for in Paragraphs 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of this Schedule) whereupon the Supplier shall conduct such reviews in accordance with the Buyer's written requirements. Prior to starting its review, the Supplier shall provide an accurate written estimate of the total costs payable by the Buyer for the Buyer's approval. The costs of both Parties of any such additional reviews shall be met by the Buyer except that the Supplier shall not be entitled to charge the Buyer for any costs that it may incur above any estimate without the Buyer's prior written approval.
- 6.2 Each review of the BCDR Plan pursuant to Paragraph 6.1 shall assess its suitability having regard to any change to the Deliverables or any underlying business processes and operations facilitated by or supported by the Services which have taken place since the later of the original approval of the BCDR Plan or the last review of the BCDR Plan, and shall also have regard to any occurrence of any event since that date (or the likelihood of any such event taking place in the foreseeable future) which may increase the likelihood of the need to invoke the BCDR Plan. The review shall be completed by the Supplier within such period as the Buyer shall reasonably require.
- 6.3 The Supplier shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each such review of the BCDR Plan, provide to the Buyer a report (a "Review Report") setting out the Supplier's proposals (the "Supplier's Proposals") for addressing any changes in the risk profile and its proposals for amendments to the BCDR Plan, where applicable to the services provided
- 6.4 Following receipt of the Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals, the Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals. If the Parties are unable to agree Review Report and the Supplier's Proposals within twenty (20) Working Days of its submission, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 6.5 The Supplier shall as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the approval of the Supplier's Proposals effect any change in its practices or procedures necessary so as to give effect to the Supplier's Proposals. Any such change shall be at the Supplier's expense unless it can be reasonably shown that the changes are required because of a material change to the risk profile of the Deliverables.

7. Testing the BCDR Plan

- 7.1 The Supplier shall test the BCDR Plan:
 - 7.1.1 regularly and in any event not less than once in every Contract Year;
 - 7.1.2 in the event of any major reconfiguration of the Deliverables
 - 7.1.3 at any time where the Buyer considers it necessary (acting in its sole discretion).
- 7.2 If the Buyer requires an additional test of the BCDR Plan, it shall give the Supplier written notice and the Supplier shall conduct the test in accordance with the Buyer's requirements and the relevant provisions of the BCDR Plan. The Supplier's costs of the additional test shall be borne by the Buyer unless the BCDR Plan fails the additional test in which case the Supplier's costs of that failed test shall be borne by the Supplier.
- 7.3 The Supplier shall undertake and manage testing of the BCDR Plan and shall liaise with the Buyer in respect of the planning, performance, and review, of each test, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Buyer when necessary.
- 7.4 Not applicable The Supplier shall, within twenty (20) Working Days of the conclusion of each test, provide to the Buyer a report setting out:
 - 7.4.1 the outcome of the test;
 - 7.4.2 any failures in the BCDR Plan (including the BCDR Plan's procedures) revealed by the test; and
 - 7.4.3 the Supplier's proposals for remedying any such failures.
- 7.5 Following each test, the Supplier shall take all measures requested by the Buyer to remedy any failures in the BCDR Plan and such remedial activity and re-testing shall be completed by the Supplier, at its own cost, by the date reasonably required by the Buyer.

8. Invoking the BCDR Plan

8.1 In the event of a complete loss of service or in the event of a Disaster, the Supplier shall immediately invoke the BCDR Plan (and shall inform the Buyer promptly of such invocation). In all other instances the Supplier shall invoke or test the BCDR Plan only with the prior consent of the Buyer.

9. Circumstances beyond your control

9.1 The Supplier shall not be entitled to relief under Clause 20 (Circumstances beyond your control) if it would not have been impacted by the Force Majeure Event had it not failed to comply with its obligations under this Schedule.

Call-Off Schedule 9 (Security)

Part B: Long Form Security Requirements

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Breach of Security"

means the occurrence of:

- any unauthorised access to or use of the Goods and/or Deliverables, the Sites and/or any Information and Communication Technology ("ICT"), information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data) used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract; and/or
- b) the loss and/or unauthorised disclosure of any information or data (including the Confidential Information and the Government Data), including any copies of such information or data, used by the Buyer and/or the Supplier in connection with this Contract,

in either case as more particularly set out in the security requirements in the Security Policy where the Buyer has required compliance therewith in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d;

"ISMS"

the information security management system and process developed by the Supplier in accordance with Paragraph 3 (ISMS) as updated from time to time in accordance with this Schedule; and

"Security Tests"

tests to validate the ISMS and security of all relevant processes, systems, incident response plans, patches to vulnerabilities and mitigations to Breaches of Security.

2. Security Requirements

2.1 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management), CCS shall have the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

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- 2.2The Parties acknowledge that the purpose of the ISMS and Security Management Plan are to ensure a good organisational approach to security under which the specific requirements of this Contract will be met.
- 2.3 The Parties shall each appoint a security representative to be responsible for Security. The initial security representatives of the Parties are:
 - 2.3.1 Buyer: Marie Clarke marie.clarke@hmrc.gov.uk
 - 2.3.2 Supplier: Stephen Newman
- 2.4 The Buyer shall clearly articulate its high level security requirements so that the Supplier can ensure that the ISMS, security related activities and any mitigations are driven by these fundamental needs.
- 2.5 Both Parties shall provide a reasonable level of access to any members of their staff for the purposes of designing, implementing and managing security.
- 2.6 The Supplier shall use as a minimum Good Industry Practice in the day to day operation of any system holding, transferring or processing Government Data and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that information, and shall ensure that Government Data remains under the effective control of the Supplier at all times.
- 2.7The Supplier shall ensure the up-to-date maintenance of a security policy relating to the operation of its own organisation and systems and on request shall supply this document as soon as practicable to the Buyer.
- 2.8 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that information security risks are shared between the Parties and that a compromise of either the Supplier or the Buyer's security provisions represents an unacceptable risk to the Buyer requiring immediate communication and co-operation between the Parties.

3. Information Security Management System (ISMS)

- 3.1 The Supplier shall develop and submit to the Buyer, within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, an information security management system for the purposes of this Contract and shall comply with the requirements of Paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6, if applicable to the services provided.
- 3.2The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer places great emphasis on the reliability of the performance of the Deliverables, confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and consequently on the security provided by the ISMS and that the Supplier shall be responsible for the effective performance of the ISMS.
- 3.3The Buyer acknowledges that;
 - 3.3.1 If the Buyer has not stipulated during a Further Competition that it requires a bespoke ISMS, the ISMS provided by the Supplier may be an extant ISMS covering the Services and their implementation across the Supplier's estate; and
 - 3.3.2 Where the Buyer has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS then the Supplier shall be required to present the ISMS for the Buyer's Approval.

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3.4The ISMS shall:

- 3.4.1 if the Buyer has stipulated that it requires a bespoke ISMS, be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the provision of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) and any ICT, information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract;
- 3.4.2 meet the relevant standards in ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph Error! Reference source not found.;
- 3.4.3 at all times provide a level of security which:
 - (a) is in accordance with the Law and this Contract;
 - (b) complies with the Baseline Security Requirements;
 - (c) as a minimum demonstrates Good Industry Practice;
 - (d) where specified by a Buyer that has undertaken a Further Competition complies with the Security Policy and the ICT Policy;
 - (e) complies with at least the minimum set of security measures and standards as determined by the Security Policy Framework (Tiers 1-4) (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework/hmg-security-policy-framework)
 - (f) takes account of guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure (https://www.cpni.gov.uk)
 - (g) complies with HMG Information Assurance Maturity
 Model and Assurance Framework
 (https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/hmg-ia-maturity-modeliamm)
 - (h) meets any specific security threats of immediate relevance to the ISMS, the Deliverables and/or Government Data;
 - (i) addresses issues of incompatibility with the Supplier's own organisational security policies; and
 - (j) complies with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002 in accordance with Paragraph Error! Reference source n ot found.;
- 3.4.4 document the security incident management processes and incident response plans;
- 3.4.5 document the vulnerability management policy including processes for identification of system vulnerabilities and assessment of the potential impact on the Deliverables of any new threat, vulnerability

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- or exploitation technique of which the Supplier becomes aware, prioritisation of security patches, testing of security patches, application of security patches, a process for Buyer approvals of exceptions, and the reporting and audit mechanism detailing the efficacy of the patching policy; and
- 3.4.6 be certified by (or by a person with the direct delegated authority of) a Supplier's main board representative, being the "Chief Security Officer", "Chief Information Officer", "Chief Technical Officer" or "Chief Financial Officer" (or equivalent as agreed in writing by the Buyer in advance of issue of the relevant Security Management Plan).
- 3.5 Subject to Paragraph 2 the references to Standards, guidance and policies contained or set out in Paragraph 3.4 shall be deemed to be references to such items as developed and updated and to any successor to or replacement for such standards, guidance and policies, as notified to the Supplier from time to time.
- 3.6 In the event that the Supplier becomes aware of any inconsistency in the provisions of the standards, guidance and policies set out in Paragraph 3.4, the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer Representative of such inconsistency and the Buyer Representative shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Supplier as to which provision the Supplier shall comply with.
- 3.7 If the bespoke ISMS submitted to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 3.3.1 is Approved by the Buyer, it shall be adopted by the Supplier immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the ISMS is not Approved by the Buyer, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of non-approval from the Buyer and re-submit it to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days from the date of the first submission of the ISMS to the Buyer. If the Buyer does not Approve the ISMS following its resubmission, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. No Approval to be given by the Buyer pursuant to this Paragraph 3 may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure to approve the ISMS on the grounds that it does not comply with any of the requirements set out in Paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
- 3.8 Approval by the Buyer of the ISMS pursuant to Paragraph 3.7 or of any change to the ISMS shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

4. Security Management Plan

4.1 Within twenty (20) Working Days after the Start Date, the Supplier shall prepare and submit to the Buyer for Approval in accordance with Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. fully developed, complete and up-to-date S ecurity Management Plan which shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph 4.2.

- 4.2The Security Management Plan shall:
 - 4.2.1 be based on the initial Security Management Plan set out in Annex 2 (Security Management Plan);
 - 4.2.2 comply with the Baseline Security Requirements and, where specified by the Buyer in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d, the Security Policy;
 - 4.2.3 identify the necessary delegated organisational roles defined for those responsible for ensuring this Schedule is complied with by the Supplier;
 - 4.2.4 detail the process for managing any security risks from Subcontractors and third parties authorised by the Buyer with access to the Goods and/or Services, processes associated with the delivery of the Goods and/or Services, the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) and any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that information, data and/or the Deliverables;
 - 4.2.5 unless otherwise specified by the Buyer in writing, be developed to protect all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the delivery of the Deliverables, including the Buyer Premises, the Sites, the Supplier System, the Buyer System (to the extent that it is under the control of the Supplier) and any ICT, Information and data (including the Buyer's Confidential Information and the Government Data) to the extent used by the Buyer or the Supplier in connection with this Contract or in connection with any system that could directly or indirectly have an impact on that Information, data and/or the Deliverables;
 - 4.2.6 set out the security measures to be implemented and maintained by the Supplier in relation to all aspects of the Deliverables and all processes associated with the delivery of the Deliverables and at all times comply with and specify security measures and procedures which are sufficient to ensure that the Deliverables comply with the provisions of this Schedule (including the requirements set out in Paragraph 3.4);
 - 4.2.7 demonstrate that the Supplier's approach to delivery of the Deliverables has minimised the Buyer and Supplier effort required to comply with this Schedule through consideration of available, appropriate and practicable pan-government accredited services;
 - 4.2.8 set out the plans for transitioning all security arrangements and responsibilities from those in place at the Start Date to those incorporated in the ISMS within the timeframe agreed between the Parties;
 - 4.2.9 set out the scope of the Buyer System that is under the control of the Supplier;

- 4.2.10 be structured in accordance with ISO/IEC27001 and ISO/IEC27002, cross-referencing if necessary to other Schedules which cover specific areas included within those standards; and
- 4.2.11 be written in plain English in language which is readily comprehensible to the staff of the Supplier and the Buyer engaged in the Deliverables and shall reference only documents which are in the possession of the Parties or whose location is otherwise specified in this Schedule.
- 4.3 If the Security Management Plan submitted to the Buyer pursuant to Paragraph 4.1 is Approved by the Buyer, it shall be adopted by the Supplier immediately and thereafter operated and maintained in accordance with this Schedule. If the Security Management Plan is not approved by the Buyer, the Supplier shall amend it within ten (10) Working Days of a notice of nonapproval from the Buyer and re-submit it to the Buyer for Approval. The Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Approval process takes as little time as possible and in any event no longer than fifteen (15) Working Days from the date of the first submission to the Buyer of the Security Management Plan. If the Buyer does not Approve the Security Management Plan following its resubmission, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure. No Approval to be given by the Buyer pursuant to this Paragraph may be unreasonably withheld or delayed. However any failure to approve the Security Management Plan on the grounds that it does not comply with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.2 shall be deemed to be reasonable.
- 4.4 Approval by the Buyer of the Security Management Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4.3 or of any change or amendment to the Security Management Plan shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Schedule.

5. Amendment of the ISMS and Security Management Plan

- 5.1 The ISMS and Security Management Plan shall be fully reviewed and updated by the Supplier and at least annually to reflect:
 - 5.1.1 emerging changes in Good Industry Practice;
 - 5.1.2 any change or proposed change to the Supplier System, the Deliverables and/or associated processes;
 - 5.1.3 any new perceived or changed security threats;
 - 5.1.4 where required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d, any changes to the Security Policy;
 - 5.1.5 any new perceived or changed security threats; and
 - 5.1.6 any reasonable change in requirement requested by the Buyer.
- 5.2The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with the results of such reviews as soon as reasonably practicable after their completion and amend the ISMS and Security Management Plan at no additional cost to the Buyer. The results of the review shall include, without limitation:
 - 5.2.1 suggested improvements to the effectiveness of the ISMS;

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- 5.2.2 updates to the risk assessments;
- 5.2.3 proposed modifications to the procedures and controls that affect information security to respond to events that may impact on the ISMS; and
- 5.2.4 suggested improvements in measuring the effectiveness of controls.
- 5.3 Subject to Paragraph 5.4, any change which the Supplier proposes to make to the ISMS or Security Management Plan (as a result of a review carried out pursuant to Paragraph 5.1, a Buyer request, a change to Annex nnex 1 (Security) or otherwise) shall be subject to the Variation Procedure and shall not be implemented until Approved in writing by the Buyer.
- 5.4The Buyer may, acting reasonably, Approve and require changes or amendments to the ISMS or Security Management Plan to be implemented on timescales faster than set out in the Variation Procedure but, without prejudice to their effectiveness, all such changes and amendments shall thereafter be subject to the Variation Procedure for the purposes of formalising and documenting the relevant change or amendment.

6. Security Testing (if applicable to the services provided (note that DX will not be processing any data on behalf of HRMC)

6.1 The Supplier shall conduct Security Tests from time to time (and at least annually across the scope of the ISMS) and additionally after any change or amendment to the ISMS (including security incident management processes and incident response plans) or the Security Management Plan. Security Tests shall be designed and implemented by the Supplier so as to minimise the impact on the delivery of the Deliverables and the date, timing, content and conduct of such Security Tests shall be agreed in advance with the Buyer. Subject to compliance by the Supplier with the foregoing requirements, if any Security Tests adversely affect the Supplier's ability to deliver the Deliverables so as to meet the KPIs, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for the period of the Security Tests.

6.2 Not Applicable

- 6.3 Without prejudice to any other right of audit or access granted to the Buyer pursuant to this Contract, the Buyer and/or its authorised representatives shall be entitled, at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Supplier, to carry out such tests (including penetration tests) as it may deem necessary in relation to the ISMS and the Supplier's compliance with the ISMS and the Security Management Plan. The Buyer may notify the Supplier of the results of such tests after completion of each such test. If any such Buyer's test adversely affects the Supplier's ability to deliver the Deliverables so as to meet the KPIs, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant underperformance for the period of the Buyer's test.
- 6.4Where any Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraphs 6.2 or 6.3 reveals any actual or potential Breach of Security or weaknesses (including unpatched vulnerabilities, poor configuration and/or incorrect system management), the Supplier shall promptly notify the Buyer of any changes to the ISMS and to the Security Management Plan (and the implementation

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thereof) which the Supplier proposes to make in order to correct such failure or weakness. Subject to the Buyer's prior written Approval, the Supplier shall implement such changes to the ISMS and the Security Management Plan and repeat the relevant Security Tests in accordance with the timetable agreed with the Buyer or, otherwise, as soon as reasonably possible. For the avoidance of doubt, where the change to the ISMS or Security Management Plan is to address a non-compliance with the Security Policy or security requirements (as set out in Annex 1 (Baseline Security Requirements) to this Schedule) or the requirements of this Schedule, the change to the ISMS or Security Management Plan shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

6.5 If any repeat Security Test carried out pursuant to Paragraph 6.4 reveals an actual or potential Breach of Security exploiting the same root cause failure, such circumstance shall constitute a material Default of this Contract.

7. Complying with the ISMS

- 7.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to carry out such security audits as it may reasonably deem necessary in order to ensure that the ISMS maintains compliance with the principles and practices of ISO 27001 and/or the Security Policy where such compliance is required in accordance with paragraph 3.4.3 d.
- 7.2 If, on the basis of evidence provided by such security audits, it is the Buyer's reasonable opinion that compliance with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where relevant, the Security Policy are not being achieved by the Supplier, then the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of the same and give the Supplier a reasonable time (having regard to the extent and criticality of any non-compliance and any other relevant circumstances) to implement and remedy. If the Supplier does not become compliant within the required time then the Buyer shall have the right to obtain an independent audit against these standards in whole or in part.
- 7.3 If, as a result of any such independent audit as described in Paragraph the Supplier is found to be non-compliant with the principles and practices of ISO/IEC 27001 and/or, where relevant, the Security Policy then the Supplier shall, at its own expense, undertake those actions required in order to achieve the necessary compliance and shall reimburse in full the costs incurred by the Buyer in obtaining such audit.

8. Security Breach

- 8.1 Either Party shall notify the other in accordance with the agreed security incident management process as defined by the ISMS upon becoming aware of any breach of security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security.
- 8.2 Without prejudice to the security incident management process, upon becoming aware of any of the circumstances referred to in Paragraph 8.1, the Supplier shall:
 - 8.2.1 immediately take all reasonable steps (which shall include any action or changes reasonably required by the Buyer) necessary to:

- (a) minimise the extent of actual or potential harm caused by any Breach of Security;
- (b) remedy such Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security in order to protect the integrity of the Buyer Property and/or Buyer Assets and/or ISMS to the extent that this is within the Supplier's control;
- (c) apply a tested mitigation against any such Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security and provided that reasonable testing has been undertaken by the Supplier, if the mitigation adversely affects the Supplier's ability to provide the Deliverables so as to meet the relevant Service Level Performance Indicators, the Supplier shall be granted relief against any resultant under-performance for such period as the Buyer, acting reasonably, may specify by written notice to the Supplier;
- (d) prevent a further Breach of Security or any potential or attempted Breach of Security in the future exploiting the same root cause failure; and
- (e) supply any requested data to the Buyer (or the Computer Emergency Response Team for UK Government ("GovCertUK")) on the Buyer's request within two (2) Working Days and without charge (where such requests are reasonably related to a possible incident or compromise); and
- (f) as soon as reasonably practicable provide to the Buyer full details (using the reporting mechanism defined by the ISMS) of the Breach of Security or attempted Breach of Security, including a root cause analysis where required by the Buyer.
- 8.3 In the event that any action is taken in response to a Breach of Security or potential or attempted Breach of Security that demonstrates non-compliance of the ISMS with the Security Policy (where relevant) or the requirements of this Schedule, then any required change to the ISMS shall be at no cost to the Buyer.

9. Vulnerabilities and fixing them

- 9.1 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that from time to time vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment will be discovered which unless mitigated will present an unacceptable risk to the Buyer's information.
- 9.2The severity of threat vulnerabilities for COTS Software shall be categorised by the Supplier as 'Critical', 'Important' and 'Other' by aligning these categories to the vulnerability scoring according to the agreed method in the ISMS and using the appropriate vulnerability scoring systems including:

- 9.2.1 the 'National Vulnerability Database' 'Vulnerability Severity Ratings': 'High', 'Medium' and 'Low' respectively (these in turn are aligned to CVSS scores as set out by NIST http://nvd.nist.gov/cvss.cfm); and
- 9.2.2 Microsoft's 'Security Bulletin Severity Rating System' ratings 'Critical', 'Important', and the two remaining levels ('Moderate' and 'Low') respectively.
- 9.3 The Supplier shall procure the application of security patches to vulnerabilities within a maximum period from the public release of such patches with those vulnerabilities categorised as 'Critical' within 14 days of release, 'Important' within 30 days of release and all 'Other' within 60 Working Days of release, except where:
 - 9.3.1 the Supplier can demonstrate that a vulnerability is not exploitable within the context of any Service (e.g. because it resides in a software component which is not running in the service) provided vulnerabilities which the Supplier asserts cannot be exploited within the context of a Service must be remedied by the Supplier within the above timescales if the vulnerability becomes exploitable within the context of the Service;
 - 9.3.2 the application of a 'Critical' or 'Important' security patch adversely affects the Supplier's ability to deliver the Services in which case the Supplier shall be granted an extension to such timescales of 5 days, provided the Supplier had followed and continues to follow the security patch test plan agreed with the Buyer; or
 - 9.3.3 the Buyer agrees a different maximum period after a case-by-case consultation with the Supplier under the processes defined in the ISMS.
- 9.4 The Specification and Mobilisation Plan (if applicable) shall include provisions for major version upgrades of all COTS Software to be upgraded within 6 Months of the release of the latest version, such that it is no more than one major version level below the latest release (normally codified as running software no older than the 'n-1 version') throughout the Term unless:
 - 9.4.1 where upgrading such COTS Software reduces the level of mitigations for known threats, vulnerabilities or exploitation techniques, provided always that such upgrade is made within 12 Months of release of the latest version; or
 - 9.4.2 is agreed with the Buyer in writing.

9.5 The Supplier shall:

- 9.5.1 implement a mechanism for receiving, analysing and acting upon threat information supplied by GovCertUK, or any other competent Central Government Body;
- 9.5.2 ensure that the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) is monitored to facilitate the detection of anomalous behaviour that would be indicative of system compromise;

- 9.5.3 ensure it is knowledgeable about the latest trends in threat, vulnerability and exploitation that are relevant to the ICT Environment by actively monitoring the threat landscape during the Contract Period;
- 9.5.4 pro-actively scan the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) for vulnerable components and address discovered vulnerabilities through the processes described in the ISMS as developed under Paragraph 3.4.5;
- 9.5.5 from the date specified in the Security Management Plan provide a report to the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of the end of each Month detailing both patched and outstanding vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) and any elapsed time between the public release date of patches and either time of application or for outstanding vulnerabilities the time of issue of such report;
- 9.5.6 propose interim mitigation measures to vulnerabilities in the ICT Environment known to be exploitable where a security patch is not immediately available;
- 9.5.7 remove or disable any extraneous interfaces, services or capabilities that are not needed for the provision of the Services (in order to reduce the attack surface of the ICT Environment); and
- 9.5.8 inform the Buyer when it becomes aware of any new threat, vulnerability or exploitation technique that has the potential to affect the security of the ICT Environment and provide initial indications of possible mitigations.
- 9.6 If the Supplier is unlikely to be able to mitigate the vulnerability within the timescales under this Paragraph 9, the Supplier shall immediately notify the Buyer.
- 9.7 A failure to comply with Paragraph 9.3 shall constitute a Default, and the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

Part B - Annex 1:

Baseline security requirements

10. Handling Classified information

10.1 The Supplier shall not handle Buyer information classified SECRET or TOP SECRET except if there is a specific requirement and in this case prior to receipt of such information the Supplier shall seek additional specific guidance from the Buyer.

11. End user devices – Not applicable (as DX prohibits storage of any data on mobile devices)

- 11.1 When Government Data resides on a mobile, removable or physically uncontrolled device it must be stored encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a recognised certification process of the UK Government Communications Electronics Security Group ("CESG") to at least Foundation Grade, for example, under the CESG Commercial Product Assurance scheme ("CPA").
- 11.2 Devices used to access or manage Government Data and services must be under the management authority of Buyer or Supplier and have a minimum set of security policy configuration enforced. These devices must be placed into a 'known good' state prior to being provisioned into the management authority of the Buyer. Unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer in writing, all Supplier devices are expected to meet the set of security requirements set out in the End User Devices Security Guidance (https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/end-user-device-security). Where the guidance highlights shortcomings in a particular platform the Supplier may wish to use, then these should be discussed with the Buyer and a joint decision shall be taken on whether the residual risks are acceptable. Where the Supplier wishes to deviate from the CESG guidance, then this should be agreed in writing on a case by case basis with the Buyer.

12. Data Processing, Storage, Management and Destruction

- 12.1 The Supplier and Buyer recognise the need for the Buyer's information to be safeguarded under the UK Data Protection regime or a similar regime. To that end, the Supplier must be able to state to the Buyer the physical locations in which data may be stored, processed and managed from, and what legal and regulatory frameworks Government Data will be subject to at all times.
- 12.2 The Supplier shall agree any change in location of data storage, processing and administration with the Buyer in accordance with Clause 14 (Data protection).

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12.3 The Supplier shall:

- 12.3.1 provide the Buyer with all Government Data on demand in an agreed open format;
- 12.3.2 have documented processes to guarantee availability of Government Data in the event of the Supplier ceasing to trade;
- 12.3.3 securely destroy all media that has held Government Data at the end of life of that media in line with Good Industry Practice; and
- 12.3.4 securely erase any or all Government Data held by the Supplier when requested to do so by the Buyer.

13. Ensuring secure communications

- 13.1 The Buyer requires that any Government Data transmitted over any public network (including the Internet, mobile networks or un-protected enterprise network) or to a mobile device must be encrypted using a product or system component which has been formally assured through a certification process recognised by CESG, to at least Foundation Grade, for example, under CPA.
- 13.2 The Buyer requires that the configuration and use of all networking equipment to provide the Services, including those that are located in secure physical locations, are at least compliant with Good Industry Practice.

14. Security by design

- 14.1 The Supplier shall apply the 'principle of least privilege' (the practice of limiting systems, processes and user access to the minimum possible level) to the design and configuration of IT systems which will process or store Government Data.
- 14.2 When designing and configuring the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) the Supplier shall follow Good Industry Practice and seek guidance from recognised security professionals with the appropriate skills and/or a CESG Certified Professional certification (https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/cesg-certification-ia-professionals-documents) for all bespoke or complex components of the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier).

15. Security of Supplier Staff

- 15.1 Supplier Staff shall be subject to pre-employment checks that include, as a minimum: identity, unspent criminal convictions and right to work.
- 15.2 The Supplier shall agree on a case by case basis Supplier Staff roles which require specific government clearances (such as 'SC') including system administrators with privileged access to IT systems which store or process Government Data.
- 15.3 The Supplier shall prevent Supplier Staff who are unable to obtain the required security clearances from accessing systems which store, process, or

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- are used to manage Government Data except where agreed with the Buyer in writing.
- 15.4 All Supplier Staff that have the ability to access Government Data or systems holding Government Data shall undergo regular training on secure information management principles. Unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer in writing, this training must be undertaken annually
- 15.5 Where the Supplier or Subcontractors grants increased ICT privileges or access rights to Supplier Staff, those Supplier Staff shall be granted only those permissions necessary for them to carry out their duties. When staff no longer need elevated privileges or leave the organisation, their access rights shall be revoked within one (1) Working Day.

16. Restricting and monitoring access

16.1 The Supplier shall operate an access control regime to ensure all users and administrators of the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) are uniquely identified and authenticated when accessing or administering the Services. Applying the 'principle of least privilege', users and administrators shall be allowed access only to those parts of the ICT Environment that they require. The Supplier shall retain an audit record of accesses.

17. Audit

- 17.1 The Supplier shall collect audit records which relate to security events in the systems or that would support the analysis of potential and actual compromises. In order to facilitate effective monitoring and forensic readiness such Supplier audit records should (as a minimum) include:
 - 17.1.1 Logs to facilitate the identification of the specific asset which makes every outbound request external to the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier). To the extent the design of the Deliverables allows such logs shall include those from DHCP servers, HTTP/HTTPS proxy servers, firewalls and routers.
 - 17.1.2 Security events generated in the ICT Environment (to the extent that the ICT Environment is within the control of the Supplier) and shall include: privileged account log-on and log-off events, the start and termination of remote access sessions, security alerts from desktops and server operating systems and security alerts from third party security software.
- 17.2 The Supplier and the Buyer shall work together to establish any additional audit and monitoring requirements for the ICT Environment if processing data on behalf of the Buyer.
- 17.3 The Supplier shall retain audit records collected in compliance with this Paragraph 17 for a period of at least 6 Months if processing data on behalf of the Buyer.

Part B – Annex 2 – Security Management Plan

Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Exclusive Assets" Supplier Assets used exclusively by the

Supplier in the provision of the

Deliverables;

"Exit Information" has the meaning given to it in

Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule;

"Exit Manager" the person appointed by each Party to

manage their respective obligations under

this Schedule;

"Net Book Value" the current net book value of the relevant

Supplier Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the Framework Tender or Call-Off Tender (if stated) or (if not stated) the depreciation policy of the Supplier (which the Supplier shall ensure is in accordance

with Good Industry Practice);

"Non-Exclusive Assets" those Supplier Assets used by the

Supplier [] in connection with the

Deliverables but which are also used by

the Supplier for other purposes;

"Registers" the register and configuration database

referred to in Paragraph 2.2 of this

Schedule;

"Replacement Goods" any goods which are substantially similar

to any of the Goods and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Goods following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;

"Replacement Services" any services which are substantially

similar to any of the Services and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Services following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;

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"Termination Assistance" the activities to be performed by the

Supplier pursuant to the Exit Plan, and other assistance required by the Buyer pursuant to the Termination Assistance

Notice:

"Termination Assistance

Notice"

has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

5.1 of this Schedule;

"Termination Assistance

Period"

the period specified in a Termination

Assistance Notice for which the Supplier is

required to provide the Termination Assistance as such period may be extended pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 of

this Schedule;

"Transferable Assets" Exclusive Assets which are capable of

legal transfer to the Buyer;

"Transferable Contracts" Sub-Contracts, licences for Supplier's

Software, licences for Third Party

Software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Buyer or any Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services, including in

relation to licences all relevant

Documentation;

"Transferring Assets" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph

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2. Supplier must always be prepared for contract exit

- 2.1 Not Applicable
- 2.2 Not Applicable
- 2.3 Not Applicable
- 2.4 Each Party shall appoint an Exit Manager within three (3) Months of the Start Date. The Parties' Exit Managers will liaise with one another in relation to all issues relevant to the expiry or termination of this Contract.

3. Assisting re-competition for Deliverables

- 3.1 The Supplier shall, on reasonable notice, provide to the Buyer and/or its potential Replacement Suppliers (subject to the potential Replacement Suppliers entering into reasonable written confidentiality undertakings), such information (including any access) as the Buyer shall reasonably require in order to facilitate the preparation by the Buyer of any invitation to tender and/or to facilitate any potential Replacement Suppliers undertaking due diligence (the "Exit Information").
- 3.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information (excluding the Supplier's prices or costs) to an actual or prospective Replacement Supplier to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with such engagement.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall provide complete updates of the Exit Information on an as-requested basis as soon as reasonably practicable and notify the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of any material change to the Exit Information which may adversely impact upon the provision of any Deliverables (and shall consult the Buyer in relation to any such changes).
- 3.4 The Exit Information shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall be sufficient to enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for those Deliverables; and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Supplier.

4. Exit Plan

- 4.1 The Supplier shall, within three (3) Months after the Start Date, deliver to the Buyer an Exit Plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.3 of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer.
- 4.2 The Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the Exit Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the Exit Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of the latest date for its submission pursuant to Paragraph 4.1, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 4.3 The Exit Plan shall set out, as a minimum:
 - 4.3.1 a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
 - 4.3.2 how the Deliverables will transfer to the Replacement Supplier and/or the Buyer;
 - 4.3.3 details of any contracts which will be available for transfer to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier upon the Expiry Date together with any reasonable costs required to effect such transfer;
 - 4.3.4 proposals for the training of key members of the Replacement Supplier's staff in connection with the continuation of the provision of the Deliverables following the Expiry Date;

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- 4.3.5 proposals for providing the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier copies of all documentation relating to the use and operation of the Deliverables and required for their continued use;
- 4.3.6 proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Supplier in connection with the supply of the Deliverables;
- 4.3.7 proposals for the identification and return of all Buyer Property in the possession of and/or control of the Supplier or any third party;
- 4.3.8 how the Supplier will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the Deliverables during the Termination Assistance Period; and
 - 4.3.9 any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.

4.4 The Supplier shall:

- 4.4.1 maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:
 - (a) every six (6) months throughout the Contract Period; and
 - (b) no later than twenty (20) Working Days after a request from the Buyer for an up-to-date copy of the Exit Plan;
 - (c) as soon as reasonably possible following a Termination
 Assistance Notice, and in any event no later than ten (10)
 Working Days after the date of the Termination Assistance
 Notice;
 - (d) as soon as reasonably possible following, and in any event no later than twenty (20) Working Days following, any material changes to the Deliverables (including all changes under the Variation Procedure); and
- 4.4.2 jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Buyer and promptly correct any identified failures.
- 4.5 Only if (by notification to the Supplier in writing) the Buyer agrees with a draft Exit Plan provided by the Supplier under Paragraph 4.2 or 4.4 (as the context requires), shall that draft become the Exit Plan for this Contract.
- 4.6 A version of an Exit Plan agreed between the parties shall not be superseded by any draft submitted by the Supplier.

5. Termination Assistance

- 5.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to require the provision of Termination Assistance at any time during the Contract Period by giving written notice to the Supplier (a "Termination Assistance Notice") at least four (4) Months prior to the Expiry Date or as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event, not later than one (1) Month) following the service by either Party of a Termination Notice. The Termination Assistance Notice shall specify:
 - 5.1.1 the nature of the Termination Assistance required; and
 - 5.1.2 the start date and period during which it is anticipated that Termination Assistance will be required, which shall continue no

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longer than twelve (12) Months after the date that the Supplier ceases to provide the Deliverables.

- 5.2 The Buyer shall have an option to extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the Termination Assistance Notice period provided that such extension shall not extend for more than six (6) Months beyond the end of the Termination Assistance Period and provided that it shall notify the Supplier of such this extension no later than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the date on which the provision of Termination Assistance is otherwise due to expire. The Buyer shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
- 5.3 In the event that Termination Assistance is required by the Buyer but at the relevant time the parties are still agreeing an update to the Exit Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4, the Supplier will provide the Termination Assistance in good faith and in accordance with the principles in this Schedule and the last Buyer approved version of the Exit Plan (insofar as it still applies).

6. Termination Assistance Period

- 6.1 Throughout the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall:
 - 6.1.1 continue to provide the Deliverables (as applicable) and otherwise perform its obligations under this Contract and, if required by the Buyer, provide the Termination Assistance;
 - 6.1.2 provide to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier any reasonable assistance and/or access requested by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier including assistance and/or access to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for and conduct of the Deliverables to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier;
 - 6.1.3 use all reasonable endeavours to reallocate resources to provide such assistance without additional costs to the Buyer;
 - 6.1.4 subject to Paragraph 6.3, provide the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance at no detriment to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels, the provision of the Management Information or any other reports nor to any other of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;
 - 6.1.5 seek the Buyer's prior written consent to access any Buyer Premises from which the de-installation or removal of Supplier Assets is required.
- 6.2 If it is not possible for the Supplier to reallocate resources to provide such assistance as is referred to in Paragraph 6.1.2 without additional costs to the Buyer, any additional costs incurred by the Supplier in providing such reasonable assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
- 6.3 If the Supplier demonstrates to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that the provision of the Termination Assistance will have a material, unavoidable adverse effect on the Supplier's ability to meet one or more particular

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Service Levels, the Parties shall vary the relevant Service Levels and/or the applicable Service Credits accordingly.

7. Obligations when the contract is terminated

- 7.1 The Supplier shall comply with all of its obligations contained in the Exit Plan.
- 7.2 Upon termination or expiry or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance), the Supplier shall:
 - 7.2.1 vacate any Buyer Premises and remove any materials;
 - 7.2.2 Not Applicable
 - 7.2.3 provide access during normal working hours to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for up to twelve (12) Months after expiry or termination to:
 - (a) such information relating to the Deliverables as remains in the possession or control of the Supplier; and
 - (b) such members of the Supplier Staff as have been involved in the design, development and provision of the Deliverables and who are still employed by the Supplier, provided that the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier shall pay the reasonable costs of the Supplier actually incurred in responding to such requests for access.
- 7.3 Except where this Contract provides otherwise, all licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Buyer to the Supplier in relation to the Deliverables shall be terminated with effect from the end of the Termination Assistance Period.
- 8. Assets, Sub-contracts and Software Not Applicable

9. NO CHARGES

9.1 Unless otherwise stated, the Buyer shall not be obliged to pay for costs incurred by the Supplier in relation to its compliance with this Schedule.

10. Dividing the bills - Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 11 (Installation Works) - Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 12 (Clustering) - Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 13 (Implementation Plan and Testing) – Not Applicable

Call-Off Schedule 14 (Service Levels)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Service Credits" any service credits specified in the Annex to Part A

of this Schedule being payable by the Supplier to the Buyer in respect of any failure by the Supplier to

meet one or more Service Levels;

"Service Credit

Cap"

has the meaning given to it in the Order Form;

"Service Level means a failure to meet the Service Level

Failure" Performance Measure in respect of a Service Level;

"Service Level shall be as set out against the relevant ServicePerformance Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule; and

Measure"

"Service Level shall be as set out against the relevant Service Threshold" Level in the Annex to Part A of this Schedule.

2. What happens if you don't meet the Service Levels

- 2.1 The Supplier shall at all times provide the Deliverables to meet or exceed the Service Level Performance Measure for each Service Level.
- 2.2 Not applicable
- 2.3 The Supplier shall send Performance Monitoring Reports to the Buyer detailing the level of service which was achieved in accordance with the provisions of Part B (Performance Monitoring) of this Schedule.
- 2.4 Not more than once in each Contract Year, the Buyer may, on giving the Supplier at least three (3) Months' notice, change the weighting of Service Level Performance Measure in respect of one or more Service Levels and the Supplier shall not be entitled to object to, or increase the Charges as a result of such changes, provided that:
 - 2.4.1 the total number of Service Levels for which the weighting is to be changed does not exceed the number applicable as at the Start Date:
 - 2.4.2 the principal purpose of the change is to reflect changes in the Buyer's business requirements and/or priorities or to reflect changing industry standards; and

2.4.3 there is no change to the Service Credit Cap.

3. Critical Service Level Failure

On the occurrence of a Critical Service Level Failure:

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Part A: Service Levels and Service Credits – Not Applicable

Annex A to Part A: Services Levels and Service Credits Table – Not Applicable

Part B: Performance Monitoring

- 4. Performance Monitoring and Performance Review
 - 4.1 Within twenty (20) Working Days of the Start Date the Supplier shall provide the Buyer with details of how the process in respect of the monitoring and reporting of Service Levels will operate between the Parties and the Parties will endeavour to agree such process as soon as reasonably possible.
 - 4.2 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer with performance monitoring reports ("Performance Monitoring Reports") in accordance with the process and timescales agreed pursuant to paragraph Error! R eference source not found. of Part B of this Schedule which shall contain, as a minimum, the following information in respect of the relevant Service Period just ended:
 - 4.2.1 for each Service Level, the actual performance achieved over the Service Level for the relevant Service Period;
 - 4.2.2 a summary of all failures to achieve Service Levels that occurred during that Service Period;
 - 4.2.3 details of any Critical Service Level Failures;
 - 4.2.4 for any repeat failures, actions taken to resolve the underlying cause and prevent recurrence;
 - 4.2.5 the Service Credits to be applied in respect of the relevant period indicating the failures and Service Levels to which the Service Credits relate; and
 - 4.2.6 such other details as the Buyer may reasonably require from time to time.
 - 4.3 The Parties shall attend meetings to discuss Performance
 Monitoring Reports ("Performance Review Meetings") on a Monthly
 basis. The Performance Review Meetings will be the forum for the
 review by the Supplier and the Buyer of the Performance
 Monitoring Reports. The Performance Review Meetings shall:
 - 4.3.1 take place within one (1) week of the Performance Monitoring Reports being issued by the Supplier at such location and time (within normal business hours) as the Buyer shall reasonably require;
 - 4.3.2 be attended by the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative; and
 - 4.3.3 be fully minuted by the Supplier and the minutes will be circulated by the Supplier to all attendees at the relevant meeting and also to the Buyer's Representative and any other recipients agreed at the relevant meeting.
 - 4.4 The minutes of the preceding Month's Performance Review Meeting will be agreed and signed by both the Supplier's Representative and the Buyer's Representative at each meeting.

4.5 The Supplier shall provide to the Buyer such documentation as the Buyer may reasonably require in order to verify the level of the performance by the Supplier and the calculations of the amount of Service Credits for any specified Service Period.

5. Satisfaction Surveys

5.1 The Buyer may undertake satisfaction surveys in respect of the Supplier's provision of the Deliverables. The Buyer shall be entitled to notify the Supplier of any aspects of their performance of the provision of the Deliverables which the responses to the Satisfaction Surveys reasonably suggest are not in accordance with this Contract.

Call-Off Schedule 15 (Call-Off Contract Management)

Call-Off Schedule 15 (Call-Off Contract Management)

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Operational the board established in accordance with paragraph

Board" 2.1 of this Schedule;

"Project Manager" the manager appointed in accordance with

paragraph 2.1 of this Schedule;

2. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Supplier and the Buyer shall each appoint a Project Manager for the purposes of this Contract through whom the provision of the Services and the Deliverables shall be managed day-to-day.
- 2.2 The Parties shall ensure that appropriate resource is made available on a regular basis such that the aims, objectives and specific provisions of this Contract can be fully realised.
- 2.3 Without prejudice to paragraph 4 below, the Parties agree to operate the boards specified as set out in the Annex to this Schedule.

3. Role of the Supplier Contract Manager

- 3.1 The Supplier's Contract Manager's shall be:
 - 3.1.1 the primary point of contact to receive communication from the Buyer and will also be the person primarily responsible for providing information to the Buyer;
 - 3.1.2 able to delegate his position to another person at the Supplier but must inform the Buyer before proceeding with the delegation and it will be delegated person's responsibility to fulfil the Contract Manager's responsibilities and obligations;
 - 3.1.3 able to cancel any delegation and recommence the position himself; and
 - 3.1.4 replaced only after the Buyer has received notification of the proposed change.

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- 3.2 The Buyer may provide revised instructions to the Supplier's Contract Manager's in regards to the Contract and it will be the Supplier's Contract Manager's responsibility to ensure the information is provided to the Supplier and the actions implemented.
- 3.3 Receipt of communication from the Supplier's Contract Manager's by the Buyer does not absolve the Supplier from its responsibilities, obligations or liabilities under the Contract.

4. ROLE OF THE OPERATIONAL BOARD

- 4.1 The Operational Board shall be established by the Buyer for the purposes of this Contract on which the Supplier and the Buyer shall be represented.
- 4.2 The Operational Board members, frequency and location of board meetings and planned start date by which the board shall be established are set out in the Order Form.
- 4.3 In the event that either Party wishes to replace any of its appointed board members, that Party shall notify the other in writing for approval by the other Party (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Each Buyer board member shall have at all times a counterpart Supplier board member of equivalent seniority and expertise.
- 4.4 Each Party shall ensure that its board members shall make all reasonable efforts to attend board meetings at which that board member's attendance is required. If any board member is not able to attend a board meeting, that person shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that a delegate attends the Operational Board meeting in his/her place (wherever possible) and that the delegate is properly briefed and prepared and that he/she is debriefed by such delegate after the board meeting.
- 4.5 The purpose of the Operational Board meetings will be to review the Supplier's performance under this Contract. The agenda for each meeting shall be set by the Buyer and communicated to the Supplier in advance of that meeting.

5. Contract Risk Management

- 5.1 Both Parties shall pro-actively manage risks attributed to them under the terms of this Call-Off Contract.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall develop, operate, maintain and amend, as agreed with the Buyer, processes for:
 - 5.2.1 the identification and management of risks;
 - 5.2.2 the identification and management of issues; and
 - 5.2.3 monitoring and controlling project plans.
- 5.3 The Supplier allows the Buyer to inspect at any time within working hours the accounts and records which the Supplier is required to keep.

5.4 The Supplier will maintain a risk register of the risks relating to the Call Off Contract which the Buyer's and the Supplier have identified.

Annex: Contract Boards

The Parties agree to operate the following boards at the locations and at the frequencies set out below:

Quarterly meetings on dates mutually agreed between the Parties, and where required by the Buyer also ad-hoc meetings shall be held to dealing with specific issues that arise. Meetings shall include an agenda which covers operational matters along with other agreed topics.

Call-Off Schedule 17 (MOD Terms) - NOT APPLICABLE

Call-Off Schedule 18 (Background Checks)

1. When you should use this Schedule

This Schedule should be used where Supplier Staff must be vetted before working on Contract.

2. Definitions

"Relevant Conviction" means any conviction listed in Annex 1 to this Schedule.

3. Relevant Convictions

- 3.1.1 The Supplier must ensure that no person who discloses that they have a Relevant Conviction, or a person who is found to have any Relevant Convictions (whether as a result of a police check or through the procedure of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) or otherwise), is employed or engaged in any part of the provision of the Deliverables without Approval.
- 3.1.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 2.1.1 for each member of Supplier Staff who, in providing the Deliverables, has, will have or is likely to have access to children, vulnerable persons or other members of the public to whom the Buyer owes a special duty of care, the Supplier must (and shall procure that the relevant Sub-Contractor must):
 - (a) carry out a check with the records held by the Department for Education (DfE);
 - (b) conduct thorough questioning regarding any Relevant Convictions; and
 - (c) ensure a police check is completed and such other checks as may be carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS),

and the Supplier shall not (and shall ensure that any Sub-Contractor shall not) engage or continue to employ in the provision of the Deliverables any person who has a Relevant Conviction or an inappropriate record.

Annex 1 - Relevant Convictions

For the purpose of this Call-Off Contract, a Relevant Conviction is defined as a conviction relating to a criminal offence (excluding minor motoring offences) either current or spent

Call-Off Schedule 19 (Scottish Law) - NOT APPLICABLE

Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)

This Schedule sets out the characteristics of the Deliverables that the Supplier will be required to make to the Buyers under this Call-Off Contract

HM Revenue and Customs

Specification document, for the procurement of postal services, (Document Exchange Service)

1. The Authority

- 1.1 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is the UK government's tax administration. It is responsible for making sure that the money is available to fund the UK's public services and helps families and individuals with targeted financial support.
- 1.2 Any reference to the awarding "Contracting Authority" within this document pertains to HMRC.

2. Background

- 2.1 HMRC (from here on referred to as "the Client") is letting from a single contractor using Crown Commercial Services (CCS) framework, Postal Goods, Services and Solutions (RM6017), Lot 3: Collection and Delivery of Letters, Large Letters and Parcels. This is a long-standing service traditionally used by the legal and professional community for sending and receiving mail.
- 2.2 The main users of this service are teams responsible for administering Stamp Taxes and Inheritance Tax. These business areas need to regularly correspond with members of the legal and professional community across the United Kingdom. Legal firms generally expect to both receive and send mail using the document exchange service, which is owned and run by DX Group Limited.
- 2.3 The current contract between the Client and the Supplier ("DX Network Services Limited") for the provision of the Document Exchange postal Service (DX Exchange) is due to expire on the 31st March 2020.

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- 2.4 The purpose of this exercise is to let a new contract that shall allow for the undisrupted continuation of service to the Client, whilst ensuring:
 - they receive the best value for money that the market can offer, in order to support the government's ongoing requirement to reduce all public spending;
 - mail is delivered to customers within agreed timescales;
 - all probity requirements are met;
 - the quality aspects of the service are all met;
 - the security of all mail is maintained throughout the process;
 - all supporting contract management requirements and management information is provided.

3. High Level requirement

- 3.1 This requirement is for the provision of a Document Exchange Service that covers the secure collection, sortation and delivery of the Client's mail for next day delivery.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall collect from each listed site and deliver mail to the requested box number site. This includes collection from and delivery into the Client's specified office in Birmingham, notwithstanding that the Client is a member of the Birmingham (open) DX Exchange service.
- 3.3 No mail shall be posted to private addresses, as this is a non-private address network of organisations.
- 3.4 After collection mail shall be sorted where necessary by the Supplier to support onward delivery to the requested addressed box number site.

The Services

4. General

4.1 The Client shall have a robust process in place for the correct handling and production of mail prior to collection by the Supplier.

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- 4.2 The Supplier shall not be responsible for the provision of envelopes necessary for the operation of this contract but shall work with the Client to confirm what references are required on these envelopes including information to enable the routing of undeliverable items to the Client.
- 4.3 The Contractor shall comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Postal Service Act 2000 Part II Licences for Postal Services.

5. Collection of Mail and Volume Information

- 5.1 The Supplier shall ensure that all collection staff wear suitable work attire and carry photo- ID cards.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall be expected to build a good working relationship with the Client and confirm what forecasting criteria (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc) are required in order to confirm monthly subscription fees.
- 5.3 The Supplier_shall provide a collection service from the Client's sites after 17:00 hours, unless otherwise agreed on a case-by-case basis. The exact time of collection at all sites shall be agreed between both parties prior to commencement of the service.
- 5.4 The Supplier shall have the capacity to meet the current collection times as highlighted in the site address table.
- 5.5 The Client does not guarantee any volumes and cannot be held accountable for any future fluctuations.
- 5.6 Both the number and location of collection points may change as the Client continues to review its structure and supporting processes, this may in the future require collections from additional or less Client sites. The Supplier shall be flexible in order to meet any potential future changes. The Supplier shall have adequate controls in place to ensure accurate and timely charges are made to the Client following agreed changes to collection points.
- 5.7 The Client requires a separate account/box number for each of its collection points to support the collection of management information and account reconciliation.

5.8 The Supplier shall be responsible at all times after collection from the Client's premises for the safe and secure handling, accurate sortation and handling up to the point of delivery to the addressee box number site.

6. Delivery Requirements and Service Levels

- 6.1 The Supplier shall meet service levels, and be measured, in accordance with Section 7 Performance Requirements
- 6.2 The term "addressee" in terms of this Contract shall include all of the Supplier's box numbers within UK borders including all of Northern Ireland. The Supplier's addressing consists of a three-line address system based on Exchange Town, Exchange number.
- 6.3 The Supplier shall provide a next day delivery service to other users of the Document Exchange Service before 9:00 hours. The exact time of delivery shall be agreed by both parties, prior to the commencement of the Service.
- 6.4 The Supplier shall provide a designated secure Exchange point per location, which shall be clearly marked
- 6.5 The Supplier shall provide the option of a fully tracked collection and delivery of mail items, which can be used on an ad hoc basis by the Client. The operating times for this service will be the same as those shown for the Supplier's Document Exchange service.
- 6.6 The weight of each individual Item shall not exceed:

25 Kilograms

6.7 The size of individual Items of mail for conveyance shall not exceed:

A combined length, width and thickness of 2.25 metres with no one side exceeding 1.25 metres

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- 6.8 For the purpose of this Contract the delivery period is deemed the period from the date and time the mail is collected by the Supplier from the Client's boxes/sites until its receipt by the addressee box number owner/recipient.
- 6.9 The Supplier shall provide robust processes and assurance to verify the accuracy of the delivery times to the addressees in line with the service levels as described above. This can be by test letter processes or independent verification. The results of such exercises shall be shared with the Client and any failures to achieve delivery times shall result in the Supplier submitting proposals as to how they intend to improve their performance. Such verification is required once every twelve months as a minimum.
- 6.10 The Client may, from time to time, issue its own test letters to verify the accuracy of the delivery times. The results of such exercises shall be shared with the Supplier and any failures to achieve delivery times shall result in the Supplier submitting proposals as to how they intend to improve their performance.

7 Performance Requirements

- 7.1 The Supplier shall ensure that Collection and Delivery times are met on 97% of occasions against the agreed times, for all correctly addressed items.
- 7.2 The Supplier shall ensure that next day Delivery (excluding UK Bank Holidays) is met on 97% of occasions, for all correctly addressed items.
- 7.3 The Supplier shall have stringent procedures in place to resolve 'customer complaints', including the acknowledgement of complaints within 24 hours, their resolution within 48 hours of notification, or details of mitigation for the complaint not being dealt with within 48 hours from notification. The Supplier shall keep the Client informed of progress of their investigation and resolution at regular intervals if the complaint is taking longer than 48 hours to resolve. Monthly Management Information including complaints shall be provided to the Client.

8 Undeliverable Mail

8.1 If the Supplier collects mail that it cannot process or deliver because of incorrect addressing, labelling or packaging, the items are to be returned to the originating Client site (collection points/box number), within 3 working days of it being collected. The Supplier shall also notify the receiving site of the reason for the return.

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- 8.2 If the above process cannot be followed for cases, where sender details are not completed, the the Supplier reserves the right to open for examination, following strictly controlled and auditable procedures, any Item considered by the Supplier as Dead Mail, for the purpose of identifying either the sending Member or recipient Member for onward shipping or return. The Supplier will be considered as a Data Controller for any Personal Data which may be processed as a consequence of this activity.
- 8.3 The Supplier will only return or forward Dead Mail Items where in the Supplier's sole opinion the identity of the sender Member or recipient Member is to a sufficiently clear confidence level that the activity of forwarding or returning such Items, will not be in conflict with Data Protection Laws.
- 8.4 No destruction of items shall take place without prior instruction from the Client.

9 Customer Care

- 9.1 The Supplier shall provide during normal working hours (Monday to Friday 08:00 18:00) excluding UK Bank Holidays, a customer helpdesk telephone or email service for all enquiries raised by the Client regarding this service. In particular co-operating with the user and the Client in the event of a service failure.
- 9.2 As soon as the Supplier becomes aware, it shall record and investigate all reported service failures and provide feedback on its findings, including corrective actions required and trends observed, to the Client within 24 hours by telephone/ e-mail.
- 9.3 If required to do so the Supplier shall, in the event of a service failure, provide from within senior management, an escalation contact point within 1 hour of notification. It shall be the responsibility of this contact to pursue the investigation of the service failure to the satisfaction of the Client and shall be required to provide progress updates to the Client on request.
- 9.4 As soon as the Supplier becomes aware (if outside normal working hours, no longer than one working day later), it shall report to the Client on any issue or event that has had, is having, or is likely to have an impact on the Service. This report shall be via a written statement issued to the Client and shall include details of the event or issue, the nature of impact on the Service and advice on actions required by either Party in order to avail positive opportunities or avoid/minimise negative effects.

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- 9.5 The Supplier shall use all methods they have available for such communications, which may include as an example a web site, e-mail notification, and follow up telephone calls etc.
- 9.6 The Supplier shall have a robust escalation process to deal with disputes between the Client and the Supplier. This shall include acknowledgement of the escalated dispute from a senior management contact within twenty four hours. It shall then be the responsibility of this contact to investigate the dispute to the satisfaction of the Client and provide a written response within seven calendar days.

10 Contract Period

10.1 The Client shall award a 2-year contract with the option to extend for one further year (+1), subject to satisfactory performance, changing business requirements, and value for money considerations.

11 Contract Management

- 11.1 A Supplier's representative shall be available to provide support to the Client on operational and financial queries during working hours. The Client may make ad hoc requests for management information and support for Freedom of Information requests, Parliamentary Questions or Ministerial responses, all of which shall be provided at no additional cost. The Supplier shall note that such responses are often required within twenty four hours or less.
- 11.2 Robust business continuity arrangements must be in place along with a system to forewarn the Client of any potential issues that may affect delivery times. These should be tested by the Supplier and results and corrective actions communicated to the Client every twelve months.
- 11.3 The Supplier shall appoint an Account Manager (Supplier's Representative) with a Deputy Account Manager. The names and contact details of the persons who shall be allocated as the account handlers shall be provided. The Client reserves the right to request an alternative Representative and Deputy Account Manager if there is a substantial reason with the performance of the Account Management Team. Both parties will carry out an investigation which could result in an alternative Account Manager being appointed to the Contract by the Supplier.
- 11.4 The Account Manager tasks shall include, but not be limited to :-

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- acting as an escalation point for queries, advice and issues;
- identification of opportunities for improvements;
- trend analysis;
- preparation for Contract review meetings;
- fulfilling requests for information from the Client;
- savings analysis;
- preparation of proposals;
- information security;
- 11.5 The Account Manager shall at all times liaise closely with the Client's key personnel.
- 11.6 The Supplier shall provide details of their central office and customer helpdesk, including the address, telephone, and e-mail details and contact name.
- 11.7 The Supplier's Account Manager and/or Deputy Account Manager shall attend quarterly performance review meetings, as requested by the Client. The purpose of these meetings will be: to review the progress of the contract, discuss the management information, and to review any problems that have arisen in the preceding months.
- 11.8 The Supplier shall commit to produce a "Continuous Improvement Plan" to be reviewed at these performance review meetings. The plan should identify areas for improvement, actions required to enable the improvements, progress made against these actions and benefits achieved since the last review.
- 11.9 Before the first quarterly meeting, the Supplier shall submit a written report on Contract Operations via e-mail to the Client's Representative. This quarterly report shall detail the following below:-
 - A detailed overview of incidents which have caused a Service Failure.
 - Sustainability performance
 - Business continuity issues
 - Details of future events impacting on the Service.

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- Suggestions for improving value for money and/or service quality for the Client
- Helpdesk queries/investigations and Supplier responses including any trends observed.
- Details of instances where the Client has requested an escalation contact point to deal with a specific incident and a management summary of the action taken to resolve the matter.
- Review of areas of concern or weakness in the Service provided, together with and trends observed, reasons for failures and actions taken (or to be taken) to remove the concern or weakness. This shall include both the operations of the Client and the Supplier.
- Key Supplier achievements during the period.
- Actual performance versus agreed performance requirements in section 7.
- Analysis of customer complaints (if any)
- 11.10 The Supplier shall attend review meetings every three months throughout the contract period. The meeting shall be attended by the Supplier's Account Manager and/ or the Deputy Account Manager or other Account Management key personnel, who shall take and issue a record of the discussion.
- 11.11 The Supplier shall bear all their costs associated with attendance at these meetings, which may be held at either the Client's or the Supplier's premises
- 11.12 The most current up to date management information relating to the previous two quarters shall be supplied to the Client at least 5 working days before any meeting.
- 11.13 Review meetings shall include, but not be restricted to the following topics:-
 - overall performance against key performance indicators;
 - volume and expenditure trends:
 - compliance and satisfaction levels;
 - sustainability strategy and performance;

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- business Continuity issues and updates;
- · demand management and trend analysis;
- proposals for improvements on any area of the contract;
- review of market conditions/ intelligence;
- financial stability;
- review of risk assessment;
- any security issues and review of Security Plan.

12 Contingency

- 12.1 The Supplier shall have robust Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plans in accordance with Call-Off Schedule 8.
- 12.2 There shall be provision for the maintenance of the Service in the event of fuel shortages, vehicle breakdown, machinery breakdown and pandemic illness etc. transport infrastructure disruption and the Supplier's staff absences.
- 12.3 There shall also be provision to ensure business continuity in the event of a catastrophic event (e.g. demolition of their building due to a fire etc.)

13 Administration

- 13.1 All correspondence regarding contractual issues shall be appropriately referenced and sent to the Client as appropriate.
- 13.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Supplier's Representative is accessible to the at all times during Normal Working Hours (Mon Fri 08:00 to 18:00) in order to discuss routine operational matters. All contractual matters shall be dealt with directly by the Supplier's and the Client's Representative.

14 Health & Safety

14.1 The Supplier shall provide evidence of its Health and Safety Policy to demonstrate the guidance given to its staff in the performance of the service for the Client.

15 Security

15.1 The Contractor shall comply with the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Postal Goods, Services and Solutions agreement (RM6017) Security Clauses and Call Off Schedule 9 Security.

16 Sustainability

- 16.1 The Supplier shall have a sustainability policy that highlights what actions it takes (on an ongoing basis) to minimise the environmental impact of its operations and its commitment to meeting the Client's sustainability targets, in line with the Client's Sustainable Development Requirements. The Contractor shall provide details of their sustainability policy and plan.
- 16.2 The Supplier shall follow the non-discrimination policies laid down in the Crown Commercial Services Framework Agreement (RM6017).
- 16.3 This information shall be requested 6 monthly and discussed at the following quarterly review meeting.

17 Risk Management

- 17.1 The Supplier shall have in place robust processes in place to identify, classify and mitigate/ eliminate risks.
- High level risks shall be shared with the Client during the course of the review meetings or at the request of the Client.
- 17.3 The Supplier shall assess their processes to identify any potential risk linked to potential abuse and misuse of the Contract by the Client's staff or any third party.
- 17.4 Financial difficulties and risks can be found in Joint Schedule 7 (Financial Difficulties)

Glossary of Terms / List of Abbreviations

CSR - Corporate Spending Review

CST – Category Strategic Team

HR - Human Resources

ITT - Invitation to Tender

M.E.A.T. - Most Economically Advantageous Tender

MI – Management Information

CCS - Crown Commercial Services

OJEU – Official Journal of the European Union

PAG - Partners Across Government

PCO – Public Carriage Office

PQQ - Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

RM - Resource Management

SPRAM – Sustainable Procurement Risk Assessment Methodology

T&C – Terms and Conditions

SME - Small Medium Enterprises

BME - Black Minority Ethnic

SLA – Service Level Agreement

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Call-Off Schedule 21 (Northern Ireland Law)- NOT APPLICABLE

Call Off Schedule 22 – Additional Terms

AUTHORITY'S MANDATORY TERMS

- A. For the avoidance of doubt, references to 'the Agreement' mean the attached Call-Off Contract between the Supplier and the Authority. References to 'the Authority' mean 'the Buyer' (the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs).
- **B.** The Agreement incorporates the Authority's mandatory terms set out in this Schedule 22.
- **C.** In case of any ambiguity or conflict, the Authority's mandatory terms in this Schedule 22 will supersede any other terms in the Agreement.

1. Definitions

"Affiliate"

in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control with, that body corporate from time to time;

"Authority Data"

- (a) the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are:
 - (i) supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Authority; and/or
 - (ii) which the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Agreement; or
- (b) any Personal Data for which the Authority is the Controller, or any data derived from such Personal Data which has had any designatory data identifiers removed so that an individual cannot be identified;

"Charges"

the charges for the Services as specified in Call Off Schedule 5.

"Connected Company"

"Control"

means, in relation to a company, entity or other person, the Affiliates of that company, entity or other person or any other person associated with such company, entity or other person; the possession by a person, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the other person (whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract or otherwise) and "Controls" and "Controlled" shall be interpreted accordingly;

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"Controller",

take the meaning given in the GDPR;

"Processor".

"Data Subject",

"Data Protection Legislation"

- (a) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time;
- (b) the DPA 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy;
- (c) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;

"GDPR"

the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);

"Key Subcontractor"

any Subcontractor:

- (a) which, in the opinion of the Authority, performs (or would perform if appointed) a critical role in the provision of all or any part of the Services; and/or
- (b) with a Subcontract with a contract value which at the time of appointment exceeds (or would exceed if appointed) ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate Charges forecast to be payable under this Call-Off Contract;

"Law"

any applicable Act of Parliament, subordinate legislation within the meaning of section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, exercise of the royal prerogative, enforceable community right within the meaning of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body with which the Supplier is bound to comply;

"Personal Data"

has the meaning given in the GDPR;

"Purchase Order Number"

the Authority's unique number relating to the supply of the Services;

"Services"

the services to be supplied by the Supplier to the Authority under the Agreement, including the provision of any Goods;

"Subcontract"

any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement) between the Supplier (or a Subcontractor) and any third party whereby that third party agrees to provide to the Supplier (or the Subcontractor) all or any part of the Services, or facilities or services which are material for the provision of the Services, or any part thereof or necessary for

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the management, direction or control of the Services or any part thereof;

"Subcontractor"

any third party with whom:

- (a) the Supplier enters into a Subcontract; or
- (b) a third party under (a) above enters into a Subcontract, or the servants or agents of that third party;

"Supplier Personnel"

all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Supplier and/or of any Subcontractor of the Supplier engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Agreement;

"Supporting Documentation"

sufficient information in writing to enable the Authority to reasonably verify the accuracy of any invoice;

"Tax"

- (a) all forms of tax whether direct or indirect;
- (b) national insurance contributions in the United Kingdom and similar contributions or obligations in any other jurisdiction;
- (c) all statutory, governmental, state, federal, provincial, local government or municipal charges, duties, imports, contributions. levies or liabilities (other than in return for goods or services supplied or performed or to be performed) and withholdings; and
- (d) any penalty, fine, surcharge, interest, charges or costs relating to any of the above,

in each case wherever chargeable and whether of the United Kingdom and any other jurisdiction;

"Tax Non-Compliance"

where an entity or person under consideration meets all 3 conditions contained in the relevant excerpt from HMRC's "Test for Tax Non-Compliance", as set out in Annex 1, where:

- (a) the "Economic Operator" means the Supplier or any agent, supplier or Subcontractor of the Supplier requested to be replaced pursuant to Clause 4.3; and
- (b) any "Essential Subcontractor" means any Key Subcontractor;

"VAT"

value added tax as provided for in the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

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"Term"

which shall mean the period between the Call-Off Start Date and the Call-Off Expiry Date set out in the Agreement, including any Call-Off Extension Period which is so set out and used.

2. Payment and Recovery of Sums Due

- 2.1 The Supplier shall invoice the Authority as specified in the Agreement. Without prejudice to the generality of the invoicing procedure specified in the Agreement, the Supplier shall procure a Purchase Order Number from the Authority prior to the commencement of any Services and the Supplier acknowledges and agrees that should it commence Services without a Purchase Order Number:
 - 2.1.1 the Supplier does so at its own risk; and
 - **2.1.2** the Authority shall not be obliged to pay any invoice without a valid Purchase Order Number having been provided to the Supplier.
- **2.2** Each invoice and any Supporting Documentation required to be submitted in accordance with the invoicing procedure specified in the Agreement shall be submitted by the Supplier, as directed by the Authority from time to time, either:
 - **2.2.1** via the Authority's electronic transaction system; or
 - 2.2.2 Not Applicable
- 2.3 If any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Supplier under the Agreement (including any sum which the Supplier is liable to pay to the Authority in respect of any breach of the Agreement), that sum may be deducted unilaterally by the Authority from any sum then due, or which may come due, to the Supplier under the Agreement or under any other agreement or contract with the Authority. The Supplier shall not be entitled to assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Authority in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part.

3. Warranties

- **3.1** The Supplier represents and warrants that:
 - 3.1.1 in the three years prior to the 01/04/2020 (as defined in the Agreement), it has been in full compliance with all applicable securities and Laws related to Tax in the United Kingdom and in the jurisdiction in which it is established;
 - **3.1.2** it has notified the Authority in writing of any Tax Non-Compliance it is involved in: and
 - 3.1.3 no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Supplier or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Supplier's assets or revenue and the Supplier has notified the Authority of any profit warnings issued in respect of the Supplier in the three years prior to the 01/04/2020.
- 3.2 If at any time the Supplier becomes aware that a representation or warranty given by it under Clause 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and/or 3.1.3 has been breached, is untrue, or is misleading, it shall immediately notify the Authority of the relevant occurrence in sufficient detail to enable the Authority to make an accurate assessment of the situation.

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3.3 In the event that the warranty given by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 3.1.2 is materially untrue, the Authority shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement pursuant to the Call-Off clause which provides the Authority the right to terminate the Agreement for Supplier fault (termination for Supplier cause or equivalent clause).

4. Promoting Tax Compliance

- **4.1** All amounts stated are stated exclusive of VAT, which shall be added at the prevailing rate as applicable and paid by the Authority following delivery of a valid VAT invoice.
- **4.2** To the extent applicable to the Supplier, the Supplier shall at all times comply with all Laws relating to Tax and with the equivalent legal provisions of the country in which the Supplier is established.
- 4.3 The Supplier shall provide to the Authority the name and, as applicable, the Value Added Tax registration number, PAYE collection number and either the Corporation Tax or self-assessment reference of any agent, supplier or Subcontractor of the Supplier prior to the provision of any material Services under the Agreement by that agent, supplier or Subcontractor. Upon a request by the Authority, the Supplier shall not contract, or will cease to contract, with any agent, supplier or Subcontractor supplying Services under the Agreement.
- **4.4** If, at any point during the Term, there is Tax Non-Compliance, the Supplier shall:
 - **4.4.1** notify the Authority in writing of such fact within five (5) Working Days of its occurrence; and
 - **4.4.2** promptly provide to the Authority:
 - (a) details of the steps which the Supplier is taking to resolve the Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
 - **(b)** such other information in relation to the Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may reasonably require.
- 4.5 The Supplier shall indemnify the Authority on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred, that is levied, demanded or assessed on the Authority at any time in respect of the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any Tax relating to payments made to the Supplier under this Agreement. Any amounts due under this Clause 4.5 shall be paid in cleared funds by the Supplier to the Authority not less than five (5) Working Days before the date upon which the Tax or other liability is payable by the Authority.
- **4.6** Upon the Authority's request, the Supplier shall provide (promptly or within such other period notified by the Authority) information which demonstrates how the Supplier complies with its Tax obligations.
- **4.7** If the Supplier:
 - **4.7.1** fails to comply (or if the Authority receives information which demonstrates to it that the Supplier has failed to comply) with Clauses 4.2, 4.4.1 and/or 4.6 this may be a material breach of the Agreement;
 - **4.7.2** fails to comply (or if the Authority receives information which demonstrates to it that the Supplier has failed to comply) with a

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reasonable request by the Authority that it must not contract, or must cease to contract, with any agent, supplier or Subcontractor of the Supplier as required by Clause 4.3 on the grounds that the agent, supplier or Subcontractor of the Supplier is involved in Tax Non-Compliance this shall be a material breach of the Agreement; and/or

4.7.3 fails to provide details of steps being taken and mitigating factors pursuant to Clause 4.4.2 which in the reasonable opinion of the Authority are acceptable this shall be a material breach of the Agreement;

and any such material breach shall allow the Authority to terminate the Agreement pursuant to the Call-Off Clause which provides the Authority the right to terminate the Agreement for Supplier fault (termination for Supplier cause or equivalent clause).

4.8 The Authority may internally share any information which it receives under Clauses 4.3 to 4.4 (inclusive) and 4.6, for the purpose of the collection and management of revenue for which the Authority is responsible.

5. Use of Off-shore Tax Structures

- **5.1** Subject to the principles of non-discrimination against undertakings based either in member countries of the European Union or in signatory countries of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Government Procurement, the Supplier shall not, and shall ensure that its Connected Companies, Key Subcontractors (and their respective Connected Companies) shall not, have or put in place (unless otherwise agreed with the Authority) any arrangements involving the use of off-shore companies or other off-shore entities the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, of which is to achieve a reduction in United Kingdom Tax of any description which would otherwise be payable by it or them on or in connection with the payments made by or on behalf of the Authority under or pursuant to this Agreement or (in the case of any Key Subcontractor and its Connected Companies) United Kingdom Tax which would be payable by it or them on or in connection with payments made by or on behalf of the Supplier under or pursuant to the applicable Key Subcontract ("Prohibited Transactions"). Prohibited Transactions shall not include transactions made between the Supplier and its Connected Companies or a Key Subcontractor and its Connected Companies on terms which are at arms-length and are entered into in the ordinary course of the transacting parties' business.
- 5.2 The Supplier shall notify the Authority in writing (with reasonable supporting detail) of any proposal for the Supplier or any of its Connected Companies, or for a Key Subcontractor (or any of its Connected Companies), to enter into any Prohibited Transaction. The Supplier shall notify the Authority within a reasonable time to allow the Authority to consider the proposed Prohibited Transaction before it is due to be put in place.
- **5.3** In the event of a Prohibited Transaction being entered into in breach of Clause 5.1 above, or in the event that circumstances arise which may result in such a breach, the Supplier and/or the Key Subcontractor (as applicable) shall discuss the situation with the Authority and, in order to ensure future compliance with the requirements of Clauses 5.1 and 5.2, the Parties (and the Supplier shall procure

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- that the Key Subcontractor, where applicable) shall agree (at no cost to the Authority) timely and appropriate changes to any such arrangements by the undertakings concerned, resolving the matter (if required) through the escalation process in the Agreement.
- **5.4** Failure by the Supplier (or a Key Subcontractor) to comply with the obligations set out in Clauses 5.2 and 5.3 shall allow the Authority to terminate the Agreement pursuant to the Clause that provides the Authority the right to terminate the Agreement for Supplier fault (termination for Supplier cause).
- **Data Protection and off-shoring –** Not applicable as the supplier does not process data on behalf of the buyer.
- Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 and related Legislation
 Not Applicable

Annex 1

Excerpt from HMRC's "Test for Tax Non-Compliance"

Condition one (An in-scope entity or person)

- 1. There is a person or entity which is either: ("X")
- 1) The Economic Operator or Essential Subcontractor (EOS)
- 2) Part of the same Group of companies of EOS. An entity will be treated as within the same Group of EOS where that entities' financial statements would be required to be consolidated with those of EOS if prepared in accordance with IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Accounts¹:
- 3) Any director, shareholder or other person (P) which exercises control over EOS. 'Control' means P can secure, through holding of shares or powers under articles of association or other document that EOS's affairs are conducted in accordance with P's wishes.

Condition two (Arrangements involving evasion, abuse or tax avoidance)

- 2. X has been engaged in one or more of the following:
 - a. Fraudulent evasion²;
 - b. Conduct caught by the General Anti-Abuse Rule³;
 - c. Conduct caught by the Halifax Abuse principle⁴;
 - d. Entered into arrangements caught by a DOTAS or VADR scheme⁵;

future legislation introduced into Parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive

arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions

¹ https://www.iasplus.com/en/standards/ifrs/ifrs10

² 'Fraudulent evasion' means any 'UK tax evasion offence' or 'UK tax evasion facilitation offence' as defined by section 52 of the Criminal Finances Act 2017 or a failure to prevent facilitation of tax evasion under section 45 of the same Act.

³ "General Anti-Abuse Rule" means (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and (b) any

⁴ "Halifax Abuse Principle" means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others

⁵ A Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Scheme (DOTAS) or VAT Disclosure Regime (VADR) scheme caught by rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue & Customs of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Section 19 and Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Section 19 and Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992.

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- e. Conduct caught by a recognised 'anti-avoidance rule' being a statutory provision which targets arrangements where either a main purpose, or an expected benefit, is to obtain a tax advantage or where the arrangement is not effected for commercial purposes. 'Targeted Anti-Avoidance Rules' (TAARs). It may be useful to confirm that the Diverted Profits Tax is a TAAR for these purposes;
- f. Entered into an avoidance scheme identified by HMRC's published Spotlights list⁷;
- g. Engaged in conduct which falls under rules in other jurisdictions which are equivalent or similar to (a) to (f) above.

Condition three (Arrangements are admitted, or subject to litigation/prosecution or identified in a published list (Spotlights))

- 3. X's activity in *Condition 2* is, where applicable, subject to dispute and/or litigation as follows:
 - i. In respect of (a), either X:
 - 1. Has accepted the terms of an offer made under a Contractual Disclosure Facility (CDF) pursuant to the Code of Practice 9 (COP9) procedure⁸; or,
 - 2. Has been charged with an offence of fraudulent evasion.
 - ii. In respect of (b) to (e), once X has commenced the statutory appeal process by filing a Notice of Appeal and the appeal process is ongoing including where the appeal is stayed or listed behind a lead case (either formally or informally). NB Judicial reviews are not part of the statutory appeal process and no supplier would be excluded merely because they are applying for judicial review of an HMRC or HMT decision relating to tax or national insurance.
 - iii. In respect of (b) to (e), during an HMRC enquiry, if it has been agreed between HMRC and X that there is a pause with the enquiry in order to await the outcome of related litigation.
 - iv. In respect of (f) this condition is satisfied without any further steps being taken.
 - v. In respect of (g) the foreign equivalent to each of the corresponding steps set out above in (i) to (iii).
 - 1.1.1 For the avoidance of doubt, any reference in this Annex 1 to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated

⁶ The full definition of 'Anti-avoidance rule' can be found at Paragraph 25(1) of Schedule 18 to the Finance Act 2016 and Condition 2 (a) above shall be construed accordingly.

⁷ Targeted list of tax avoidance schemes that HMRC believes are being used to avoid paying tax due and which are listed on the Spotlight website: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tax-avoidance-schemes-currently-in-the-spotlight

⁸ The Code of Practice 9 (COP9) is an investigation of fraud procedure, where X agrees to make a complete and accurate disclosure of all their deliberate and non-deliberate conduct that has led to irregularities in their tax affairs following which HMRC will not pursue a criminal investigation into the conduct disclosed.

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or re-enacted from time to time including any implementing or successor legislation.

Annex 2 Form - Not applicable as the Supplier does not process data on behalf of the Buyer