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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

### **North Northamptonshire Council Boundary Review Software Package**

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**SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

**1. General Requirements**

- 1.1. Please find below an invitation to quote for the above-mentioned contract.
- 1.2. To be considered, your quotation should be submitted on the attached quotation form.
- 1.3. Your response **MUST** be returned to the Authorised Officer at the e-mail address included at Section 2, **not later than 17:00 on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.
- 1.4. Late quotations may not be considered.
- 1.5. If you decide you do not wish to complete the quotation process, the Authorised Officer must be contacted to enable a reserve Potential Supplier to be invited. Failure to do so may mean you are not invited to quote for future work.
- 1.6. Quotations shall remain open for acceptance for a minimum of 30 days. The Council expects to determine award of contract within 30 days of the closing date for submission of quotations.
- 1.7. The Council is not bound to accept any quotation. Any quote that is accepted will be awarded based on the criteria as set out below. Acceptance of the quote by the Council shall be in writing and on the Council's official order form.
- 1.8. **THIS IS NOT AN ORDER.** If this quotation is accepted, an official order will then be raised. The order will be subject to the Contract Documents which consist of any other documents attached to this Invitation to Quote.
- 1.9. Please quote for the following on the terms (Appendix 1) overleaf and Other Contract Documents. Any query on the Contract Documents or proposed inclusion of Supplier terms or conditions must be raised with the Authorised Officer on or before delivering the Quote. The Council does not undertake to accept any quotation and reserves the right to accept any part of any quotation.
- 1.10. Your quotation must be submitted on this form as an irrevocable offer (in consideration of your being invited to quote) and returned by the time and date identified at Section 1 of this document, to the Authorised Officer at their address.
- 1.11. The Council reserves the right to:
  - 1.11.1. carry out due diligence checks on the awarded Potential Supplier;
  - 1.11.2. amend the Conditions of Contract included at Appendix 1;
  - 1.11.3. abandon the procurement process at any stage without any liability to the Council; and/or
  - 1.11.4. require the Potential Supplier to clarify its quotation in writing and if the Potential Supplier fails to respond satisfactorily, this may result in the Potential Supplier being rejected from the process.

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1.12. The Council also reserves the right, at any point and without notice, to discontinue the procurement process without awarding a contract, whether such discontinuance is related to the content of RfQ Responses or otherwise. In such circumstances, the Council will not reimburse any expenses incurred by any person in the consideration of and/or response to this document. You make all quotations, proposals and submissions relating to this RfQ entirely at your own risk.

1.13. The Council shall not accept liability nor reimburse you for any costs or losses incurred by you in relation to your participation in this procurement process, whether the Council has made changes to the procurement process or not.

1.14. All documents and materials, which comprise the RfQ Response, must be written in English only.

1.15. Potential Suppliers must be explicit and comprehensive, keeping the information provided specific to and locate within the question asked as this will be the single source of information on which responses will be scored and ranked.

1.16. For the avoidance of doubt please be aware that following award of contract should the successful Supplier(s) subsequently find that their proposed solution and/or price offer is not accurate and sustainable then the successful Supplier(s) will not be permitted to amend their pricing bid to request any further monies associated with the full provision of the goods/services and/or works.

1.17. Answer fully all relevant questions and respond in accordance with any specific requests as detailed in the question e.g., maximum word/page limits, etc.

1.17.1. Where the Council has identified word limits, Potential Suppliers are strongly requested to adhere as closely to these as possible. Whilst it is not the Council's intention to count the number of words a Potential Supplier uses in their responses, if the Council reasonably determines that a word limit has been exceeded, it may take that into account when awarding a score for that question; i.e.; words submitted over this limit may/will not be evaluated;

1.17.2. All words in any format (including but not limited to words in diagrams, pictures, maps, tables, and charts) will count towards the word count. Potential Suppliers must state the number of words in any diagram, picture, map, table, or chart directly underneath it. This includes any other method of presentation which is not just text. Potential Suppliers must not attempt to circumnavigate the word limit e.g., by joining up words or using special characters to join words;

1.17.3. Submit any attachments requested in an acceptable format to the Council which includes MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, JPEGs and PDF files or any file format as specified in the question. Potential Suppliers who wish to submit an attachment in an alternative format must first check with the Council that it will be accepted;

1.17.4. When uploading attachments, please state the question number only in the file title; and

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1.17.5. Submit any zipped files in WinZip format only.

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## **2. Procurement Timetable**

2.13. This RfQ follows a clear, structured, and transparent process to ensure a fair and level playing field is maintained at all times, and that all Potential Suppliers are treated equally.

2.13. All documents, which comprise any RfQ Response, must be received by the Council no later than the Deadline for Submission of Bids, set out in Table A, below.

2.13. The RfQ process is intended to follow the timetable set out in Table A, below.

**Table A – Timetable**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>		<b>TIME AND DATE (as applicable)</b>
1.	Request for Quotation Documents Published	Thursday, 28 July 2022
2.	Deadline for Questions from Potential Suppliers	17:00 on Tuesday, 2 August 2022
3.	Deadline to Provide Answers to Questions from Potential Suppliers	Thursday, 4 August 2022
4.	Deadline for Submission of Bids	17:00 noon on Monday, 8 August 2022
5.	Evaluation of Bids Received*	Monday, 15 August 2022

2.13. The Council reserves the right to amend this timetable, and items marked with an asterisk, i.e., \*, are provided for **guidance only** and are **subject to change** at short notice.

2.13. Any RfQ received after the Deadline for Submission of Bids identified in Table A, may be rejected. Therefore, it is the Potential Supplier's responsibility to ensure that the deadline is not breached.

## **3. Clarification Questions**

3.13. Any queries about this document, the procurement process, or the proposed contract itself, should be referred via e-mail to the Officer detailed in Table B, below, no later than the Deadline for Questions from Potential Suppliers date set out in Table A.

3.13. A copy of all requests for clarifications and the responses will be published to all Potential Suppliers, where the clarification and response are not considered confidential.

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3.13. If a Potential Supplier wishes the Council to treat a clarification as confidential and therefore not publish the response to all, they must state this when submitting the clarification. If in the opinion of the Council, the clarification is not confidential, the Council will publish it in an anonymised format.

3.13. The Deadline for Questions from Potential Suppliers relating to this procurement is set out in Table A. Questions sent to the Council after this deadline may not be responded to.

**Table B – Officer to Contact Regarding the Procurement Process and Quotation Responses**

Name	Heather Jackson
Job Title	Interim Electoral Services Manager
Telephone number	<i>N/A all communication to be via email</i>
E-Mail address	elections@northnorthants.gov.uk

#### **4. Evaluation of Quotations**

**4.13. THOSE POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS WHO FAIL ANY PASS/FAIL, MANDATORY, COMPULSORY AND/OR ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS WILL BE REJECTED FROM THE RFQ PROCESS.**

4.13. Any bids which are not compliant or not completed fully will be rejected. If a bid is eliminated for any reason, the price submitted within the quote concerned shall also be excluded from the evaluation. Based on the information provided by Potential Suppliers, each compliant RfQ Response will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

**4.21.1. Evaluation Method: Weighted Combination of Questions and Price**

- a. The evaluated score as detailed in Table C, will be divided by 4 and multiplied by the question weighting (within Total) (%), to provide a final score (%) for each question, in accordance with the following example:
  - i. If the question weighting (within Total) is 20% and the Potential Supplier's response is scored '2', their final score (%) will be:
    - (a)  $2 / 4 \times 20 = 10\%$  for that question.
  - ii. The Potential Supplier's response to each question will be evaluated and scored a maximum of 4 marks as per Table C.

**4.21.2. Important Note for Question 6**

- a. Where the Potential Supplier answers in such a way, as to avoid this requirement, but still provides an answer (e.g., "we

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are unable to offer any benefits as a part of this Contract”), they will be deemed to have not answered the question, which may lead them failing this question and being rejected from the process.

**5. Evaluation and Moderation of RfQ Responses**

- 5.13. Each RfQ Response will be evaluated by an Evaluation Panel, which may include, but not be limited to, Council officers, members, technical advisors and/or stakeholders (such as members of user groups, focus groups and/or tenant/resident panels).
- 5.13. An initial examination may be made to establish the completeness of the RfQ Responses.
- 5.13. Any moderation meetings will be attended by the Evaluation Panel and a member of the Procurement Team, who will facilitate the moderation meeting.
- 5.13. As the result of any moderation, the Evaluation Panel may choose to revise a Potential Supplier’s score for each response to a Scored Question, either up or down to reach a final score.
- 5.13. All responses to the Scored Questions will be assessed against the Criteria set out in Table C, below.

**Table C – Criteria for Awarding Score**

<b>Score</b>	<b>Criteria for Awarding Score</b>
0	Considered to be a <b>POOR response</b> on the basis that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No response is provided; or</li><li>• It does not answer the question or is completely irrelevant.</li></ul>
1	Considered to be a <b>LIMITED response</b> on the basis that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall, it lacks sufficient detail or is perceived to be unclear, meaning that evaluators are not confident that the criteria will be delivered to an acceptable level.</li></ul>
2	Considered to be an <b>ACCEPTABLE response</b> on the basis that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It addresses most of the relevant criteria; and/or</li><li>• The supporting detail is clear for the most part and provides evaluators with an understanding that the criteria it does address will be met to an acceptable level.</li></ul>
3	Considered to be a <b>GOOD response</b> on the basis that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It addresses all relevant criteria; and/or</li><li>• The supporting detail is clear and provides evaluators with confidence that the criteria will be delivered to a good standard.</li></ul>
4	Considered to be an <b>OUTSTANDING response</b> on the basis that:



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<b>Score</b>	<b>Criteria for Awarding Score</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It addresses all relevant criteria; and/or</li> <li>The supporting detail is clear and robust and provides evaluators with the utmost confidence that all criteria will be delivered to the highest standard.</li> </ul>

5.13. An RfQ Response may be rejected, where the response to any Scored Question fails to achieve a score of 2 or more (as defined in Table C), even if it scores relatively well against all other criteria. This is because the Council requires a minimum quality threshold to ensure an overly low price does not skew an RfQ Response where the quality is fundamentally unacceptable.

5.13. Should the Evaluation Panel, in its reasonable judgement, identify a fundamental failing or weakness in any RfQ Response then that RfQ Response may, regardless of its other merits, be excluded from further consideration.

5.13. For the avoidance of doubt, there are no sub-criteria elements in the Scored Questions, which will be scored. The score allocated will be against the total answer submitted and factored against the maximum percentage awarded for that question in accordance with the calculation formula.

5.13. Where a particular question may list “elements”, Potential Suppliers are informed that no such individual element will be scored, per se; instead, the “elements” as listed are given for information only to assist Potential Suppliers to submit their most comprehensive Response and therefore their most competitive RfQ Response in all the circumstances.

5.13. The award criteria questions will be evaluated, using the scheme set out in Table D, below.

**Table D – Evaluation Criteria Questions and Weighting Scheme**

<b>Section Headings</b>	<b>Weighting Within Total</b>
<b>Questions (70%)</b>	
<b>Minimum Standard (Answered? Yes/No)</b>	
1. Supporting Information	Answered? Yes/No
2. Contact Details and Declaration	Answered? Yes/No
<b>Minimum Standard (Pass/Fail)</b>	
3. Insurance	Pass/Fail
4. Modern Slavery Act 2015	Pass/Fail
5. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)	Pass/Fail

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Section Headings	Weighting Within Total
6. Social Value	Pass/Fail
<b>Project Specific Questions (70%)</b>	
7. Specification Delivery	50%
<b>Price (30%)</b>	
A. Total Price	30%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**6. Evaluation of Price (Award Criteria Questionnaire)**

6.13. Potential Suppliers should satisfy themselves of the accuracy of all fees, rates and prices quoted, since they will be required to hold these or withdraw their RfQ Response in the event of errors being identified after the Deadline for Submission of Bids, set out in Table A.

6.13. If a Potential Supplier fails to provide fully for the requirements of the RfQ it must either:

- 6.21.1. absorb the costs of meeting the Council's full requirements within its RfQ price; or
- 6.21.2. withdraw its RfQ.

6.13. The following criteria will be applied to evaluate price:

**6.31.1. Evaluation Method: Weighted Combination of Questions and Price**

- a. The Potential Supplier with the lowest overall compliant price will be awarded the full Price score, as set out in Table D. All other RfQ Responses will be scored in accordance with the following calculation:

$$= \text{Price Weighting} - \left( \frac{\text{Your submitted price} - \text{lowest submitted price}}{\text{Your submitted price}} \right) \times 100$$

- 6.31.2. An example is provided in Example 1, below. This example is based on a 30% price weighting where the lowest compliant price is £5,000.

**Example 1**

Potential Supplier No.	RfQ Price	Price Calculation	Price Score
Potential Supplier 1.	£5,000	=30% (lowest compliant price)	30

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<b>Potential Supplier No.</b>	<b>RfQ Price</b>	<b>Price Calculation</b>	<b>Price Score</b>
Potential Supplier 2.	£7,000	$=30-((7,000-5,000)/7,000)*100$	29.72
Potential Supplier 3.	£10,000	$=30-((10,000-5,000)/10,000)*100$	29.5

## **7. Presentations and/or Clarifications**

7.13. Where the Council believes there is an omission, ambiguity, or inconsistency in a Potential Supplier's RfQ Response (including an arithmetical error), the Council reserves the right (but is not obliged) to seek clarification of any aspect of a Potential Supplier's RfQ Response during the evaluation phase where necessary for the purposes of carrying out a fair evaluation.

7.13. The Potential Supplier will be required to confirm any appropriate amendments to their RfQ Response.

7.13. Potential Suppliers are asked to respond to such requests promptly and within any given deadline. Potential Suppliers may be disqualified if they do not satisfactorily respond within the given deadline.

7.13. Once the submitted RfQ responses have been evaluated, the Council reserves the right to conduct Presentation and/or Clarification meetings as part of the evaluation process with any number of Potential Suppliers, as the Council deems necessary, to complete a full evaluation of the RfQ Responses submitted.

7.13. The Council may clarify elements of Potential Suppliers' submissions and reserves the right to:

- 7.51.1. re-visit the evaluation scoring; and
- 7.51.2. ask further clarification questions.

## **8. Abnormally Low and/or Unsustainably High RfQ Responses**

8.13. RfQ Responses will be reviewed to consider if they appear to be abnormally low or unsustainably high in cost. An initial assessment will be undertaken using a comparative analysis of the price proposal received from all Potential Suppliers.

8.13. The Council reserves the right to reject any unsustainably high RfQ Responses without further evaluation of the bid submission.

8.13. If the assessment shows that a Potential Supplier's price offer may be abnormally low, the Council will request from a written explanation and/or evidence of the Potential Supplier's price offer and/or RfQ Response, or of those parts of a Potential Supplier's price offer and/or RfQ Response, which the

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Council considers contribute to the RfQ Response being abnormally low, to justify the RfQ Response and its price and/or value(s) offered.

8.13. On receipt of a Potential Supplier's written explanation, the Council will verify the price offer, RfQ Response, or parts of the RfQ Response.

8.13. If the Council is still of the opinion that the Potential Supplier has submitted an abnormally low offer, the Council will confirm this to the Potential Supplier and will advise either:

8.51.1. that the Potential Supplier's RfQ Response has been rejected; or

8.51.2. that, for RfQ evaluation purposes, the Council will make an adjustment to the price proposal to take account of any consequences of accepting an abnormally low RfQ Response.

8.13. Where the Potential Supplier is unable to prove, within a sufficient time limit, such justification for the low price and/or value, the Council reserve the right to reject the RfQ Response.

## **9. Rejection and Disqualification of RfQs**

9.13. The Council reserves the right to reject or disqualify any RfQ Response and or a Potential Supplier, where the Potential Supplier:

9.11.1. Fails to submit their RfQ Response by the Deadline for Submission of Bids, set out in the procurement timetable at Table A;

9.11.2. contains gaps, omissions, misrepresentations, errors, uncompleted sections, or changes to the format of the RfQ provided;

9.11.3. contains handwritten amendments which have not been initialled by the authorised signatory;

9.11.4. does not reflect and confirm full and unconditional compliance with all the documents issued by the Council forming part of this RfQ;

9.11.5. contains any caveats or any other statements or assumptions qualifying the RfQ Response that are not capable of evaluation in accordance with the Council's published evaluation model or requiring changes to any documents issued by the Council in any way;

9.11.6. contains any alterations or additions to any documents issued by the Council forming part of this RfQ;

9.11.7. cannot commit to achieve any Key Dates for elements and/or milestones etc. as set out in the Council's Specification;

9.11.8. is not submitted in a manner consistent with the provisions set out in this RfQ;

9.11.9. fixes or adjusts the amount of its RfQ Response by or in accordance with any Conditions of Contract or arrangement with any other party;

9.11.10. communicates to any party other than the Council or as applicable, relevant participating body, the amount or approximate amount of its proposed RfQ Response or information which would enable the amount or approximate amount to be calculated (except where such disclosure is made in confidence, to obtain quotations necessary for

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- the preparation of a complete and accurate RfQ Response or insurance or any necessary security);
- 9.11.11. enters into any Condition of Contract or arrangement with any other party that such other party shall refrain from submitting an RfQ Response or shall limit or restrict the prices to be shown by any other Potential Supplier in its RfQ Response;
- 9.11.12. offers or agrees to pay or gives or does pay or gives any sum or sums of money, inducement, or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any party for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done in relation to its RfQ Response or any other proposed RfQ Response;
- 9.11.13. commits an offence under the Bribery Act 2010 or an offence under Section 117(2) of the Local Government Act 1972;
- 9.11.14. directly or indirectly canvasses any officer, member, employee, or agent of the Council or its members or any relevant participating body or any of its officers or members concerning the establishment of the contractual relationship or who directly or indirectly obtains or attempts to obtain information from any such officer, member, employee, or agent or concerning any other Potential Supplier, RfQ Response, or proposed RfQ Response;
- 9.11.15. fails to declare any conflict of interest or any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest (Potential Suppliers must notify the Council via e-mail);
- 9.11.16. fails to comply fully with the requirements of this RfQ or makes a misrepresentation in any information supplied in their RfQ Response;
- 9.11.17. there is a change in identity, control, financial standing or other factor impacting on the selection and or evaluation process affecting the RfQ Response;
- 9.11.18. submits an RfQ Response which does not comply with any mandatory requirement (where the word "shall" or "must" is used); or fails to comply with the Revised Prevent Duty Guidance: for England and Wales; para. 45 "publicly-owned venues and resources do not provide a platform for extremists to disseminate extremist views"; para 46 "organisations who work with the local authority on Prevent are not engaged in any extremist activity or espouse extremist views"; or contradict para 47 "new contracts for the delivery of their services are being made to ensure that the principles of the duty are written into those contracts in a suitable form";
- 9.11.19. Is submitted by any Potential Supplier (for the purposes of this paragraph, this also includes any company who has control of the legal entity submitting the RfQ Response or a member of the group, if submitting as a group of economic operators) who has longstanding unpaid debts of any value with the Council, which have not been disputed by the Potential Supplier and/or where no payment plan has been agreed with the Council within one-hundred and twenty (120) days of the date the invoice was due to be paid. For the avoidance of doubt, longstanding in this instance, is defined as equal to or greater than one-hundred and twenty (120) days;

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- 9.11.20. Fails to declare their organisation or any other person has powers of representation, decision, or control in the organisation;
  - 9.11.21. Has been involved in any situation or activity which, in the reasonable opinion of the Council, may have a negative impact on the reputation of the Council or may bring the Council or any element of its business into disrepute; and/or
  - 9.11.22. Submits an RfQ Response that is in any other way deemed non-compliant by the Council.
- 9.13. By participating in this procurement process, Potential Suppliers accept that the Council shall have no liability to a rejected or disqualified RfQ Response and/or Potential Supplier in these circumstances.

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## **SECTION 2: SPECIFICATION**

### **1. Specification Document**

- 1.1. To open the embedded Specification, **double click on the document icon**, below.



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### **2. Data Management / UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)**

[Link to the Council's Data Protection and GDPR webpage.](#)

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**SECTION 3: SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

General Information		
Question 1:	Scoring Methodology:	Question Answered? Yes/No
1.1. (a)	Full name of the Potential Supplier completing Information	Click to enter text.
1.1. (b) (i)	Registered office address	Click to enter text.
1.1 (b) (ii)	Registered website address	Click to enter text.
1.1. (c) (i)	Trading Status	Choose an item.
1.1. (c) (ii)	*If you selected ' <b>OTHER*</b> ', please specify	Click to enter text.
1.1 (d)	Date of registration in country of origin	Click to enter date.
1.1. (e)	Company registration number	Click to enter text.
1.1. (f)	Charity registration number	Click to enter text.
1.1 (g)	Head Officer DUNS number	Click to enter text.
1.1 (h)	Registered VAT number	Click to enter text.
1.1 (i)	Trading name(s) that will be used if successful in this procurement.	Click to enter text.
1.1. (j)	Are you a Small, Medium or Micro Enterprise (SME)?	Choose an item.
1.1 (k)	If applicable, details of immediate parent company	Click to enter text.
1.1 (l)	If applicable, details of ultimate parent company	Click to enter text.

**PLEASE NOTE:** To avoid any unnecessary duplication for the Potential Supplier, by signing the Declaration at Question 2, you are also signing to confirm the following, as included in this RfQ Response, and all associated subsections therein contained:

- i. Section 5: Freedom of Information; and
- ii. Section 6: Declaration.



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<b>Contact Details and Declaration</b>	
<b>Question 2:      Scoring Methodology:</b> Question Answered? Yes/No	
Potential Supplier contact details for enquiries about this RfQ Response.	
2.1. (a)      Contact name	Click to enter text.
2.1. (b)      Name of organisation	Click to enter text.
2.1. (c)      Role in organisation	Click to enter text.
2.1. (d)      Phone number	Click to enter text.
2.1. (e)      E-mail address	Click to enter text.
2.1. (f)      Postal address <i>including postcode</i>	Click to enter text.
2.1. (g)      Signature <i>electronic is acceptable</i>	Click to enter text.
2.1. (h)      Date	Click to enter date.

<b>Insurance</b>	
<b>Question 3:      Scoring Methodology:</b> Pass/Fail <b>Word Limit:</b> N/A	
Please confirm that your organisation already has or is prepared to obtain the level of insurance cover prior to award of the contract? The levels of insurance cover are indicated below. <b>Important Note:</b> <i>Potential Suppliers who answer “No” to any of the levels below will be eliminated from this procurement process.</i>	
3.1. (a)      Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance at no less than £5,000,000  <i>It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5 million as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.</i>	Choose an item.
3.1. (b)      Public Liability Insurance at no less than £5,000,000	Choose an item.
3.1. (c)      Product Liability Insurance at no less than £5,000,000	Choose an item.

<b>Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015</b>	
<b>Question 4:      Scoring Methodology:</b> Pass/Fail <b>Word Limit:</b> N/A	

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Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015		
4.1.	<p>The Council wants to ensure that within your business and its supply chain, there is no servitude or forced labour, slavery human trafficking, arranging, or facilitating the travel of another person with a view that a person is being exploited or conducting any activities that contain violation of human rights.</p> <p>Please confirm that your supply chain with regards to this RfQ Response complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015?</p> <p><b>Important Note:</b> Potential Suppliers who answer “No” will be eliminated from this procurement process.</p>	Choose an item.

UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)		
<b>Question 5:</b>	<b>Scoring Methodology:</b> Pass/Fail	<b>Word Limit:</b> N/A
5.1.	<p>The Council wants to ensure that within your business and/or in its supply chain, the processing of personal data and processes in relation to this contract are compliant with the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act.</p> <p>Please confirm that you and your supply chain with regards to this Mini Competition Response comply with all applicable data protection legislation including but not limited to the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act.</p> <p><b>Important Note:</b> Potential Suppliers who answer “No” will be eliminated from this procurement process.</p>	Choose an item.

Social Value		
<b>Question 6:</b>	<b>Scoring Methodology:</b> Pass/Fail	<b>Word Limit:</b> N/A
6.1.	<p>Having read the specification what community benefits, will your organisation provide as part of your proposal? Examples include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcontracting locally;</li> <li>• Improvements to the area covered by North Northamptonshire; and/or</li> <li>• Use of apprenticeships.</li> </ul> <p><b>Important Note:</b> Where the Potential Supplier answers in such a way, as to avoid this requirement, but still provides an answer (e.g., “we are</p>	

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<b>Social Value</b>
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<i>unable to offer any benefits as a part of this Contract”), they will be deemed to have not answered the question, which may lead them failing this question and being rejected from the process.</i>
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<b>Answer:</b>
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<b>Project Specific Questions</b>
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<b>Question 7:</b> <b>Scoring Methodology:</b> 70% <b>Word Limit:</b> 500 words Please confirm how your system meets all elements of the Specification.
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<b>Answer:</b>
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**SECTION 4: PRICING SHEET**

**1. Pricing and Costs**

- 1.1. Please complete the Pricing Schedule at Table D, below, ensuring that you have provided a fixed and firm cost in each of the relevant boxes.
- 1.2. Separate mileage costs will not be paid as a part of this contract and the Supplier must allow for mileage costs within their hourly rate.
- 1.3. Please add or remove rows to form the Price Breakdown table, as necessary.
- 1.4. All prices quoted must exclude VAT.
- 1.5. Should you be successful, your fixed cost for the contract must be included in your RfQ Response and any costs which are not included will not be met by the Council either before or during the contract.
- 1.6. Where the Council considers a price to be abnormally low, it may seek clarification and/or an explanation from the Potential Supplier, and the Council may reject any RfQ Response, at its absolute discretion, if it appears to be unreliable.

**Table D – Pricing Schedule**

Pricing Schedule	
A. Total	£Click to enter text.

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**SECTION 5: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

1. Information in relation to this RfQ may be made available on demand in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act") and your organisation details will be disclosed and/or published where the expenditure is over £500, as per the Government Transparency agenda.
2. Potential Suppliers must state if any of the information supplied by them is confidential and commercially sensitive or should not be disclosed in response for the Information under The Act. Potential Suppliers must state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.
3. Note that inclusion below will not guarantee that the information will not be disclosed but will be examined in the light of the exemptions provided in The Act. Note that the Declaration for this Section has been completed and signed at Section 3, Question 2.1 (g) of this document.

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**SECTION 6: DECLARATION**

1. By signing Section 3, Question 2.1. (g) I hereby declare that:
  - 1.1. I am signing on behalf of the Company named at Section 3, Question 1.1 (a) and am duly authorised to do so;
  - 1.2. to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is complete and accurate;
  - 1.3. the price in Section 4 is our best offer;
  - 1.4. no collusion with other organisations has taken place to fix the price;
  - 1.5. that there is no conflict of interest in relation to the Council's requirement;
  - 1.6. the requirement be subjected to the terms and conditions set out in Conditions of Contract identified at Appendix 1;
  - 1.7. that no goods, supplies, services and/or works will be delivered or undertaken until both parties have executed the formal contract documentation as identified at Appendix 1 and an instruction to proceed has been given by the Council in writing; and
  - 1.8. I understand that the Council may reject my submission if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false and/or misleading information.

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**SECTION 7: DUE DILIGENCE**

1. The Council will undertake its due diligence in advance of any contract award.
2. The preferred Potential Supplier(s) will not be awarded the Contract until the Council is satisfied with any further checks and due diligence it has carried out and these will need to be acceptable to the Council before a contract can be awarded. The Council reserves the right to disqualify any RfQ Response which is incomplete.
3. Due diligence may include credit checks in relation to the preferred Potential Supplier(s) (including each member of any consortium and of any key subcontractor). This is important to the Council to ensure that any organisation who wishes to enter into a contract with the Council will be able to provide the goods, services and/or works on an ongoing basis as agreed within any contract. The Council works with external credit agencies to provide these financial checks.
4. The Council reserves the right to reject a Potential Supplier from the procurement process, where any findings from the Council's due diligence reveal a serious concern or risk for the Council that cannot be remedied in a reasonable amount of time before award. Potential Suppliers are strongly encouraged to check and manage their financial score within the industry.
5. The Council reserves the right to revisit the responses provided to any questions at any time before award stage, where the Council believes there is a risk that responses might have changed. The Council reserves the right to disqualify any Potential Supplier who no longer meets the minimum criteria if it originally led to them continuing in the procurement process.



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**SECTION 8: CONTRACT AWARD**

1. The Council will notify all Potential Suppliers of its intention to award a contract.
2. This will include details of the:
  - 1.1.1. Award criteria scores and feedback for the Potential Supplier receiving the notification; and
  - 1.1.2. Name of the Successful Supplier(s).
2. The following documents shall form part of the contract between the Council and the Successful Supplier(s):
  - 2.1.1. Specification;
  - 2.1.2. Terms and Conditions plus related Schedules (e.g., service levels, site plans, asset lists, contracts list, list of transferring employees, relevant policies, etc.);
  - 2.1.3. Pricing Schedule (as completed by the Successful Supplier);
  - 2.1.4. Response to requirements; and
  - 2.1.5. A list of commercially sensitive information.

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**Appendix 1: Conditions of Contract**

**1. Terms and Conditions**

- 1.1. The Council's standard terms and conditions for procurements **below £25,000** can be found by clicking on the following link:

1.2. <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/finance/conditions-contract-purchase-orders-below-ps25000>

- 1.3. Special Conditions relevant to this Quotation are detailed in the box below

N/A
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