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## G-Cloud 13 Call-Off Contract

This Call-Off Contract for the G-Cloud 13 Framework Agreement (RM1557.13) includes:

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## Part A: Order Form

Buyers must use this template order form as the basis for all Call-Off Contracts and must refrain from accepting a Supplier's prepopulated version unless it has been carefully checked against template drafting.

<b>Platform service ID number</b>	980473759302196
<b>Call-Off Contract reference</b>	WP2213
<b>Call-Off Contract title</b>	GOV.UK Search
<b>Call-Off Contract description</b>	GOV.UK has recently migrated to a new Google Cloud search product to power <a href="#">GOV.UK site search</a> : Google Vertex AI Search and Conversation. As we continue to improve the performance of site search, GOV.UK is looking for support with ongoing maintenance and improvements to site search
<b>Start date</b>	03 June 2024
<b>Expiry date</b>	02 June 2025
<b>Call-Off Contract value</b>	The initial Call-off Contract Value for 12 month period (03 June 2024 - 02 June 2025) will be £227,600 (excluding VAT) Subject to further approval the Call-Off Contract can be uplifted by another £227,600 (excluding VAT) meaning an overall total value of £455,200 (excluding VAT)

<b>Charging method</b>	BAC's Monthly
<b>Purchase order number</b>	To follow

This Order Form is issued under the G-Cloud 13 Framework Agreement (RM1557.13).

Buyers can use this Order Form to specify their G-Cloud service requirements when placing an Order.

The Order Form cannot be used to alter existing terms or add any extra terms that materially change the Services offered by the Supplier and defined in the Application.

There are terms in the Call-Off Contract that may be defined in the Order Form. These are identified in the contract with square brackets.

<b>From the Buyer</b>	
<b>To the Supplier</b>	

## Together the 'Parties'

### Principal contact details

#### For the Buyer:

Title: Product Manager

Name:

Email:

Phone:

#### For the Supplier:

Title: Senior Account Director

Name:

Email:

Phone:

### Call-Off Contract term

<b>Start date</b>	This Call-Off Contract Starts on 03 June 2024 and is valid for <b>12 months</b> .
<b>Ending (termination)</b>	<p>The notice period for the Supplier needed for Ending the Call-Off Contract is at least <b>[90]</b> Working Days from the date of written notice for undisputed sums (as per clause 18.6).</p> <p>The notice period for the Buyer is a maximum of <b>[30]</b> days from the date of written notice for Ending without cause (as per clause 18.1).</p>

<b>Extension period</b>	<p>This Call-Off Contract can be extended by the Buyer for <b>one</b> period of up to 12 months, by giving the Supplier <b>1 months</b> written notice before its expiry. The extension period is subject to clauses 1.3 and 1.4 in Part B below.</p> <p>Extensions which extend the Term beyond 36 months are only permitted if the Supplier complies with the additional exit plan requirements at clauses 21.3 to 21.8.</p> <p>If a buyer is a central government department and the contract Term is intended to exceed 24 months, then under the Spend Controls process, prior approval must be obtained from the Government Digital Service (GDS). Further guidance:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/agile-delivery/spend-controls-check-if-you-need-approval-to-spend-money-on-a-service">https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/agile-delivery/spend-controls-check-if-you-need-approval-to-spend-money-on-a-service</a></p>
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## Buyer contractual details

This Order is for the G-Cloud Services outlined below. It is acknowledged by the Parties that the volume of the G-Cloud Services used by the Buyer may vary during this Call-Off Contract.

<b>G-Cloud Lot</b>	<p>This Call-Off Contract is for the provision of Services Under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lot 1: Cloud hosting</li> </ul>
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**G-Cloud Services  
required**

The Services to be provided by the Supplier under the above Lot are listed in Framework Schedule 4 and outlined below:

- **Service ID:** 980473759302196
- **Link to Service Description**
  - <https://redirect.contractawardservice.crowncommercial.gov.uk/g-cloud/services?id=980473759302196>
- **Link to Service Definition**
  - <https://assets.applytosupply.digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk/g-cloud-13/documents/700470/980473759302196-service-definition-document-2023-11-08-1703.pdf>

There is no guarantee to the Supplier of volume of Services required and the Buyer may increase or decrease the volume of Services to meet its flexible requirements.

<b>Additional Services</b>	None
<b>Location</b>	<p>The Services will be delivered to Cabinet Office, Government Digital Services offices at The White Chapel Building, 10 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 8QS and</p> <p><b>Supplier/subcontractor addresses:</b> The Spitfire Building, 71 Collier Street, London, England, N1 9BE. United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Registered Office:</b></p>
<b>Technical Standards:</b>	<p>The Government Technology Code of Practice  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technology-code-of-practice/technology-code-of-practice">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technology-code-of-practice/technology-code-of-practice</a></p> <p>The Government Service Standard (where applicable)  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/service-standard">https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/service-standard</a></p> <p>Buyer's Security Policy  <a href="#">UK Government Cyber Security Standard 13 September 2021</a></p> <p>NSCS cloud security principles:  <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cloud/the-cloud-security-principles">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cloud/the-cloud-security-principles</a></p> <p>Accreditation and ongoing compliance with ISO/IEC 27001:2022 or equivalent</p>
<b>Service level agreement:</b>	<p>The service level and availability criteria required for this Call-Off Contract are:</p> <p>Please see Additional Buyer terms for a breakdown of Milestone deliverables</p>
<b>Onboarding</b>	<p>The offboarding plan for this Call-Off Contract is found in the Service Description and Service Definition and Supplier Proposal.</p>

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<b>Collaboration agreement</b>	None
<b>Limit on Parties' liability</b>	<p>The annual total liability of either Party for all Property Defaults will not exceed £1,000,000.</p> <p>The annual total liability for Buyer Data Defaults will not exceed £1,000,000 or 125% of the Charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier during the Call-Off Contract Term (whichever is the greater).</p> <p>Clause 24.1 in Part B below applies for a more in-depth definition of Buyer Data Defaults, while still maintaining the definitions and meanings of Buyer Data and Default in Schedule 6: Glossary and Interpretations below.</p> <p>The annual total liability for all other Defaults will not exceed the greater of £1,000,000 or 125% of the Charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier during the Call-Off Contract Term (whichever is the greater).</p> <p>Clause 24.1 in Part B below provides a definition of Other Defaults.</p>
<b>Insurance</b>	<p>The insurance(s) required will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a minimum insurance period of 6 years following the expiration or Ending of this Call-Off Contract]</li> <li>• professional indemnity insurance cover to be held by the Supplier and by any agent, Subcontractor or consultant involved in the supply of the G-Cloud Services. This professional indemnity insurance cover will have a minimum limit of indemnity of £1,000,000 for each individual claim or any higher limit the Buyer requires (and as required by Law)</li> <li>• employers' liability insurance with a minimum limit of £5,000,000 or any higher minimum limit required by Law</li> </ul>
<b>Buyer's responsibilities</b>	NA
<b>Buyer's equipment</b>	N/A



## Supplier's information

<b>Subcontractors or partners</b>	Christian Sutter - Technical lead
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## Call-Off Contract charges and payment

The Call-Off Contract charges and payment details are in the table below. See Schedule 2 for a full breakdown.

<b>Payment method</b>	<p>The payment method for this Call-Off Contract is BACS</p> <p>Monthly in arrears to:</p> <p>Account details: Kin &amp; Carta UK Limited</p>
<b>Payment profile</b>	<p>The payment profile for this Call-Off Contract is <b>monthly</b> in arrears.</p> <p>A PO will be raised (if applicable) once the Call-Off Contract has been signed. The PO is a vehicle for payment and not a firm commitment of spend</p>
<b>Invoice details</b>	<p>The Supplier will issue electronic invoices <b>monthly</b> in arrears. The Buyer will pay the Supplier within <b>30</b> days of receipt of a valid invoice.</p>
<b>Who and where to send invoices to</b>	<p>Invoices will be sent to:</p>

<b>Invoice information required</b>	<p>All invoices must include the WP2213 number and Purchase Order Number.</p> <p>Each invoice shall be accompanied by a breakdown of the deliverables and services, quantity thereof, applicable unit charges and total charge for the invoice period, in sufficient detail to enable the Customer to validate the invoice.</p>
<b>Invoice frequency</b>	Invoice will be sent to the Buyer <b>Monthly</b> in arrears
<b>Call-Off Contract value</b>	<p>The initial Call-off Contract Value for 12 month period (03 June 2024 - 02 June 2025) will be £227,600 (excluding VAT)</p> <p>Subject to further approval the Call-Off Contract can be uplifted by another £227,600 (excluding VAT) meaning an overall total value of £455,200 (excluding VAT)</p>
<b>Call-Off Contract charges</b>	The breakdown of the Charges is shown in Schedule 2

### Additional Buyer terms

Performance of the Service	This Call-Off Contract will include the following Implementation Plan, exit and offboarding plans and milestones:			
	Milestone deliverables			
	Milestone deliverable	How it will be measured / show success / accepted	Who will accept the deliverables	Date to be delivered by
	Prototyping,	Prototyping,	Catriona	Prototyping

	testing and launching new features to improve the user interface of site search (where data shows that they will make an improvement to user experience)	testing and launching of new features.	Fraser, Sam Dub	and testing will happen throughout the contract, and any feature launches should have happened by week 14 of the contract
	Ongoing support of site search	Ongoing maintenance, performance testing, and migration to new Google Vertex AI search and conversation features	Catriona Fraser, Sam Dub	Throughout the contract
	Training / upskilling	1 to 1 sessions with GOV.UK developers, and ad hoc knowledge sharing workshops	Catriona Fraser, Sam Dub	By week 12 of the contract
<b>Governance</b>	Fortnightly governance meeting to be conducted between buyer and supplier that will cover progress against milestones, and adherence to data protection and information security measures where appropriate.			
<b>Guarantee</b>	Not used			

<b>Warranties, representations</b>	Not used
<b>Supplemental requirements in addition to the Call-Off terms</b>	NA
<b>Alternative clauses</b>	NA
<b>Buyer specific amendments to/refinements of the Call-Off Contract terms</b>	Within the scope of the Call-Off Contract, the Supplier will if applicable and pre-agreed with Cabinet Office comply with the Cabinet Office Travel & Subsistence Policy at Schedule 8.
<b>Personal Data and Data Subjects</b>	Please see Annex 1 of Schedule 7
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	Not used
<b>Social Value</b>	None

## 1. Formation of contract

- 1.1 By signing and returning this Order Form (Part A), the Supplier agrees to enter into a CallOff Contract with the Buyer.
- 1.2 The Parties agree that they have read the Order Form (Part A) and the Call-Off Contract terms and by signing below agree to be bound by this Call-Off Contract.
- 1.3 This Call-Off Contract will be formed when the Buyer acknowledges receipt of the signed copy of the Order Form from the Supplier.

- 1.4 In cases of any ambiguity or conflict, the terms and conditions of the Call-Off Contract (Part B) and Order Form (Part A) will supersede those of the Supplier Terms and Conditions as per the order of precedence set out in clause 8.3 of the Framework Agreement.

## 2. Background to the agreement

- 2.1 The Supplier is a provider of G-Cloud Services and agreed to provide the Services under the terms of Framework Agreement number RM1557.13 .

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Buyer</b>
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Title</b>		
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

- 2.2 The Buyer provided an Order Form for Services to the Supplier.

## Part B: Terms and conditions

### 1. Call-Off Contract Start date and length

- 1.1 The Supplier must start providing the Services on the date specified in the Order Form.
- 1.2 This Call-Off Contract will expire on the Expiry Date in the Order Form. It will be for up to 36 months from the Start date unless Ended earlier under clause 18 or extended by the Buyer under clause 1.3.
- 1.3 The Buyer can extend this Call-Off Contract, with written notice to the Supplier, by the period in the Order Form, provided that this is within the maximum permitted under the Framework Agreement of 1 period of up to 12 months.
- 1.4 The Parties must comply with the requirements under clauses 21.3 to 21.8 if the Buyer reserves the right in the Order Form to set the Term at more than 24 months.

### 2. Incorporation of terms

- 2.1 The following Framework Agreement clauses (including clauses and defined terms referenced by them) as modified under clause 2.2 are incorporated as separate Call-Off Contract obligations and apply between the Supplier and the Buyer:

- 2.3 (Warranties and representations)
- 4.1 to 4.6 (Liability)
- 4.10 to 4.11 (IR35)
- 10 (Force majeure)
- 5.3 (Continuing rights)
- 5.4 to 5.6 (Change of control)
- 5.7 (Fraud)
- 5.8 (Notice of fraud)
- 7 (Transparency and Audit)
- 8.3 (Order of precedence)
- 11 (Relationship)
- 14 (Entire agreement)
- 15 (Law and jurisdiction)
- 16 (Legislative change)
- 17 (Bribery and corruption)

- 18 (Freedom of Information Act)
- 19 (Promoting tax compliance)
- 20 (Official Secrets Act)
- 21 (Transfer and subcontracting)
- 23 (Complaints handling and resolution)
- 24 (Conflicts of interest and ethical walls)
- 25 (Publicity and branding)
- 26 (Equality and diversity)
- 28 (Data protection)
- 31 (Severability)
- 32 and 33 (Managing disputes and Mediation)
- 34 (Confidentiality)
- 35 (Waiver and cumulative remedies)
- 36 (Corporate Social Responsibility)
- paragraphs 1 to 10 of the Framework Agreement Schedule 3

2.2 The Framework Agreement provisions in clause 2.1 will be modified as follows:

- 2.2.1 a reference to the 'Framework Agreement' will be a reference to the 'Call-Off Contract'
- 2.2.2 a reference to 'CCS' or to 'CCS and/or the Buyer' will be a reference to 'the Buyer'
- 2.2.3 a reference to the 'Parties' and a 'Party' will be a reference to the Buyer and Supplier as Parties under this Call-Off Contract
- 2.3 The Parties acknowledge that they are required to complete the applicable Annexes contained in Schedule 7 (Processing Data) of the Framework Agreement for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract. The applicable Annexes being reproduced at Schedule 7 of this Call-Off Contract.
- 2.4 The Framework Agreement incorporated clauses will be referred to as incorporated Framework clause 'XX', where 'XX' is the Framework Agreement clause number.
- 2.5 When an Order Form is signed, the terms and conditions agreed in it will be incorporated into this Call-Off Contract.

### 3. Supply of services

- 3.1 The Supplier agrees to supply the G-Cloud Services and any Additional Services under the terms of the Call-Off Contract and the Supplier's Application.

- 3.2 The Supplier undertakes that each G-Cloud Service will meet the Buyer's acceptance criteria, as defined in the Order Form.

## 4. Supplier staff

- 4.1 The Supplier Staff must:

4.1.1 be appropriately experienced, qualified and trained to supply the Services

4.1.2 apply all due skill, care and diligence in faithfully performing those duties

4.1.3 obey all lawful instructions and reasonable directions of the Buyer and provide the Services to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer

4.1.4 respond to any enquiries about the Services as soon as reasonably possible

4.1.5 complete any necessary Supplier Staff vetting as specified by the Buyer

- 4.2 The Supplier must retain overall control of the Supplier Staff so that they are not considered to be employees, workers, agents or contractors of the Buyer.

- 4.3 The Supplier may substitute any Supplier Staff as long as they have the equivalent experience and qualifications to the substituted staff member.

- 4.4 The Buyer may conduct IR35 Assessments using the ESI tool to assess whether the Supplier's engagement under the Call-Off Contract is Inside or Outside IR35.

- 4.5 The Buyer may End this Call-Off Contract for Material Breach as per clause 18.5 hereunder if the Supplier is delivering the Services Inside IR35.

- 4.6 The Buyer may need the Supplier to complete an Indicative Test using the ESI tool before the Start date or at any time during the provision of Services to provide a preliminary view of whether the Services are being delivered Inside or Outside IR35. If the Supplier has completed the Indicative Test, it must download and provide a copy of the PDF with the 14digit ESI reference number from the summary outcome screen and promptly provide a copy to the Buyer.

- 4.7 If the Indicative Test indicates the delivery of the Services could potentially be Inside IR35, the Supplier must provide the Buyer with all relevant information needed to enable the Buyer to conduct its own IR35 Assessment.

- 4.8 If it is determined by the Buyer that the Supplier is Outside IR35, the Buyer will provide the ESI reference number and a copy of the PDF to the Supplier.



## 5. Due diligence

### 5.1 Both Parties agree that when entering into a Call-Off Contract they:

5.1.1 have made their own enquiries and are satisfied by the accuracy of any information supplied by the other Party

5.1.2 are confident that they can fulfil their obligations according to the Call-Off Contract terms

5.1.3 have raised all due diligence questions before signing the Call-Off Contract

5.1.4 have entered into the Call-Off Contract relying on their own due diligence

## 6. Business continuity and disaster recovery

6.1 The Supplier will have a clear business continuity and disaster recovery plan in their Service Descriptions.

6.2 The Supplier's business continuity and disaster recovery services are part of the Services and will be performed by the Supplier when required.

6.3 If requested by the Buyer prior to entering into this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier must ensure that its business continuity and disaster recovery plan is consistent with the Buyer's own plans.

## 7. Payment, VAT and Call-Off Contract charges

7.1 The Buyer must pay the Charges following clauses 7.2 to 7.11 for the Supplier's delivery of the Services.

7.2 The Buyer will pay the Supplier within the number of days specified in the Order Form on receipt of a valid invoice.

7.3 The Call-Off Contract Charges include all Charges for payment processing. All invoices submitted to the Buyer for the Services will be exclusive of any Management Charge.

7.4 If specified in the Order Form, the Supplier will accept payment for G-Cloud Services by the Government Procurement Card (GPC). The Supplier will be liable to pay any merchant fee levied for using the GPC and must not recover this charge from the Buyer.

7.5 The Supplier must ensure that each invoice contains a detailed breakdown of the G-Cloud Services supplied. The Buyer may request the Supplier provides further documentation to substantiate the invoice.

7.6 If the Supplier enters into a Subcontract it must ensure that a provision is included in each Subcontract which specifies that payment must be made to the Subcontractor within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice.

7.7 All Charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier will include VAT at the appropriate Rate.

- 7.8 The Supplier must add VAT to the Charges at the appropriate rate with visibility of the amount as a separate line item.
- 7.9 The Supplier will indemnify the Buyer on demand against any liability arising from the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any VAT on payments made to the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract. The Supplier must pay all sums to the Buyer at least 5 Working Days before the date on which the tax or other liability is payable by the Buyer.
- 7.10 The Supplier must not suspend the supply of the G-Cloud Services unless the Supplier is entitled to End this Call-Off Contract under clause 18.6 for Buyer's failure to pay undisputed sums of money. Interest will be payable by the Buyer on the late payment of any
- undisputed sums of money properly invoiced under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
- 7.11 If there's an invoice dispute, the Buyer must pay the undisputed portion of the amount and return the invoice within 10 Working Days of the invoice date. The Buyer will provide a covering statement with proposed amendments and the reason for any non-payment. The Supplier must notify the Buyer within 10 Working Days of receipt of the returned invoice if it accepts the amendments. If it does then the Supplier must provide a replacement valid invoice with the response.
- 7.12 Due to the nature of G-Cloud Services it isn't possible in a static Order Form to exactly define the consumption of services over the duration of the Call-Off Contract. The Supplier agrees that the Buyer's volumes indicated in the Order Form are indicative only.

## 8. Recovery of sums due and right of set-off

- 8.1 If a Supplier owes money to the Buyer, the Buyer may deduct that sum from the Call-Off Contract Charges.

## 9. Insurance

- 9.1 The Supplier will maintain the insurances required by the Buyer including those in this clause.

- 9.2 The Supplier will ensure that:

9.2.1 during this Call-Off Contract, Subcontractors hold third party public and products liability insurance of the same amounts that the Supplier would be legally liable to pay as damages, including the claimant's costs and expenses, for accidental death or bodily injury and loss of or damage to Property, to a minimum of £1,000,000

9.2.2 the third-party public and products liability insurance contains an 'indemnity to principals' clause for the Buyer's benefit

- 9.2.3 all agents and professional consultants involved in the Services hold professional indemnity insurance to a minimum indemnity of £1,000,000 for each individual claim during the Call-Off Contract, and for 6 years after the End or Expiry Date
- 9.2.4 all agents and professional consultants involved in the Services hold employers liability insurance (except where exempt under Law) to a minimum indemnity of £5,000,000 for each individual claim during the Call-Off Contract, and for 6 years after the End or Expiry Date
- 9.3 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier will obtain additional insurance policies, or extend existing policies bought under the Framework Agreement.
- 9.4 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier will provide the following to show compliance with this clause:
- 9.4.1 a broker's verification of insurance
- 9.4.2 receipts for the insurance premium
- 9.4.3 evidence of payment of the latest premiums due
- 9.5 Insurance will not relieve the Supplier of any liabilities under the Framework Agreement or this Call-Off Contract and the Supplier will:
- 9.5.1 take all risk control measures using Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of claims to insurers
- 9.5.2 promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any Insurances
- 9.5.3 hold all insurance policies and require any broker arranging the insurance to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of insurance
- 9.6 The Supplier will not do or omit to do anything, which would destroy or impair the legal validity of the insurance.
- 9.7 The Supplier will notify CCS and the Buyer as soon as possible if any insurance policies have been, or are due to be, cancelled, suspended, Ended or not renewed.
- 9.8 The Supplier will be liable for the payment of any:
- 9.8.1 premiums, which it will pay promptly
- 9.8.2 excess or deductibles and will not be entitled to recover this from the Buyer

## 10. Confidentiality

- 10.1 The Supplier must during and after the Term keep the Buyer fully indemnified against all Losses, damages, costs or expenses and other liabilities (including legal fees) arising from any breach of the Supplier's obligations under incorporated Framework Agreement clause

34. The indemnity doesn't apply to the extent that the Supplier breach is due to a Buyer's instruction.

## 11. Intellectual Property Rights

- 11.1 Save for the licences expressly granted pursuant to Clauses 11.3 and 11.4, neither Party

shall acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights ("IPR"s) (whether pre-existing or created during the Call-Off Contract Term) of the other Party or its licensors unless stated otherwise in the Order Form.

- 11.2 Neither Party shall have any right to use any of the other Party's names, logos or trade marks on any of its products or services without the other Party's prior written consent.

- 11.3 The Buyer grants to the Supplier a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Call-Off Contract Term to use the Buyer's or its relevant licensor's Buyer Data and related IPR solely to the extent necessary for providing the Services in accordance with this Contract, including the right to grant sub-licences to Subcontractors provided that:

11.3.1 any relevant Subcontractor has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier on substantially the same terms as set out in Framework Agreement clause 34 (Confidentiality); and

11.3.2 the Supplier shall not and shall procure that any relevant Sub-Contractor shall not, without the Buyer's written consent, use the licensed materials for any other purpose or for the benefit of any person other than the Buyer.

- 11.4 The Supplier grants to the Buyer the licence taken from its Supplier Terms which licence shall, as a minimum, grant the Buyer a non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Call-Off Contract Term to use the Supplier's or its relevant licensor's IPR solely to the extent necessary to access and use the Services in accordance with this Call-Off Contract.

- 11.5 Subject to the limitation in Clause 24.3, the Buyer shall:

11.5.1 defend the Supplier, its Affiliates and licensors from and against any third-party claim:

- (a) alleging that any use of the Services by or on behalf of the Buyer and/or Buyer Users is in breach of applicable Law;
- (b) alleging that the Buyer Data violates, infringes or misappropriates any rights of a third party;
- (c) arising from the Supplier's use of the Buyer Data in accordance with this Call-Off Contract; and

11.5.2 in addition to defending in accordance with Clause 11.5.1, the Buyer will pay the amount of Losses awarded in final judgment against the Supplier or the amount of any settlement agreed by the Buyer, provided that the Buyer's obligations under this Clause 11.5 shall not apply where and to the extent such Losses or third-party claim is caused by the Supplier's breach of this Contract.

11.6 The Supplier will, on written demand, fully indemnify the Buyer for all Losses which it may incur at any time from any claim of infringement or alleged infringement of a third party's IPRs because of the:

11.6.1 rights granted to the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract

11.6.2 Supplier's performance of the Services

11.6.3 use by the Buyer of the Services

11.7 If an IPR Claim is made, or is likely to be made, the Supplier will immediately notify the Buyer in writing and must at its own expense after written approval from the Buyer, either:

11.7.1 modify the relevant part of the Services without reducing its functionality or performance

11.7.2 substitute Services of equivalent functionality and performance, to avoid the infringement or the alleged infringement, as long as there is no additional cost or burden to the Buyer

11.7.3 buy a licence to use and supply the Services which are the subject of the alleged infringement, on terms acceptable to the Buyer

11.8 Clause 11.6 will not apply if the IPR Claim is from:

11.8.1 the use of data supplied by the Buyer which the Supplier isn't required to verify under this Call-Off Contract

11.8.2 other material provided by the Buyer necessary for the Services

11.9 If the Supplier does not comply with this clause 11, the Buyer may End this Call-Off Contract for Material Breach. The Supplier will, on demand, refund the Buyer all the money paid for the affected Services.

## 12. Protection of information

12.1 The Supplier must:

12.1.1 comply with the Buyer's written instructions and this Call-Off Contract when Processing Buyer Personal Data

12.1.2 only Process the Buyer Personal Data as necessary for the provision of the G-Cloud Services or as required by Law or any Regulatory Body

12.1.3 take reasonable steps to ensure that any Supplier Staff who have access to Buyer Personal Data act in compliance with Supplier's security processes

12.2 The Supplier must fully assist with any complaint or request for Buyer Personal Data including by:

12.2.1 providing the Buyer with full details of the complaint or request

12.2.2 complying with a data access request within the timescales in the Data Protection Legislation and following the Buyer's instructions

12.2.3 providing the Buyer with any Buyer Personal Data it holds about a Data Subject  
(within the timescales required by the Buyer)

12.2.4 providing the Buyer with any information requested by the Data Subject

12.3 The Supplier must get prior written consent from the Buyer to transfer Buyer Personal Data to any other person (including any Subcontractors) for the provision of the G-Cloud Services.

## 13. Buyer data

13.1 The Supplier must not remove any proprietary notices in the Buyer Data.

13.2 The Supplier will not store or use Buyer Data except if necessary to fulfil its obligations.

13.3 If Buyer Data is processed by the Supplier, the Supplier will supply the data to the Buyer as requested.

13.4 The Supplier must ensure that any Supplier system that holds any Buyer Data is a secure system that complies with the Supplier's and Buyer's security policies and all Buyer requirements in the Order Form.

13.5 The Supplier will preserve the integrity of Buyer Data processed by the Supplier and prevent its corruption and loss.

13.6 The Supplier will ensure that any Supplier system which holds any protectively marked Buyer Data or other government data will comply with:

13.6.1 the principles in the Security Policy Framework:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-policy-framework> and the Government Security Classification policy:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-securityclassifications>

13.6.2 guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure on Risk Management:

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/content/adopt-risk-managementapproach> and

Protection of Sensitive Information and Assets:

<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/protection-sensitive-information-and-assets>

13.6.3 the National Cyber Security Centre's (NCSC) information risk management guidance: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/risk-management-collection>

13.6.4 government best practice in the design and implementation of system components, including network principles, security design principles for digital services and the secure email blueprint:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technologycode-of-practice/technology-code-of-practice>

13.6.5 the security requirements of cloud services using the NCSC Cloud Security Principles and accompanying guidance:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/implementing-cloud-security-principles>

13.6.6 Buyer requirements in respect of AI ethical standards.

13.7 The Buyer will specify any security requirements for this project in the Order Form.

13.8 If the Supplier suspects that the Buyer Data has or may become corrupted, lost, breached or significantly degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier will notify the Buyer immediately and will (at its own cost if corruption, loss, breach or degradation of the Buyer Data was caused by the action or omission of the Supplier) comply with any remedial action reasonably proposed by the Buyer.

13.9 The Supplier agrees to use the appropriate organisational, operational and technological processes to keep the Buyer Data safe from unauthorised use or access, loss, destruction, theft or disclosure.

13.10 The provisions of this clause 13 will apply during the term of this Call-Off Contract and for as long as the Supplier holds the Buyer's Data.

## 14. Standards and quality

14.1 The Supplier will comply with any standards in this Call-Off Contract, the Order Form and the Framework Agreement.

14.2 The Supplier will deliver the Services in a way that enables the Buyer to comply with its obligations under the Technology Code of Practice, which is at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technology-code-of-practice/technology-code-of-practice>

- 14.3 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier must, at its own cost, ensure that the G-Cloud Services comply with the requirements in the PSN Code of Practice.
- 14.4 If any PSN Services are Subcontracted by the Supplier, the Supplier must ensure that the services have the relevant PSN compliance certification.
- 14.5 The Supplier must immediately disconnect its G-Cloud Services from the PSN if the PSN Authority considers there is a risk to the PSN's security and the Supplier agrees that the Buyer and the PSN Authority will not be liable for any actions, damages, costs, and any other Supplier liabilities which may arise.

## 15. Open source

- 15.1 All software created for the Buyer must be suitable for publication as open source, unless otherwise agreed by the Buyer.
- 15.2 If software needs to be converted before publication as open source, the Supplier must also provide the converted format unless otherwise agreed by the Buyer.

## 16. Security

- 16.1 If requested to do so by the Buyer, before entering into this Call-Off Contract the Supplier will, within 15 Working Days of the date of this Call-Off Contract, develop (and obtain the Buyer's written approval of) a Security Management Plan and an Information Security Management System. After Buyer approval the Security Management Plan and Information Security Management System will apply during the Term of this Call-Off Contract. Both plans will comply with the Buyer's security policy and protect all aspects and processes associated with the delivery of the Services.
- 16.2 The Supplier will use all reasonable endeavours, software and the most up-to-date antivirus definitions available from an industry-accepted antivirus software seller to minimise the impact of Malicious Software.
- 16.3 If Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Service Data, the Supplier will help the Buyer to mitigate any losses and restore the Services to operating efficiency as soon as possible.
- 16.4 Responsibility for costs will be at the:
- 16.4.1 Supplier's expense if the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier software or the Service Data while the Service Data was under the control of the Supplier, unless the Supplier can demonstrate that it was already present, not quarantined or identified by the Buyer when provided



16.4.2 Buyer's expense if the Malicious Software originates from the Buyer software or the Service Data, while the Service Data was under the Buyer's control

16.5 The Supplier will immediately notify the Buyer of any breach of security of Buyer's Confidential Information. Where the breach occurred because of a Supplier Default, the Supplier will recover the Buyer's Confidential Information however it may be recorded.

16.6 Any system development by the Supplier should also comply with the government's '10 Steps to Cyber Security' guidance:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/10-steps-cyber-security>

16.7 If a Buyer has requested in the Order Form that the Supplier has a Cyber Essentials certificate, the Supplier must provide the Buyer with a valid Cyber Essentials certificate (or equivalent) required for the Services before the Start date.

## 17. Guarantee

17.1 If this Call-Off Contract is conditional on receipt of a Guarantee that is acceptable to the Buyer, the Supplier must give the Buyer on or before the Start date:

17.1.1 an executed Guarantee in the form at Schedule 5

17.1.2 a certified copy of the passed resolution or board minutes of the guarantor approving the execution of the Guarantee

## 18. Ending the Call-Off Contract

18.1 The Buyer can End this Call-Off Contract at any time by giving 30 days' written notice to the Supplier, unless a shorter period is specified in the Order Form. The Supplier's obligation to provide the Services will end on the date in the notice.

18.2 The Parties agree that the:

18.2.1 Buyer's right to End the Call-Off Contract under clause 18.1 is reasonable considering the type of cloud Service being provided

18.2.2 Call-Off Contract Charges paid during the notice period are reasonable compensation and cover all the Supplier's avoidable costs or Losses

18.3 Subject to clause 24 (Liability), if the Buyer Ends this Call-Off Contract under clause 18.1, it will indemnify the Supplier against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which result in any unavoidable Loss by the Supplier, provided that the Supplier takes all reasonable steps to mitigate the Loss. If the Supplier has insurance, the Supplier will reduce its unavoidable costs by any insurance sums available. The Supplier will submit a fully itemised and costed list of the unavoidable Loss with supporting evidence.

- 18.4 The Buyer will have the right to End this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier if either the Supplier commits:
- 18.4.1 a Supplier Default and if the Supplier Default cannot, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, be remedied
- 18.4.2 any fraud
- 18.5 A Party can End this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice if:
- 18.5.1 the other Party commits a Material Breach of any term of this Call-Off Contract (other than failure to pay any amounts due) and, if that breach is remediable, fails to remedy it within 15 Working Days of being notified in writing to do so
- 18.5.2 an Insolvency Event of the other Party happens
- 18.5.3 the other Party ceases or threatens to cease to carry on the whole or any material part of its business
- 18.6 If the Buyer fails to pay the Supplier undisputed sums of money when due, the Supplier must notify the Buyer and allow the Buyer 5 Working Days to pay. If the Buyer doesn't pay within 5 Working Days, the Supplier may End this Call-Off Contract by giving the length of notice in the Order Form.
- 18.7 A Party who isn't relying on a Force Majeure event will have the right to End this Call-Off Contract if clause 23.1 applies.

## 19. Consequences of suspension, ending and expiry

- 19.1 If a Buyer has the right to End a Call-Off Contract, it may elect to suspend this Call-Off Contract or any part of it.
- 19.2 Even if a notice has been served to End this Call-Off Contract or any part of it, the Supplier must continue to provide the ordered G-Cloud Services until the dates set out in the notice.
- 19.3 The rights and obligations of the Parties will cease on the Expiry Date or End Date (whichever applies) of this Call-Off Contract, except those continuing provisions described in clause 19.4.
- 19.4 Ending or expiry of this Call-Off Contract will not affect:
- 19.4.1 any rights, remedies or obligations accrued before its Ending or expiration
- 19.4.2 the right of either Party to recover any amount outstanding at the time of Ending or expiry
- 19.4.3 the continuing rights, remedies or obligations of the Buyer or the Supplier under clauses

- 7 (Payment, VAT and Call-Off Contract charges)
- 8 (Recovery of sums due and right of set-off)
- 9 (Insurance)
- 10 (Confidentiality)
- 11 (Intellectual property rights)
- 12 (Protection of information)
- 13 (Buyer data)
- 19 (Consequences of suspension, ending and expiry)
- 24 (Liability); and incorporated Framework Agreement clauses: 4.1 to 4.6, (Liability),  
24 (Conflicts of interest and ethical walls), 35 (Waiver and cumulative remedies)

19.4.4 any other provision of the Framework Agreement or this Call-Off Contract which expressly or by implication is in force even if it Ends or expires.

19.5 At the end of the Call-Off Contract Term, the Supplier must promptly:

- 19.5.1 return all Buyer Data including all copies of Buyer software, code and any other software licensed by the Buyer to the Supplier under it
- 19.5.2 return any materials created by the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract if the IPRs are owned by the Buyer
- 19.5.3 stop using the Buyer Data and, at the direction of the Buyer, provide the Buyer with a complete and uncorrupted version in electronic form in the formats and on media agreed with the Buyer
- 19.5.4 destroy all copies of the Buyer Data when they receive the Buyer's written instructions to do so or 12 calendar months after the End or Expiry Date, and provide written confirmation to the Buyer that the data has been securely destroyed, except if the retention of Buyer Data is required by Law
- 19.5.5 work with the Buyer on any ongoing work
- 19.5.6 return any sums prepaid for Services which have not been delivered to the Buyer, within 10 Working Days of the End or Expiry Date
- 19.6 Each Party will return all of the other Party's Confidential Information and confirm this has been done, unless there is a legal requirement to keep it or this Call-Off Contract states otherwise.
- 19.7 All licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Buyer to the Supplier will cease at the end of the Call-Off Contract Term without the need for the Buyer to serve notice except if this Call-Off Contract states otherwise.

## 20. Notices

20.1 Any notices sent must be in writing. For the purpose of this clause, an email is accepted as being 'in writing'.

- Manner of delivery: email
- Deemed time of delivery: 9am on the first Working Day after sending
- Proof of service: Sent in an emailed letter in PDF format to the correct email address without any error message

20.2 This clause does not apply to any legal action or other method of dispute resolution which should be sent to the addresses in the Order Form (other than a dispute notice under this Call-Off Contract).

## 21. Exit plan

21.1 The Supplier must provide an exit plan in its Application which ensures continuity of service and the Supplier will follow it.

21.2 When requested, the Supplier will help the Buyer to migrate the Services to a replacement supplier in line with the exit plan. This will be at the Supplier's own expense if the Call-Off Contract Ended before the Expiry Date due to Supplier cause.

21.3 If the Buyer has reserved the right in the Order Form to extend the Call-Off Contract Term beyond 36 months the Supplier must provide the Buyer with an additional exit plan for approval by the Buyer at least 8 weeks before the 30 month anniversary of the Start date.

21.4 The Supplier must ensure that the additional exit plan clearly sets out the Supplier's methodology for achieving an orderly transition of the Services from the Supplier to the Buyer or its replacement Supplier at the expiry of the proposed extension period or if the contract Ends during that period.

21.5 Before submitting the additional exit plan to the Buyer for approval, the Supplier will work with the Buyer to ensure that the additional exit plan is aligned with the Buyer's own exit plan and strategy.

21.6 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer's right to take the Term beyond 36 months is subject to the Buyer's own governance process. Where the Buyer is a central government department, this includes the need to obtain approval from GDS under the Spend Controls process. The approval to extend will only be given if the Buyer can clearly demonstrate that the Supplier's additional exit plan ensures that:

21.6.1 the Buyer will be able to transfer the Services to a replacement supplier before the expiry or Ending of the period on terms that are commercially reasonable and acceptable to the Buyer

21.6.2 there will be no adverse impact on service continuity

21.6.3 there is no vendor lock-in to the Supplier's Service at exit

21.6.4 it enables the Buyer to meet its obligations under the Technology Code Of Practice

21.7 If approval is obtained by the Buyer to extend the Term, then the Supplier will comply with its obligations in the additional exit plan.

21.8 The additional exit plan must set out full details of timescales, activities and roles and responsibilities of the Parties for:

21.8.1 the transfer to the Buyer of any technical information, instructions, manuals and code reasonably required by the Buyer to enable a smooth migration from the Supplier

21.8.2 the strategy for exportation and migration of Buyer Data from the Supplier system to the Buyer or a replacement supplier, including conversion to open standards or other standards required by the Buyer

21.8.3 the transfer of Project Specific IPR items and other Buyer customisations, configurations and databases to the Buyer or a replacement supplier

21.8.4 the testing and assurance strategy for exported Buyer Data

21.8.5 if relevant, TUPE-related activity to comply with the TUPE regulations

21.8.6 any other activities and information which is reasonably required to ensure continuity of Service during the exit period and an orderly transition

## 22. Handover to replacement supplier

22.1 At least 10 Working Days before the Expiry Date or End Date, the Supplier must provide any:

22.1.1 data (including Buyer Data), Buyer Personal Data and Buyer Confidential Information in the Supplier's possession, power or control

22.1.2 other information reasonably requested by the Buyer

22.2 On reasonable notice at any point during the Term, the Supplier will provide any information and data about the G-Cloud Services reasonably requested by the Buyer (including information on volumes, usage, technical aspects, service performance and staffing). This will help the Buyer understand how the Services have been provided and to run a fair competition for a new supplier.

22.3 This information must be accurate and complete in all material respects and the level of detail must be sufficient to reasonably enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for

replacement services and not be unfairly disadvantaged compared to the Supplier in the buying process.

## 23. Force majeure

- 23.1 If a Force Majeure event prevents a Party from performing its obligations under this Call-Off Contract for more than 30 consecutive days, the other Party may End this Call-Off Contract with immediate effect by written notice.

## 24. Liability

- 24.1 Subject to incorporated Framework Agreement clauses 4.1 to 4.6, each Party's Yearly total liability for Defaults under or in connection with this Call-Off Contract shall not exceed the greater of five hundred thousand pounds (£500,000) or one hundred and twenty-five per cent (125%) of the Charges paid and/or committed to be paid in that Year (or such greater sum (if any) as may be specified in the Order Form).
- 24.2 Notwithstanding Clause 24.1 but subject to Framework Agreement clauses 4.1 to 4.6, the Supplier's liability:
- 24.2.1 pursuant to the indemnities in Clauses 7, 10, 11 and 29 shall be unlimited; and
- 24.2.2 in respect of Losses arising from breach of the Data Protection Legislation shall be as set out in Framework Agreement clause 28.
- 24.3 Notwithstanding Clause 24.1 but subject to Framework Agreement clauses 4.1 to 4.6, the Buyer's liability pursuant to Clause 11.5.2 shall in no event exceed in aggregate five million pounds (£5,000,000).
- 24.4 When calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 24.1 any items specified in Clause 24.2 will not be taken into consideration.

## 25. Premises

- 25.1 If either Party uses the other Party's premises, that Party is liable for all loss or damage it causes to the premises. It is responsible for repairing any damage to the premises or any objects on the premises, other than fair wear and tear.
- 25.2 The Supplier will use the Buyer's premises solely for the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.
- 25.3 The Supplier will vacate the Buyer's premises when the Call-Off Contract Ends or expires.

- 25.4 This clause does not create a tenancy or exclusive right of occupation.
- 25.5 While on the Buyer's premises, the Supplier will:
- 25.5.1 comply with any security requirements at the premises and not do anything to weaken the security of the premises
  - 25.5.2 comply with Buyer requirements for the conduct of personnel
  - 25.5.3 comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Buyer
  - 25.5.4 immediately notify the Buyer of any incident on the premises that causes any damage to Property which could cause personal injury
- 25.6 The Supplier will ensure that its health and safety policy statement (as required by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974) is made available to the Buyer on request.

## 26. Equipment

- 26.1 The Supplier is responsible for providing any Equipment which the Supplier requires to provide the Services.
- 26.2 Any Equipment brought onto the premises will be at the Supplier's own risk and the Buyer will have no liability for any loss of, or damage to, any Equipment.
- 26.3 When the Call-Off Contract Ends or expires, the Supplier will remove the Equipment and any other materials leaving the premises in a safe and clean condition.

## 27. The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

- 27.1 Except as specified in clause 29.8, a person who isn't Party to this Call-Off Contract has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of its terms. This does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise.

## 28. Environmental requirements

- 28.1 The Buyer will provide a copy of its environmental policy to the Supplier on request, which the Supplier will comply with.
- 28.2 The Supplier must provide reasonable support to enable Buyers to work in an environmentally friendly way, for example by helping them recycle or lower their carbon footprint.

## 29. The Employment Regulations (TUPE)

29.1 The Supplier agrees that if the Employment Regulations apply to this Call-Off Contract on the Start date then it must comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations and (if applicable) New Fair Deal (including entering into an Admission Agreement) and will indemnify the Buyer or any Former Supplier for any loss arising from any failure to comply.

29.2 Twelve months before this Call-Off Contract expires, or after the Buyer has given notice to End it, and within 28 days of the Buyer's request, the Supplier will fully and accurately disclose to the Buyer all staff information including, but not limited to, the total number of staff assigned for the purposes of TUPE to the Services. For each person identified the Supplier must provide details of:

- 29.2.1 the activities they perform
- 29.2.2 age
- 29.2.3 start date
- 29.2.4 place of work
- 29.2.5 notice period
- 29.2.6 redundancy payment entitlement
- 29.2.7 salary, benefits and pension entitlements
- 29.2.8 employment status
- 29.2.9 identity of employer
- 29.2.10 working arrangements

29. 2.11 outstanding liabilities

- 29.2.12 sickness absence
- 29.2.13 copies of all relevant employment contracts and related documents
- 29.2.14 all information required under regulation 11 of TUPE or as reasonably requested by the Buyer

The Supplier warrants the accuracy of the information provided under this TUPE clause and will notify the Buyer of any changes to the amended information as soon as reasonably possible. The Supplier will permit the Buyer to use and disclose the information to any prospective Replacement Supplier.

29.3 In the 12 months before the expiry of this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier will not change the identity and number of staff assigned to the Services (unless reasonably requested by the Buyer) or their terms and conditions, other than in the ordinary course of business.



- 29.4 The Supplier will co-operate with the re-tendering of this Call-Off Contract by allowing the Replacement Supplier to communicate with and meet the affected employees or their representatives.
- 29.5 The Supplier will indemnify the Buyer or any Replacement Supplier for all Loss arising from both:
- 29.5.1 its failure to comply with the provisions of this clause
  - 29.5.2 any claim by any employee or person claiming to be an employee (or their employee representative) of the Supplier which arises or is alleged to arise from any act or omission by the Supplier on or before the date of the Relevant Transfer
- 29.6 The provisions of this clause apply during the Term of this Call-Off Contract and indefinitely after it Ends or expires.
- 29.7 For these TUPE clauses, the relevant third party will be able to enforce its rights under this clause but their consent will not be required to vary these clauses as the Buyer and Supplier may agree.

## 30. Additional G-Cloud services

- 30.1 The Buyer may require the Supplier to provide Additional Services. The Buyer doesn't have to buy any Additional Services from the Supplier and can buy services that are the same as or similar to the Additional Services from any third party.
- 30.2 If reasonably requested to do so by the Buyer in the Order Form, the Supplier must provide and monitor performance of the Additional Services using an Implementation Plan.

## 31. Collaboration

- 31.1 If the Buyer has specified in the Order Form that it requires the Supplier to enter into a Collaboration Agreement, the Supplier must give the Buyer an executed Collaboration Agreement before the Start date.
- 31.2 In addition to any obligations under the Collaboration Agreement, the Supplier must:
- 31.2.1 work proactively and in good faith with each of the Buyer's contractors
  - 31.2.2 co-operate and share information with the Buyer's contractors to enable the efficient operation of the Buyer's ICT services and G-Cloud Services

## 32. Variation process

- 32.1 The Buyer can request in writing a change to this Call-Off Contract if it isn't a material change to the Framework Agreement/or this Call-Off Contract. Once implemented, it is called a Variation.
- 32.2 The Supplier must notify the Buyer immediately in writing of any proposed changes to their G-Cloud Services or their delivery by submitting a Variation request. This includes any changes in the Supplier's supply chain.
- 32.3 If Either Party can't agree to or provide the Variation, the Buyer may agree to continue performing its obligations under this Call-Off Contract without the Variation, or End this CallOff Contract by giving 30 days notice to the Supplier.

## 33. Data Protection Legislation (GDPR)

- 33.1 Pursuant to clause 2.1 and for the avoidance of doubt, clause 28 of the Framework Agreement is incorporated into this Call-Off Contract. For reference, the appropriate UK GDPR templates which are required to be completed in accordance with clause 28 are reproduced in this Call-Off Contract document at Schedule 7.

## Schedule 1: Services

To be added in agreement between the Buyer and Supplier, and will be G-Cloud Services the Supplier is capable of providing through the Digital Marketplace.

Service ID: 980473759302196

### Service Description:

Kin+Carta designs, builds, and runs Google Generative AI platforms using Vertex AI Search and Conversation. We help you establish your vision and strategy for generative AI use cases, designing a modern AI architecture that makes use of Google technologies to help you create new generative AI powered products and services.

### Link to Service Description:

<https://redirect.contractawardservice.crowncommercial.gov.uk/g-cloud/services?id=980473759302196>

### Link to Service Definition:

<https://assets.applytosupply.digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk/g-cloud-13/documents/700470/980473759302196-service-definition-document-2023-11-08-1703.pdf>

## Summary of Services

### Overview

GDS requires services to support ongoing maintenance and improvement of its Google Vertex AI Search and Conversation-based search on GOV.UK.

To meet the requirement, we will provide a team to supply the following services:

- Enabling and testing features that could make it easier for users to interact with search e.g. autocomplete, snippets, extractive answers
- Associated search UI changes, working with GOV.UK design roles
- Automated AB testing to prove benefit
- Deployment
- Ongoing maintenance

We will ensure knowledge transfer through pairing work, and 1 to 1 sessions with GOV.UK developers, and ad hoc knowledge sharing workshops with other teams.

We will monitor the performance of the service and run automated tests to check results quality.

## Schedule 2: Call-Off Contract charges

For each individual Service, the applicable Call-Off Contract Charges (in accordance with the

Supplier's Platform pricing document) can't be amended during the term of the Call-Off Contract. The detailed Charges breakdown for the provision of Services during the Term will include:



## Schedule 3: Collaboration agreement NOT USED

### 1. Definitions and interpretation

#### 1.1 As used in this Agreement, the capitalised expressions will have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

1.1.1 “Agreement” means this collaboration agreement, containing the Clauses and Schedules

1.1.2 “Call-Off Contract” means each contract that is let by the Buyer to one of the Collaboration Suppliers

1.1.3 “Contractor’s Confidential Information” has the meaning set out in the Call-Off Contracts

1.1.4 “Confidential Information” means the Buyer Confidential Information or any Collaboration Supplier’s Confidential Information

1.1.5 “Collaboration Activities” means the activities set out in this Agreement

1.1.6 “Buyer Confidential Information” has the meaning set out in the Call-Off Contract

1.1.7 “Default” means any breach of the obligations of any Collaboration Supplier or any Default, act, omission, negligence or statement of any Collaboration Supplier, its employees, servants, agents or subcontractors in connection with or in relation to the subject matter of this Agreement and in respect of which such Collaboration Supplier is liable (by way of indemnity or otherwise) to the other parties 1.1.8 “Detailed Collaboration Plan” has the meaning given in clause 3.2

1.1.9 “Dispute Resolution Process” means the process described in clause 9

1.1.10 “Effective Date” means [insert date]

1.1.11 “Force Majeure Event” has the meaning given in clause 11.1.1

1.1.12 “Mediator” has the meaning given to it in clause 9.3.1

1.1.13 “Outline Collaboration Plan” has the meaning given to it in clause 3.1

1.1.14 “Term” has the meaning given to it in clause 2.1

1.1.15 “Working Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales

#### 1.2 General

1.2.1 As used in this Agreement the:

1.2.1.1 masculine includes the feminine and the neuter

1.2.1.2 singular includes the plural and the other way round

1.2.1.3 A reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other similar instrument will be viewed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended by any subsequent statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument or as contained in any subsequent reenactment.

1.2.2 Headings are included in this Agreement for ease of reference only and will not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

1.2.3 References to Clauses and Schedules are, unless otherwise provided, references to clauses of and schedules to this Agreement.

1.2.4 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all remedies available to any party under this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately and the exercise of any one remedy will not exclude the exercise of any other remedy.

1.2.5 The party receiving the benefit of an indemnity under this Agreement will use its reasonable endeavours to mitigate its loss covered by the indemnity.

## 2. Term of the agreement

- 2.1 This Agreement will come into force on the Effective Date and, unless earlier terminated in accordance with clause 10, will expire 6 months after the expiry or termination (however arising) of the exit period of the last Call-Off Contract (the "Term").
- 2.2 A Collaboration Supplier's duty to perform the Collaboration Activities will continue until the end of the exit period of its last relevant Call-Off Contract.

## 3. Provision of the collaboration plan

- 3.1 The Collaboration Suppliers will, within 2 weeks (or any longer period as notified by the Buyer in writing) of the Effective Date, provide to the Buyer detailed proposals for the Collaboration Activities they require from each other (the "Outline Collaboration Plan").
- 3.2 Within 10 Working Days (or any other period as agreed in writing by the Buyer and the Collaboration Suppliers) of [receipt of the proposals] or [the Effective Date], the Buyer will prepare a plan for the Collaboration Activities (the "Detailed Collaboration Plan"). The Detailed Collaboration Plan will include full details of the activities and interfaces that involve all of the Collaboration Suppliers to ensure the receipt of the services under each

Collaboration Supplier's respective [contract] [Call-Off Contract], by the Buyer. The Detailed Collaboration Plan will be based on the Outline Collaboration Plan and will be submitted to the Collaboration Suppliers for approval.

3.3 The Collaboration Suppliers will provide the help the Buyer needs to prepare the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

3.4 The Collaboration Suppliers will, within 10 Working Days of receipt of the Detailed Collaboration Plan, either:

3.4.1 approve the Detailed Collaboration Plan

3.4.2 reject the Detailed Collaboration Plan, giving reasons for the rejection

3.5 The Collaboration Suppliers may reject the Detailed Collaboration Plan under clause 3.4.2 only if it is not consistent with their Outline Collaboration Plan in that it imposes additional, more onerous, obligations on them.

3.6 If the parties fail to agree the Detailed Collaboration Plan under clause 3.4, the dispute will be resolved using the Dispute Resolution Process.

## 4. Collaboration activities

4.1 The Collaboration Suppliers will perform the Collaboration Activities and all other obligations of this Agreement in accordance with the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

4.2 The Collaboration Suppliers will provide all additional cooperation and assistance as is reasonably required by the Buyer to ensure the continuous delivery of the services under the Call-Off Contract.

4.3 The Collaboration Suppliers will ensure that their respective subcontractors provide all cooperation and assistance as set out in the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

## 5. Invoicing

5.1 If any sums are due under this Agreement, the Collaboration Supplier responsible for paying the sum will pay within 30 Working Days of receipt of a valid invoice.

5.2 Interest will be payable on any late payments under this Agreement under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended.

## 6. Confidentiality

6.1 Without prejudice to the application of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 to any Confidential Information, the Collaboration Suppliers acknowledge that any Confidential

Information obtained from or relating to the Crown, its servants or agents is the property of the Crown.

6.2 Each Collaboration Supplier warrants that:

6.2.1 any person employed or engaged by it (in connection with this Agreement in the course of such employment or engagement) will only use Confidential Information for the purposes of this Agreement

6.2.2 any person employed or engaged by it (in connection with this Agreement) will not disclose any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the other party

6.2.3 it will take all necessary precautions to ensure that all Confidential Information is treated as confidential and not disclosed (except as agreed) or used other than for the purposes of this Agreement by its employees, servants, agents or subcontractors

6.2.4 neither it nor any person engaged by it, whether as a servant or a consultant or otherwise, will use the Confidential Information for the solicitation of business from the other or from the other party's servants or consultants or otherwise

6.3 The provisions of clauses 6.1 and 6.2 will not apply to any information which is:

6.3.1 or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause 6

6.3.2 in the possession of the receiving party without restriction in relation to disclosure before the date of receipt from the disclosing party

6.3.3 received from a third party who lawfully acquired it and who is under no obligation restricting its disclosure

6.3.4 independently developed without access to the Confidential Information

6.3.5 required to be disclosed by law or by any judicial, arbitral, regulatory or other authority of competent jurisdiction

6.4 The Buyer's right, obligations and liabilities in relation to using and disclosing any Collaboration Supplier's Confidential Information provided under this Agreement and the Collaboration Supplier's right, obligations and liabilities in relation to using and disclosing any of the Buyer's Confidential Information provided under this Agreement, will be as set out in the [relevant contract] [Call-Off Contract].

## 7. Warranties

7.1 Each Collaboration Supplier warrant and represent that:

7.1.1 it has full capacity and authority and all necessary consents (including but not limited to, if its processes require, the consent of its parent company) to enter into and to



perform this Agreement and that this Agreement is executed by an authorised representative of the Collaboration Supplier

7.1.2 its obligations will be performed by appropriately experienced, qualified and trained personnel with all due skill, care and diligence including but not limited to good industry practice and (without limiting the generality of this clause 7) in accordance with its own established internal processes

7.2 Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, all warranties and conditions, whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise (including but not limited to fitness for purpose) are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

## 8. Limitation of liability

8.1 None of the parties exclude or limit their liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence, or for any breach of any obligations implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982.

8.2 Nothing in this Agreement will exclude or limit the liability of any party for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

8.3 Subject always to clauses 8.1 and 8.2, the liability of the Buyer to any Collaboration Suppliers for all claims (by way of indemnity or otherwise) arising whether in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (other than if made fraudulently), breach of statutory duty or otherwise under this Agreement (excluding Clause 6.4, which will be subject to the limitations of liability set out in the relevant Contract) will be limited to [(£,000)].

8.4 Subject always to clauses 8.1 and 8.2, the liability of each Collaboration Supplier for all claims (by way of indemnity or otherwise) arising whether in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (other than if made fraudulently), breach of statutory duty or otherwise under this Agreement will be limited to [Buyer to specify].

8.5 Subject always to clauses 8.1, 8.2 and 8.6 and except in respect of liability under clause 6 (excluding clause 6.4, which will be subject to the limitations of liability set out in the [relevant contract] [Call-Off Contract]), in no event will any party be liable to any other for:

8.5.1 indirect loss or damage

8.5.2 special loss or damage

8.5.3 consequential loss or damage

8.5.4 loss of profits (whether direct or indirect)

8.5.5 loss of turnover (whether direct or indirect)

8.5.6 loss of business opportunities (whether direct or indirect)

8.5.7 damage to goodwill (whether direct or indirect)

8.6 Subject always to clauses 8.1 and 8.2, the provisions of clause 8.5 will not be taken as limiting the right of the Buyer to among other things, recover as a direct loss any:

8.6.1 additional operational or administrative costs and expenses arising from a Collaboration Supplier's Default

8.6.2 wasted expenditure or charges rendered unnecessary or incurred by the Buyer arising from a Collaboration Supplier's Default

## 9. Dispute resolution process

9.1 All disputes between any of the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be referred, by any party involved in the dispute, to the representatives of the parties specified in the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

9.2 If the dispute cannot be resolved by the parties' representatives nominated under clause 9.1 within a maximum of 5 Working Days (or any other time agreed in writing by the parties) after it has been referred to them under clause 9.1, then except if a party seeks urgent injunctive relief, the parties will refer it to mediation under the process set out in clause 9.3 unless the Buyer considers (acting reasonably and considering any objections to mediation raised by the other parties) that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation.

9.3 The process for mediation and consequential provisions for mediation are:

9.3.1 a neutral adviser or mediator will be chosen by agreement between the parties or, if they are unable to agree upon a Mediator within 10 Working Days after a request by one party to the other parties to appoint a Mediator or if the Mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, any party will within 10 Working Days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within 10 Working Days of notice to the parties that he is unable or unwilling to act, apply to the President of the Law Society to appoint a Mediator

9.3.2 the parties will within 10 Working Days of the appointment of the Mediator meet to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure of the negotiations

9.3.3 unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it will be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the parties in any future proceedings

9.3.4 if the parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement will be put in writing and will be binding on the parties once it is signed by their authorised representatives

9.3.5 failing agreement, any of the parties may invite the Mediator to provide a nonbinding but informative opinion in writing. The opinion will be provided on a without prejudice basis and will not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to this Agreement without the prior written consent of all the parties

9.3.6 if the parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 20 Working Days of the Mediator being appointed, or any longer period the parties agree on, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the courts

9.4 The parties must continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement and under their respective Contracts pending the resolution of a dispute.

## 10. Termination and consequences of termination

### 10.1 Termination

10.1.1 The Buyer has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the Collaboration Suppliers whenever the Buyer has the right to terminate a Collaboration Supplier's [respective contract] [Call-Off Contract].

10.1.2 Failure by any of the Collaboration Suppliers to comply with their obligations under this Agreement will constitute a Default under their [relevant contract] [Call-Off Contract]. In this case, the Buyer also has the right to terminate by notice in writing the participation of any Collaboration Supplier to this Agreement and sever its name from the list of Collaboration Suppliers, so that this Agreement will continue to operate between the Buyer and the remaining Collaboration Suppliers.

### 10.2 Consequences of termination

10.2.1 Subject to any other right or remedy of the parties, the Collaboration Suppliers and the Buyer will continue to comply with their respective obligations under the [contracts] [Call-Off Contracts] following the termination (however arising) of this Agreement.

10.2.2 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, termination of this Agreement will be without prejudice to any accrued rights and obligations under this Agreement.

## 11. General provisions

### 11.1 Force majeure

11.1.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, the expression "Force Majeure Event" will mean any cause affecting the performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement arising from acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God, riots, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, acts of government, local government or Regulatory Bodies, fire, flood, storm or earthquake, or disaster but excluding any industrial dispute relating to any party, the party's personnel or any other failure of a Subcontractor.

11.1.2 Subject to the remaining provisions of this clause 11.1, any party to this Agreement may claim relief from liability for non-performance of its obligations to the extent this is due to a Force Majeure Event.

11.1.3 A party cannot claim relief if the Force Majeure Event or its level of exposure to the event is attributable to its wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions against the relevant Force Majeure Event.

11.1.4 The affected party will immediately give the other parties written notice of the Force Majeure Event. The notification will include details of the Force Majeure Event together with evidence of its effect on the obligations of the

affected party, and any action the affected party proposes to take to mitigate its effect.

11.1.5 The affected party will notify the other parties in writing as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the affected party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. Following the notification, this Agreement will continue to be performed on the terms existing immediately before the Force Majeure Event unless agreed otherwise in writing by the parties.

## 11.2 Assignment and subcontracting

11.2.1 Subject to clause 11.2.2, the Collaboration Suppliers will not assign, transfer, novate, sub-license or declare a trust in respect of its rights under all or a part of this Agreement or the benefit or advantage without the prior written consent of the Buyer.

11.2.2 Any subcontractors identified in the Detailed Collaboration Plan can perform those elements identified in the Detailed Collaboration Plan to be performed by the Subcontractors.

## 11.3 Notices

11.3.1 Any notices given under or in relation to this Agreement will be deemed to have been properly delivered if sent by recorded or registered post or by fax and will be deemed for the purposes of this Agreement to have been given or made at the time the letter would, in the ordinary course of post, be delivered or at the time shown on the sender's fax transmission report.

11.3.2 For the purposes of clause 11.3.1, the address of each of the parties are those in the Detailed Collaboration Plan.

## 11.4 Entire agreement

11.4.1 This Agreement, together with the documents and agreements referred to in it, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties in respect of the matters dealt with in it and supersedes any previous agreement between the Parties about this.

11.4.2 Each of the parties agrees that in entering into this Agreement and the documents and agreements referred to in it does not rely on, and will have no remedy in respect of, any statement, representation, warranty or undertaking (whether negligently or innocently made) other than as expressly set out in this Agreement. The only remedy available to each party in respect of any statements, representation, warranty or understanding will be for breach of contract under the terms of this Agreement.

11.4.3 Nothing in this clause 11.4 will exclude any liability for fraud.

#### 11.5 Rights of third parties

Nothing in this Agreement will grant any right or benefit to any person other than the parties or their respective successors in title or assignees, or entitle a third party to enforce any provision and the parties do not intend that any term of this Agreement should be enforceable by a third party by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

#### 11.6 Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, that provision will be severed without effect to the remaining provisions. If a provision of this Agreement that is fundamental to the accomplishment of the purpose of this Agreement is held to any extent to be invalid, the parties will immediately commence good faith negotiations to remedy that invalidity.

#### 11.7 Variations

No purported amendment or variation of this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement will be effective unless it is made in writing by the parties.

#### 11.8 No waiver

The failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, a right, power or remedy provided by this Agreement or by law will not constitute a waiver of that right, power or remedy. If a party waives a breach of any provision of this Agreement this will not operate as a waiver of a subsequent breach of that provision, or as a waiver of a breach of any other provision.

#### 11.9 Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and without prejudice to the Dispute Resolution Process, each party agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Executed and delivered as an agreement by the parties or their duly authorised attorneys the day and year first above written.

**For and on behalf of the Buyer**

Signed by:

Full name (capitals):

Position:

Date:

**For and on behalf of the [Company name]**

Signed by:

Full name (capitals):

Position:

Date:

Collaboration Agreement Schedule 1: List of contracts

Collaboration supplier	Name/reference of contract	Effective date of contract

Collaboration Agreement Schedule 2

**Schedule 4: Alternative clauses NOT USED**

1. Introduction

1.1 This Schedule specifies the alternative clauses that may be requested in the Order Form and, if requested in the Order Form, will apply to this Call-Off Contract.

## 2. Clauses selected

2.1 The Customer may, in the Order Form, request the following alternative Clauses:

2.1.1 Scots Law and Jurisdiction

2.1.2 References to England and Wales in incorporated Framework Agreement clause 15.1 (Law and Jurisdiction) of this Call-Off Contract will be replaced with Scotland and the wording of the Framework Agreement and Call-Off Contract will be interpreted as closely as possible to the original English and Welsh Law intention despite Scots Law applying.

2.1.3 Reference to England and Wales in Working Days definition within the Glossary and interpretations section will be replaced with Scotland.

2.1.4 References to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 will be removed in clause 27.1. Reference to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 within the defined terms for 'FoIA/Freedom of Information Act' to be replaced with Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

2.1.5 Reference to the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 will be removed in incorporated Framework Agreement clause 4.1.

2.1.6 References to "tort" will be replaced with "delict" throughout

2.2 The Customer may, in the Order Form, request the following Alternative Clauses:

2.2.1 Northern Ireland Law (see paragraph 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 of this Schedule)

## 2.3 Discrimination

2.3.1 The Supplier will comply with all applicable fair employment, equality of treatment and anti-discrimination legislation, including, in particular the:

- Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
- Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998
- Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and 1988
- Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
- Equal Pay Act (Northern Ireland) 1970
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

- Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996
- Employment Equality (Age) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006
- Part-time Workers (Prevention of less Favourable Treatment) Regulation 2000
- Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002
- The Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006
- The Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 2004
- Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006
- Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 • Work and Families (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

and will use his best endeavours to ensure that in his employment policies and practices and in the delivery of the services required of the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract he promotes equality of treatment and opportunity between:

- persons of different religious beliefs or political opinions
- men and women or married and unmarried persons
- persons with and without dependants (including women who are pregnant or on maternity leave and men on paternity leave)
- persons of different racial groups (within the meaning of the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997)
- persons with and without a disability (within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995)
- persons of different ages
- persons of differing sexual orientation

2.3.2 The Supplier will take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause 2.3.1 of this Schedule by all Supplier Staff.

## 2.4 Equality policies and practices

2.4.1 The Supplier will introduce and will procure that any Subcontractor will also introduce and implement an equal opportunities policy in accordance with guidance from and to the satisfaction of the Equality Commission. The Supplier will review these policies on a regular basis (and will procure that its Subcontractors do likewise) and the Customer will be entitled to receive upon request a copy of the policy.



2.4.2 The Supplier will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all of the Supplier Staff comply with its equal opportunities policies (referred to in clause 2.3 above). These steps will include:

- a. the issue of written instructions to staff and other relevant persons
- b. the appointment or designation of a senior manager with responsibility for equal opportunities
- c. training of all staff and other relevant persons in equal opportunities and harassment matters
- d. the inclusion of the topic of equality as an agenda item at team, management and staff meetings

The Supplier will procure that its Subcontractors do likewise with their equal opportunities policies.

2.4.3 The Supplier will inform the Customer as soon as possible in the event of:

- A. the Equality Commission notifying the Supplier of an alleged breach by it or any Subcontractor (or any of their shareholders or directors) of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 or
- B. any finding of unlawful discrimination (or any offence under the Legislation mentioned in clause 2.3 above) being made against the Supplier or its Subcontractors during the Call-Off Contract Period by any Industrial or Fair Employment Tribunal or court,

The Supplier will take any necessary steps (including the dismissal or replacement of any relevant staff or Subcontractor(s)) as the Customer directs and will seek the advice of the Equality Commission in order to prevent any offence or repetition of the unlawful discrimination as the case may be.

2.4.4 The Supplier will monitor (in accordance with guidance issued by the Equality Commission) the composition of its workforce and applicants for employment and will provide an annual report on the composition of the workforce and applicants to the Customer. If the monitoring reveals under-representation or lack of fair participation of particular groups, the Supplier will review the operation of its relevant policies and take positive action if appropriate. The Supplier will impose on its Subcontractors obligations similar to those undertaken by it in this clause 2.4 and will procure that those Subcontractors comply with their obligations.

2.4.5 The Supplier will provide any information the Customer requests (including Information requested to be provided by any Subcontractors) for the purpose of assessing the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under clauses 2.4.1 to 2.4.5 of this Schedule.

## 2.5 Equality

2.5.1 The Supplier will, and will procure that each Subcontractor will, in performing its/their obligations under this Call-Off Contract (and other relevant agreements), comply with the provisions of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, as if they were a public authority within the meaning of that section.

2.5.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Customer must, in carrying out its functions, have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity as contemplated by

the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Supplier will use all reasonable endeavours to assist (and to ensure that relevant Subcontractor helps) the Customer in relation to same.

## 2.6 Health and safety

2.6.1 The Supplier will promptly notify the Customer of any health and safety hazards which may arise in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract. The Customer will promptly notify the Supplier of any health and safety hazards which may exist or arise at the Customer premises and which may affect the Supplier in the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract.

2.6.2 While on the Customer premises, the Supplier will comply with any health and safety measures implemented by the Customer in respect of Supplier Staff and other persons working there.

2.6.3 The Supplier will notify the Customer immediately in the event of any incident occurring in the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract on the Customer premises if that incident causes any personal injury or damage to property which could give rise to personal injury.

2.6.4 The Supplier will provide the Customer with the Incident Management Policy, Incident Response Policy and associated processes for review.

2.6.5 The Supplier will comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to Supplier Staff and other persons working on the Customer premises in the performance of its obligations under the Call-Off Contract.

2.6.6 The Supplier will ensure that its health and safety policy statement (as required by the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978) is made available to the Customer on request.

## 2.7 Criminal damage

2.7.1 The Supplier will maintain standards of vigilance and will take all precautions as advised by the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 or as may be recommended by the police or the Northern Ireland Office (or, if replaced, their successors) and will compensate the Customer for any loss arising directly from a breach of this obligation (including any diminution of monies received by the Customer under any insurance policy).

2.7.2 If during the Call-Off Contract Period any assets (or any part thereof) is or are damaged or destroyed by any circumstance giving rise to a claim for compensation under the provisions of the Compensation Order the following provisions of this clause 2.7 will apply.

2.7.3 The Supplier will make (or will procure that the appropriate organisation make) all appropriate claims under the Compensation Order as soon as possible after the CDO Event and will pursue any claim diligently and at its cost. If appropriate, the

Customer will also make and pursue a claim diligently under the Compensation Order. Any appeal against a refusal to meet any claim or against the amount of the award will be at the Customer's cost and the Supplier will (at no additional cost to the Customer) provide any help the Customer reasonably requires with the appeal.

2.7.4 The Supplier will apply any compensation paid under the Compensation Order in respect of damage to the relevant assets towards the repair, reinstatement or replacement of the assets affected.

## Schedule 5: Guarantee NOT USED

[A Guarantee should only be requested if the Supplier's financial standing is not enough on its own to guarantee delivery of the Services. This is a draft form of guarantee which can be used to procure a Call Off Guarantee, and so it will need to be amended to reflect the Beneficiary's requirements]

This deed of guarantee is made on **[insert date, month, year]** between:

- (1) **[Insert the name of the Guarantor]** a company incorporated in England and Wales with number **[insert company number]** whose registered office is at **[insert details of the guarantor's registered office]** [or a company incorporated under the Laws of **[insert country]**, registered in **[insert country]** with number **[insert number]** at **[insert place of registration]**, whose principal office is at **[insert office details]]** ('Guarantor'); in favour of

and

- (2) The Buyer whose offices are **[insert Buyer's official address]** ('Beneficiary') **Whereas:**

- (A) The guarantor has agreed, in consideration of the Buyer entering into the Call-Off Contract with the Supplier, to guarantee all of the Supplier's obligations under the Call-Off Contract.
- (B) It is the intention of the Parties that this document be executed and take effect as a deed.

[Where a deed of guarantee is required, include the wording below and populate the box below with the guarantor company's details. If a deed of guarantee isn't needed then the section below and other references to the guarantee should be deleted.]

Suggested headings are as follows:

- Demands and notices
- Representations and Warranties
- Obligation to enter into a new Contract
- Assignment
- Third Party Rights
- Governing Law
- This Call-Off Contract is conditional upon the provision of a Guarantee to the Buyer from the guarantor in respect of the Supplier.]

<b>Guarantor company</b>	<b>[Enter Company name] 'Guarantor'</b>
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<b>Guarantor company address</b>	[Enter Company address]
<b>Account manager</b>	[Enter Account Manager name]
	Address: [Enter Account Manager address]
	Phone: [Enter Account Manager phone number]
	Email: [Enter Account Manager email]
	Fax: [Enter Account Manager fax if applicable]

In consideration of the Buyer entering into the Call-Off Contract, the Guarantor agrees with the Buyer as follows:

## Definitions and interpretation

In this Deed of Guarantee, unless defined elsewhere in this Deed of Guarantee or the context requires otherwise, defined terms will have the same meaning as they have for the purposes of the Call-Off Contract.

Term	Meaning
<b>Call-Off Contract</b>	Means [the Guaranteed Agreement] made between the Buyer and the Supplier on [insert date].

<b>Guaranteed Obligations</b>	Means all obligations and liabilities of the Supplier to the Buyer under the Call-Off Contract together with all obligations owed by the Supplier to the Buyer that are supplemental to, incurred under, ancillary to or calculated by reference to the Call-Off Contract.
<b>Guarantee</b>	Means the deed of guarantee described in the Order Form (Parent Company Guarantee).

References to this Deed of Guarantee and any provisions of this Deed of Guarantee or to any other document or agreement (including to the Call-Off Contract) apply now, and as amended, varied, restated, supplemented, substituted or novated in the future.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular are to include the plural and vice versa.

References to a person are to be construed to include that person's assignees or transferees or successors in title, whether direct or indirect.

The words 'other' and 'otherwise' are not to be construed as confining the meaning of any following words to the class of thing previously stated if a wider construction is possible.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter
- references to an Act of Parliament, statutory provision or statutory instrument also apply if amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time
- any phrase introduced by the words 'including', 'includes', 'in particular', 'for example' or similar, will be construed as illustrative and without limitation to the generality of the related general words

References to Clauses and Schedules are, unless otherwise provided, references to Clauses of and Schedules to this Deed of Guarantee.

References to liability are to include any liability whether actual, contingent, present or future.

## Guarantee and indemnity

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees that the Supplier duly performs all of the guaranteed obligations due by the Supplier to the Buyer.

If at any time the Supplier will fail to perform any of the guaranteed obligations, the Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to the Buyer it will, at the cost of the Guarantor:

- fully perform or buy performance of the guaranteed obligations to the Buyer

- as a separate and independent obligation and liability, compensate and keep the Buyer compensated against all losses and expenses which may result from a failure by the Supplier to perform the guaranteed obligations under the Call-Off Contract

As a separate and independent obligation and liability, the Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to compensate and keep the Buyer compensated on demand against all losses and expenses of whatever nature, whether arising under statute, contract or at common Law, if any obligation guaranteed by the guarantor is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal as if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal provided that the guarantor's liability will be no greater than the Supplier's liability would have been if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

## Obligation to enter into a new contract

If the Call-Off Contract is terminated or if it is disclaimed by a liquidator of the Supplier or the obligations of the Supplier are declared to be void or voidable, the Guarantor will, at the request of the Buyer, enter into a Contract with the Buyer in the same terms as the Call-Off Contract and the obligations of the Guarantor under such substitute agreement will be the same as if the Guarantor had been original obligor under the Call-Off Contract or under an agreement entered into on the same terms and at the same time as the Call-Off Contract with the Buyer.

## Demands and notices

Any demand or notice served by the Buyer on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee will be in writing, addressed to:

**[Enter Address of the Guarantor in England and Wales]**

**[Enter Email address of the Guarantor representative]**

For the Attention of **[insert details]**

or such other address in England and Wales as the Guarantor has notified the Buyer in writing as being an address for the receipt of such demands or notices.

Any notice or demand served on the Guarantor or the Buyer under this Deed of Guarantee will be deemed to have been served if:

- delivered by hand, at the time of delivery
- posted, at 10am on the second Working Day after it was put into the post
- sent by email, at the time of despatch, if despatched before 5pm on any Working Day, and in any other case at 10am on the next Working Day

In proving Service of a notice or demand on the Guarantor or the Buyer, it will be sufficient to prove that delivery was made, or that the envelope containing the notice or demand was properly

addressed and posted as a prepaid first class recorded delivery letter, or that the fax message was properly addressed and despatched.

Any notice purported to be served on the Buyer under this Deed of Guarantee will only be valid when received in writing by the Buyer.

#### Beneficiary's protections

The Guarantor will not be discharged or released from this Deed of Guarantee by:

- any arrangement made between the Supplier and the Buyer (whether or not such arrangement is made with the assent of the Guarantor)
- any amendment to or termination of the Call-Off Contract
- any forbearance or indulgence as to payment, time, performance or otherwise granted by the Buyer (whether or not such amendment, termination, forbearance or indulgence is made with the assent of the Guarantor)
- the Buyer doing (or omitting to do) anything which, but for this provision, might exonerate the Guarantor

This Deed of Guarantee will be a continuing security for the Guaranteed Obligations and accordingly:

- it will not be discharged, reduced or otherwise affected by any partial performance (except to the extent of such partial performance) by the Supplier of the Guaranteed Obligations or by any omission or delay on the part of the Buyer in exercising its rights under this Deed of Guarantee
- it will not be affected by any dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction, reorganisation, change in status, function, control or ownership, insolvency, liquidation, administration, appointment of a receiver, voluntary arrangement, any legal limitation or other incapacity, of the Supplier, the Buyer, the Guarantor or any other person
- if, for any reason, any of the Guaranteed Obligations is void or unenforceable against the Supplier, the Guarantor will be liable for that purported obligation or liability as if the same

were fully valid and enforceable and the Guarantor were principal debtor

- the rights of the Buyer against the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee are in addition to, will not be affected by and will not prejudice, any other security, guarantee, indemnity or other rights or remedies available to the Buyer

The Buyer will be entitled to exercise its rights and to make demands on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee as often as it wishes. The making of a demand (whether effective, partial or defective) relating to the breach or non-performance by the Supplier of any Guaranteed Obligation will not preclude the Buyer from making a further demand relating to the same or some other Default regarding the same Guaranteed Obligation.

The Buyer will not be obliged before taking steps to enforce this Deed of Guarantee against the Guarantor to:



- obtain judgment against the Supplier or the Guarantor or any third party in any court
- make or file any claim in a bankruptcy or liquidation of the Supplier or any third party
- take any action against the Supplier or the Guarantor or any third party
- resort to any other security or guarantee or other means of payment

No action (or inaction) by the Buyer relating to any such security, guarantee or other means of payment will prejudice or affect the liability of the Guarantor.

The Buyer's rights under this Deed of Guarantee are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights provided by Law. The Buyer's rights may be exercised as often as the Buyer deems expedient. Any waiver by the Buyer of any terms of this Deed of Guarantee, or of any Guaranteed Obligations, will only be effective if given in writing and then only for the purpose and upon the terms and conditions on which it is given.

Any release, discharge or settlement between the Guarantor and the Buyer will be conditional upon no security, disposition or payment to the Buyer by the Guarantor or any other person being void, set aside or ordered to be refunded following any enactment or Law relating to liquidation, administration or insolvency or for any other reason. If such condition will not be fulfilled, the Buyer will be entitled to enforce this Deed of Guarantee subsequently as if such release, discharge or settlement had not occurred and any such payment had not been made. The Buyer will be entitled to retain this security before and after the payment, discharge or satisfaction of all monies, obligations and liabilities that are or may become due owing or incurred to the Buyer from the Guarantor for such period as the Buyer may determine.

## Representations and warranties

The Guarantor hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer that:

- the Guarantor is duly incorporated and is a validly existing company under the Laws of its place of incorporation
- has the capacity to sue or be sued in its own name
- the Guarantor has power to carry on its business as now being conducted and to own its Property and other assets
- the Guarantor has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee and no limitation on the powers of the Guarantor will be exceeded as a result of the Guarantor entering into this Deed of Guarantee
- the execution and delivery by the Guarantor of this Deed of Guarantee and the performance by the Guarantor of its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee including entry into and performance of a Call-Off Contract following Clause 3) have been duly authorised by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene or conflict with:
  - the Guarantor's memorandum and articles of association or other equivalent constitutional documents, any existing Law, statute, rule or Regulation or any judgment, decree or permit to which the Guarantor is subject

- the terms of any agreement or other document to which the Guarantor is a party or which is binding upon it or any of its assets
- all governmental and other authorisations, approvals, licences and consents, required or desirable

This Deed of Guarantee is the legal valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor and is enforceable against the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

## Payments and set-off

All sums payable by the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee will be paid without any set-off, lien or counterclaim, deduction or withholding, except for those required by Law. If any deduction or withholding must be made by Law, the Guarantor will pay that additional amount to ensure that the Buyer receives a net amount equal to the full amount which it would have received if the payment had been made without the deduction or withholding.

The Guarantor will pay interest on any amount due under this Deed of Guarantee at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgment.

The Guarantor will reimburse the Buyer for all legal and other costs (including VAT) incurred by the Buyer in connection with the enforcement of this Deed of Guarantee.

## Guarantor's acknowledgement

The Guarantor warrants, acknowledges and confirms to the Buyer that it has not entered into this Deed of Guarantee in reliance upon the Buyer nor been induced to enter into this Deed of Guarantee by any representation, warranty or undertaking made by, or on behalf of the Buyer, (whether express or implied and whether following statute or otherwise) which is not in this Deed of Guarantee.

## Assignment

The Buyer will be entitled to assign or transfer the benefit of this Deed of Guarantee at any time to any person without the consent of the Guarantor being required and any such assignment or transfer will not release the Guarantor from its liability under this Guarantee.

The Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Deed of Guarantee.

## Severance

If any provision of this Deed of Guarantee is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be severed and the remainder of the

provisions will continue in full force and effect as if this Deed of Guarantee had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

### Third-party rights

A person who is not a Party to this Deed of Guarantee will have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Deed of Guarantee. This Clause does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than following that Act.

### Governing law

This Deed of Guarantee, and any non-Contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it, will be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

The Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Buyer that the courts of England will have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceedings and to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Deed of Guarantee and for such purposes hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts.

Nothing contained in this Clause will limit the rights of the Buyer to take proceedings against the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor will the taking of any such proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not (unless precluded by applicable Law).

The Guarantor irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or in the future to the courts of England being nominated for this Clause on the ground of venue or otherwise and agrees not to claim that any such court is not a convenient or appropriate forum.

[The Guarantor hereby irrevocably designates, appoints and empowers **[enter the Supplier name]** [or a suitable alternative to be agreed if the Supplier's registered office is not in England or Wales] either at its registered office or on fax number **[insert fax number]** from time to time to act as its authorised agent to receive notices, demands, Service of process and any other legal summons in England and Wales for the purposes of any legal action or proceeding brought or to be brought by the Buyer in respect of this Deed of Guarantee. The Guarantor hereby irrevocably consents to the Service of notices and demands, Service of process or any other legal summons served in such way.]

IN WITNESS whereof the Guarantor has caused this instrument to be executed and delivered as a Deed the day and year first before written.

EXECUTED as a DEED by

**[Insert name of the Guarantor]** acting by **[Insert names]**

Director

## Schedule 6: Glossary and interpretations

In this Call-Off Contract the following expressions mean:

Expression	Meaning
<b>Additional Services</b>	Any services ancillary to the G-Cloud Services that are in the scope of Framework Agreement Clause 2 (Services) which a Buyer may request.
<b>Admission Agreement</b>	The agreement to be entered into to enable the Supplier to participate in the relevant Civil Service pension scheme(s).
<b>Application</b>	The response submitted by the Supplier to the Invitation to Tender (known as the Invitation to Apply on the Platform).
<b>Audit</b>	An audit carried out under the incorporated Framework Agreement clauses.
<b>Background IPRs</b>	<p>For each Party, IPRs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>owned by that Party before the date of this Call-Off Contract</li> </ul> <p>(as may be enhanced and/or modified but not as a consequence of the Services) including IPRs contained in any of the Party's Know-How, documentation and processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>created by the Party independently of this Call-Off Contract, or</li> </ul> <p>For the Buyer, Crown Copyright which isn't available to the Supplier otherwise than under this Call-Off Contract, but excluding IPRs owned by that Party in Buyer software or Supplier software.</p>

<b>Buyer</b>	The contracting authority ordering services as set out in the Order Form.
<b>Buyer Data</b>	All data supplied by the Buyer to the Supplier including Personal Data and Service Data that is owned and managed by the Buyer.
<b>Buyer Personal Data</b>	The Personal Data supplied by the Buyer to the Supplier for purposes of, or in connection with, this Call-Off Contract.
<b>Buyer Representative</b>	The representative appointed by the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract.

<b>Buyer Software</b>	Software owned by or licensed to the Buyer (other than under this Agreement), which is or will be used by the Supplier to provide the Services.
<b>Call-Off Contract</b>	This call-off contract entered into following the provisions of the Framework Agreement for the provision of Services made between the Buyer and the Supplier comprising the Order Form, the Call-Off terms and conditions, the Call-Off schedules and the Collaboration Agreement.
<b>Charges</b>	The prices (excluding any applicable VAT), payable to the Supplier by the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract.

<b>Collaboration Agreement</b>	An agreement, substantially in the form set out at Schedule 3, between the Buyer and any combination of the Supplier and contractors, to ensure collaborative working in their delivery of the Buyer's Services and to ensure that the Buyer receives end-to-end services across its IT estate.
<b>Commercially Sensitive Information</b>	Information, which the Buyer has been notified about by the Supplier in writing before the Start date with full details of why the Information is deemed to be commercially sensitive.
<b>Confidential Information</b>	<p>Data, Personal Data and any information, which may include (but isn't limited to) any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• information about business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, know-how, personnel, and third parties, including all Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), together with all information derived from any of the above</li> <li>• other information clearly designated as being confidential or which ought reasonably be considered to be confidential (whether or not it is marked 'confidential').</li> </ul>
<b>Control</b>	'Control' as defined in section 1124 and 450 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. 'Controls' and 'Controlled' will be interpreted accordingly.
<b>Controller</b>	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
<b>Crown</b>	The government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers and government departments and particular bodies, persons, commissions or agencies carrying out functions on its behalf.

<b>Data Loss Event</b>	Event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Call-Off Contract and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Agreement, including any Personal Data Breach.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)</b>	An assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged Processing on the protection of Personal Data.
<b>Data Protection Legislation (DPL)</b>	(i) the UK GDPR 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.
<b>Data Subject</b>	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR
<b>Default</b>	<p>Default is any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breach of the obligations of the Supplier (including any fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term)</li> <li>• other default, negligence or negligent statement of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Staff (whether by act or omission), in connection with or in relation to this Call-Off Contract</li> </ul> <p>Unless otherwise specified in the Framework Agreement the Supplier is liable to CCS for a Default of the Framework Agreement and in relation to a Default of the Call-Off Contract, the Supplier is liable to the Buyer.</p>
<b>DPA 2018</b>	Data Protection Act 2018.
<b>Employment Regulations</b>	The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/246) ('TUPE')
<b>End</b>	Means to terminate; and Ended and Ending are construed accordingly.
<b>Environmental Information Regulations or EIR</b>	<p>The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department about the regulations.</p>

<b>Equipment</b>	The Supplier's hardware, computer and telecoms devices, plant, materials and such other items supplied and used by the Supplier (but not hired, leased or loaned from CCS or the Buyer) in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.
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<b>ESI Reference Number</b>	The 14 digit ESI reference number from the summary of the outcome screen of the ESI tool.
<b>Employment Status Indicator test tool or ESI tool</b>	<p>The HMRC Employment Status Indicator test tool. The most up-to-date version must be used. At the time of drafting the tool may be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-employment-status-fortax">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-employment-status-fortax</a></p>
<b>Expiry Date</b>	The expiry date of this Call-Off Contract in the Order Form.



<b>Force Majeure</b>	<p>A force Majeure event means anything affecting either Party's performance of their obligations arising from any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acts, events or omissions beyond the reasonable control of the affected Party</li> <li>• riots, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, nuclear, biological or chemical warfare</li> <li>• acts of government, local government or Regulatory Bodies</li> <li>• fire, flood or disaster and any failure or shortage of power or fuel</li> <li>• industrial dispute affecting a third party for which a substitute third party isn't reasonably available</li> </ul> <p>The following do not constitute a Force Majeure event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any industrial dispute about the Supplier, its staff, or failure in the Supplier's (or a Subcontractor's) supply chain</li> <li>• any event which is attributable to the wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable precautions by the Party seeking to rely on Force Majeure</li> <li>• the event was foreseeable by the Party seeking to rely on Force</li> </ul> <p>Majeure at the time this Call-Off Contract was entered into</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any event which is attributable to the Party seeking to rely on Force Majeure and its failure to comply with its own business continuity and disaster recovery plans</li> </ul>
<b>Former Supplier</b>	<p>A supplier supplying services to the Buyer before the Start date that are the same as or substantially similar to the Services. This also includes any Subcontractor or the Supplier (or any subcontractor of the Subcontractor).</p>
<b>Framework Agreement</b>	<p>The clauses of framework agreement RM1557.13 together with the Framework Schedules.</p>
<b>Fraud</b>	<p>Any offence under Laws creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts (including the Misrepresentation Act 1967) or at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to this Call-Off Contract or</p>

	defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Crown.
<b>Freedom of Information Act or FoIA</b>	The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under the Act together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant government department in relation to the legislation.
<b>G-Cloud Services</b>	The cloud services described in Framework Agreement Clause 2 (Services) as defined by the Service Definition, the Supplier Terms and any related Application documentation, which the Supplier must make available to CCS and Buyers and those services which are deliverable by the Supplier under the Collaboration Agreement.
<b>UK GDPR</b>	The retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).
<b>Good Industry Practice</b>	Standards, practices, methods and process conforming to the Law and the exercise of that 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 in a similar undertaking in the same or similar circumstances.
<b>Government Procurement Card</b>	The government's preferred method of purchasing and payment for low value goods or services.
<b>Guarantee</b>	The guarantee described in Schedule 5.
<b>Guidance</b>	Any current UK government guidance on the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. In the event of a conflict between any current UK government guidance and the Crown Commercial Service guidance, current UK government guidance will take precedence.
<b>Implementation Plan</b>	The plan with an outline of processes (including data standards for migration), costs (for example) of implementing the services which may be required as part of Onboarding.

<b>Indicative test</b>	ESI tool completed by contractors on their own behalf at the request of CCS or the Buyer (as applicable) under clause 4.6.
<b>Information</b>	Has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

<b>Information security management system</b>	The information security management system and process developed by the Supplier in accordance with clause 16.1.
<b>Inside IR35</b>	Contractual engagements which would be determined to be within the scope of the IR35 Intermediaries legislation if assessed using the ESI tool.

<b>Insolvency event</b>	<p>Can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a voluntary arrangement</li> <li>• a winding-up petition</li> <li>• the appointment of a receiver or administrator</li> <li>• an unresolved statutory demand</li> <li>• a Schedule A1 moratorium</li> <li>• a Dun &amp; Bradstreet rating of 10 or less</li> </ul>
<b>Intellectual Property Rights or IPR</b>	<p>Intellectual Property Rights are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 names, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction</li> </ul>

<b>Intermediary</b>	<p>For the purposes of the IR35 rules an intermediary can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the supplier's own limited company</li> <li>• a service or a personal service company</li> <li>• a partnership</li> </ul> <p>It does not apply if you work for a client through a Managed Service Company (MSC) or agency (for example, an employment agency).</p>
<b>IPR claim</b>	As set out in clause 11.5.
<b>IR35</b>	IR35 is also known as 'Intermediaries legislation'. It's a set of rules that affect tax and National Insurance where a Supplier is contracted to work for a client through an Intermediary.
<b>IR35 assessment</b>	Assessment of employment status using the ESI tool to determine if engagement is Inside or Outside IR35.

<b>Know-How</b>	All ideas, concepts, schemes, information, knowledge, techniques, methodology, and anything else in the nature of know-how relating to the G-Cloud Services but excluding know-how already in the Supplier's or Buyer's possession before the Start date.
<b>Law</b>	Any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, 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.
<b>Loss</b>	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 ' <b>Losses</b> ' will be interpreted accordingly.
<b>Lot</b>	Any of the 3 Lots specified in the ITT and Lots will be construed accordingly.
<b>Malicious Software</b>	Any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether

	the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence.
<b>Management Charge</b>	The sum paid by the Supplier to CCS being an amount of up to 1% but currently set at 0.75% of all Charges for the Services invoiced to Buyers (net of VAT) in each month throughout the duration of the Framework Agreement and thereafter, until the expiry or End of any Call-Off Contract.
<b>Management Information</b>	The management information specified in Framework Agreement Schedule 6.
<b>Material Breach</b>	Those breaches which have been expressly set out as a Material Breach and any other single serious breach or persistent failure to perform as required under this Call-Off Contract.
<b>Ministry of Justice Code</b>	The Ministry of Justice's Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

<b>New Fair Deal</b>	The revised Fair Deal position in the HM Treasury guidance: "Fair Deal for staff pensions: staff transfer from central government" issued in October 2013 as amended.
<b>Order</b>	An order for G-Cloud Services placed by a contracting body with the Supplier in accordance with the ordering processes.
<b>Order Form</b>	The order form set out in Part A of the Call-Off Contract to be used by a Buyer to order G-Cloud Services.
<b>Ordered G-Cloud Services</b>	G-Cloud Services which are the subject of an order by the Buyer.

<b>Outside IR35</b>	Contractual engagements which would be determined to not be within the scope of the IR35 intermediaries legislation if assessed using the ESI tool.
<b>Party</b>	The Buyer or the Supplier and 'Parties' will be interpreted accordingly.
<b>Personal Data</b>	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
<b>Personal Data Breach</b>	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
<b>Platform</b>	The government marketplace where Services are available for Buyers to buy.
<b>Processing</b>	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
<b>Processor</b>	Takes the meaning given in the UK GDPR.
<b>Prohibited act</b>	<p>To directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by a Buyer or CCS a financial or other advantage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity</li> <li>• reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity</li> <li>• commit any offence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o under the Bribery Act 2010</li> <li>o under legislation creating offences concerning Fraud</li> <li>o at common Law concerning Fraud</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o committing or attempting or conspiring to commit Fraud</li> </ul>
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<b>Project Specific IPRs</b>	Any intellectual property rights in items created or arising out of the performance by the Supplier (or by a third party on behalf of the Supplier) specifically for the purposes of this Call-Off Contract including databases, configurations, code, instructions, technical documentation and schema but not including the Supplier's Background IPRs.
<b>Property</b>	Assets and property including technical infrastructure, IPRs and equipment.
<b>Protective Measures</b>	Appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymisation and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of such measures adopted by it.
<b>PSN or Public Services Network</b>	The Public Services Network (PSN) is the government's highperformance network which helps public sector organisations work together, reduce duplication and share resources.
<b>Regulatory body or bodies</b>	Government departments and other bodies which, whether under statute, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to investigate or influence the matters dealt with in this Call-Off Contract.
<b>Relevant person</b>	Any employee, agent, servant, or representative of the Buyer, any other public body or person employed by or on behalf of the Buyer, or any other public body.

<b>Relevant Transfer</b>	A transfer of employment to which the employment regulations applies.
<b>Replacement Services</b>	Any services which are the same as or substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the services after the expiry or Ending or partial Ending of the Call-Off Contract, whether those services are provided by the Buyer or a third party.
<b>Replacement supplier</b>	Any third-party service provider of replacement services appointed by the Buyer (or where the Buyer is providing replacement Services for its own account, the Buyer).
<b>Security management plan</b>	The Supplier's security management plan developed by the Supplier in accordance with clause 16.1.

<b>Services</b>	The services ordered by the Buyer as set out in the Order Form.
<b>Service data</b>	Data that is owned or managed by the Buyer and used for the GCloud Services, including backup data.
<b>Service definition(s)</b>	The definition of the Supplier's G-Cloud Services provided as part of their Application that includes, but isn't limited to, those items listed in Clause 2 (Services) of the Framework Agreement.
<b>Service description</b>	The description of the Supplier service offering as published on the Platform.
<b>Service Personal Data</b>	The Personal Data supplied by a Buyer to the Supplier in the course of the use of the G-Cloud Services for purposes of or in connection with this Call-Off Contract.



<b>Spend controls</b>	The approval process used by a central government Buyer if it needs to spend money on certain digital or technology services, see <a href="https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/agile-delivery/spend-controlscheck-if-you-need-approval-to-spend-money-on-a-service">https://www.gov.uk/service-manual/agile-delivery/spend-controlscheck-if-you-need-approval-to-spend-money-on-a-service</a>
<b>Start date</b>	The Start date of this Call-Off Contract as set out in the Order Form.
<b>Subcontract</b>	Any contract or agreement or proposed agreement between the Supplier and a subcontractor in which the subcontractor agrees to provide to the Supplier the G-Cloud Services or any part thereof or facilities or goods and services necessary for the provision of the GCloud Services or any part thereof.
<b>Subcontractor</b>	Any third party engaged by the Supplier under a subcontract (permitted under the Framework Agreement and the Call-Off Contract) and its servants or agents in connection with the provision of G-Cloud Services.
<b>Subprocessor</b>	Any third party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract.
<b>Supplier</b>	The person, firm or company identified in the Order Form.
<b>Supplier Representative</b>	The representative appointed by the Supplier from time to time in relation to the Call-Off Contract.
<b>Supplier staff</b>	All persons employed by the Supplier together with the Supplier's servants, agents, suppliers and subcontractors used in the performance of its obligations under this Call-Off Contract.

<b>Supplier Terms</b>	The relevant G-Cloud Service terms and conditions as set out in the Terms and Conditions document supplied as part of the Supplier's Application.
<b>Term</b>	The term of this Call-Off Contract as set out in the Order Form.
<b>Variation</b>	This has the meaning given to it in clause 32 (Variation process).
<b>Working Days</b>	Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales.
<b>Year</b>	A contract year.

## Schedule 7: UK GDPR Information

This schedule reproduces the annexes to the UK GDPR schedule contained within the Framework Agreement and incorporated into this Call-off Contract and clause and schedule references are to those in the Framework Agreement but references to CCS have been amended.

## 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 Buyer at its absolute discretion.

- 1.1 The contact details of the Buyer's Data Protection Officer are: **Steve Jones** - [steve.jones@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:steve.jones@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) and [dpo@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:dpo@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)
- 1.2 The contact details of the Supplier's Data Protection Officer are: **Jonathon Richmond**, Chief Data Protection Officer - [jonathon.richmond@kinandcarta.com](mailto:jonathon.richmond@kinandcarta.com)

1.3 The 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	<p>The Parties acknowledge that in accordance with paragraphs 2 to paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 and for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, Buyer is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor of the Personal Data recorded below:</p> <p><i>The user data processed is data on user behaviour on <a href="#">GOV.UK</a>, (only for users who have explicitly opted in to the use of Google Analytics on <a href="#">GOV.UK</a>.)</i></p> <p><i>This data doesn't contain PII but only the GA4 provided userPseudoid together with associated content ids to uniquely identify search interactions and document views.</i></p>

Duration of the Processing	For the duration of the contract term
Nature and purposes of the Processing	To facilitate the fulfilment of the Supplier's obligations arising under this Framework: To effectively manage and optimise GOV.UK site search
Type of Personal Data	Includes: i. Contact details of, and communications with, CSS staff concerned with management of the Framework Agreement

	<p>All Personal Data is as defined with Article 4 (1) of Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). including:</p> <p>Chief Data Protection Officer, Jonathon Richmond</p> <p>The Spitfire Building, 71 Collier Street, London, N1 9BE</p> <p>jonathon.richmond@kinandcarta.com</p> <p>020 3657 9785</p>
Categories of Data Subject	<p>Data subject is as defined within the Data Protection Act 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Authority's Current personnel (including Contractors, Agency Workers and Temporary Workers)</li> <li>• Customers</li> <li>• Suppliers</li> <li>• Application end-users</li> <li>• Website end-users</li> </ul>
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the Processing is complete UNLESS requirement under Union or Member State law to preserve that type of data	<p>All relevant data to be securely wiped and deleted after the expiry or termination of this Framework Contract unless longer retention is required by Law or the terms of any Call-Off</p> <p>Contract arising hereunder</p>

## Schedule 8: Security Schedule - Short Form

Supplier obligations

### Core requirements

1.1 The Supplier must comply with the core requirements set out in Paragraphs 3 to 8.

1.2 Where the Buyer has selected an option in the table below, the Supplier must comply with the requirements relating to that option set out in the relevant Paragraph:

<b>Certifications</b> (see Paragraph 3)
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The Supplier must have the following Certifications:	ISO/IEC 27001:2022 by a UKAS-approved certification body	yes
	Cyber Essentials Plus	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cyber Essentials	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subcontractors that Process Government Data must have the following Certifications:	ISO/IEC 27001:2022 by a UKAS-approved certification body	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cyber Essentials Plus	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cyber Essentials	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Locations</b> (see Paragraph 4)		
The Supplier and Subcontractors may store, access or Process Government Data in:	the United Kingdom only	<input type="checkbox"/>
	the United Kingdom and European Economic Area only	<input type="checkbox"/>
	anywhere in the world not prohibited by the Buyer	yes

### Optional requirements

- 1.3 Where the Buyer has selected an option in the table below, the Supplier must comply with the requirements of the corresponding paragraph. Where the Buyer has not selected an option, the corresponding requirement does not apply.

<b>Security testing</b> (see Paragraph 9)	
The Supplier must undertake security testing at least once every Contract Year and remediate any vulnerabilities, where it is technically feasible to do so	yes
<b>Cloud Security Principles</b> (see Paragraph 10)	
The Supplier must assess the Supplier System against the Cloud Security Principles	yes
<b>Record keeping</b> (see paragraph 11)	
The Supplier must keep records relating to Subcontractors, Sites, Third Party Tools and third parties	yes
<b>Encryption</b> (see Paragraph 12)	
The Supplier must encrypt Government Data while at rest or in transit at NCSC recommended levels of algorithms and strengths	yes
<b>Protecting Monitoring System</b> (see Paragraph 13)	
The Supplier must implement an effective Protective Monitoring System	yes
<b>Patching</b> (see Paragraph 14)	
The Supplier must patch vulnerabilities in the Supplier System promptly	yes
<b>Malware protection</b> (see Paragraph 15)	

The Supplier must use appropriate Anti-virus Software	yes
<b>End-user Devices</b> (see Paragraph 16)	
The Supplier must manage End-user Devices appropriately	yes
<b>Vulnerability scanning</b> (see Paragraph 17)	
The Supplier must scan the Supplier System monthly for unpatched vulnerabilities	yes
<b>Access control</b> (see paragraph 18)	
The Supplier must implement effective access control measures for those accessing Government Data and for Privileged Users	yes
<b>Return and deletion of Government Data</b> (see Paragraph 19)	
The Supplier must return or delete Government Data when requested by the Buyer	yes
<b>Physical security</b> (see Paragraph 20)	
The Supplier must store Government Data in physically secure locations	yes
<b>Security breaches</b> (see Paragraph 21)	
The Supplier must report any Breach of Security to the Buyer promptly	yes
<b>Security Education, Training and Awareness</b>	
The Supplier must have implemented up-to-date mandated security training and awareness across their organisation and maintain compliance records for perusal.	yes
<b>Security Management Plan</b> (see Paragraph 22)	
The Supplier must provide the Buyer with a Security Management Plan detailing how the requirements for the options selected have been met.	yes

## 2 Definitions

<b>“Anti-virus Software”</b>	<p>means software that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>protects the Supplier System from the possible introduction of Malicious Software;</li> <li>scans for and identifies possible Malicious Software in the Supplier System;</li> <li>if Malicious Software is detected in the Supplier System, so far as possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prevents the harmful effects of the Malicious Software; and</li> <li>removes the Malicious Software from the Supplier System;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>“Contract Year”</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a period of 12 months commencing on the Effective Date;</li> </ul>

	<p>thereafter a period of 12 months commencing on each anniversary of the Effective Date;</p> <p>with the final Contract Year ending on the expiry or termination of the Term;</p>
<b>“CREST Service Provider”</b>	means a company with an information security accreditation of a security operations centre qualification from CREST International;
<b>“Government Data”</b>	<p>means any:</p> <p>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;</p> <p>Personal Data for which the Buyer is a, or the, Data Controller; or</p> <p>any meta-data relating to categories of data referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b);</p> <p>that is:</p> <p>supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Buyer; or</p> <p>that the Supplier generates, processes, stores or transmits under this Agreement; and</p> <p>for the avoidance of doubt includes the Code and any meta-data relating to the Code.</p>
<b>“Certifications”</b>	<p>means one or more of the following certifications:</p> <p>ISO/IEC 27001:2013 by a UKAS-approved certification body in respect of the Supplier System, or in respect of a wider system of which the Supplier System forms part; and</p> <p>Cyber Essentials Plus; and/or</p> <p>Cyber Essentials;</p>
<b>“Breach of Security”</b>	<p>means the occurrence of:</p> <p>any unauthorised access to or use of the Services, the Sites, the Supplier System and/or the Government Data;</p> <p>the loss (physical or otherwise), corruption and/or unauthorised disclosure of any Government Data, including copies of such Government Data; and/or</p> <p>any part of the Supplier System ceasing to be compliant with the required Certifications;</p> <p>the installation of Malicious Software in the Supplier System:</p> <p>any loss of operational efficiency or failure to operate to specification as the result of the installation or operation of Malicious Software in the Supplier System; and</p> <p>includes any attempt to undertake the activities listed in sub-paragraph (a) where the Supplier has reasonable grounds to suspect that attempt:</p>

	<p>was part of a wider effort to access information and communications technology operated by or on behalf of Central Government Bodies; or</p> <p>was undertaken, or directed by, a state other than the United Kingdom;</p>
<b>“CHECK Scheme”</b>	means the NCSC’s scheme under which approved companies can conduct authorised penetration tests of public sector and critical national infrastructure systems and networks;
<b>“CHECK Service Provider”</b>	<p>means a company which, under the CHECK Scheme:</p> <p>has been certified by the NCSC;</p> <p>holds “Green Light” status; and</p> <p>is authorised to provide the IT Health Check services required by Paragraph 5.2 (<i>Security Testing</i>);</p>
<b>“Cloud Security Principles”</b>	means the NCSC’s document “Implementing the Cloud Security Principles” as updated or replaced from time to time and found at <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cloud-security/implementing-the-cloud-security-principles">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cloud-security/implementing-the-cloud-security-principles</a> .
<b>“Cyber Essentials”</b>	means the Cyber Essentials certificate issued under the Cyber Essentials Scheme;
<b>“Cyber Essentials Plus”</b>	means the Cyber Essentials Plus certificate issued under the Cyber Essentials Scheme;
<b>“Cyber Essentials Scheme”</b>	means the Cyber Essentials scheme operated by the NCSC;
<b>“End-user Device”</b>	means any personal computers, laptops, tablets, terminals, smartphones or other portable electronic devices used in the provision of the Services;
<b>“IT Health Check”</b>	means testing of the Supplier Information Management System by a CHECK Service Provider;
<b>“Malicious Software”</b>	means any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, remove, transmit or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code, applications, macros or configurations;
<b>“NCSC”</b>	means the National Cyber Security Centre, or any successor body performing the functions of the National Cyber Security Centre;
<b>“NCSC Device Guidance”</b>	means the NCSC’s document “Device Security Guidance”, as updated or replaced from time to time and found at <a href="https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/device-security-guidance">https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/device-security-guidance</a> ;
<b>“Privileged User”</b>	means a user with system administration access to the Supplier Information Management System, or substantially similar access privileges;
<b>“Process”</b>	means any operation performed on data, whether or not by automated means, including collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of that data;



<b>“Prohibition Notice”</b>	means the meaning given to that term by Paragraph 4.4.
<b>“Protective Monitoring System”</b>	has the meaning given to that term by Paragraph 13.1;
<b>“Relevant Conviction”</b>	means any previous or pending prosecution, conviction or caution (excluding any spent conviction under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974) relating to offences involving dishonesty, terrorism, immigration, firearms, fraud, forgery, tax evasion, offences against people (including sexual offences) or any other offences relevant to Services as the Buyer may specify;
<b>“Sites”</b>	<p>means any premises (including the Buyer’s Premises, the Supplier’s premises or third party premises):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">from, to or at which:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">the Services are (or are to be) provided; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Services; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">where:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">any part of the Supplier System is situated; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">any physical interface with the Authority System takes place;</p>
<b>“Standard Contractual Clauses”</b>	<p>means, for the purposes of this Schedule [x] (<i>Security Management</i>):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the standard data protection paragraphs specified in Article 46 of the UK GDPR setting out the appropriate safeguards for the transmission of personal data outside the combined territories of the United Kingdom and the European Economic Area;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">as modified to apply equally to the Government Data as if the Government Data were Personal Data;</p>
<b>“Subcontractor Personnel”</b>	<p>means:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">any individual engaged, directly or indirectly, or employed, by any Subcontractor; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">engaged in or likely to be engaged in:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">the performance or management of the Services; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">the provision of facilities or services that are necessary for the provision of the Services;</p>
<b>“Supplier System”</b>	<p>means</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">any:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">information assets, IT systems, IT services; or Sites,</p>

	<p>that the Supplier or any Subcontractor will use to Process, or support the Processing of, Government Data and provide, or support the provision of, the Services; and the associated information management system, including all relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>organisational structure diagrams;</li> <li>controls;</li> <li>policies;</li> <li>practices;</li> <li>procedures;</li> <li>processes; and</li> <li>resources;</li> </ul>
<b>“Third-party Tool”</b>	means any activity conducted other than by the Supplier during which the Government Data is accessed, analysed or modified, or some form of operation is performed on it;

## Part One: Core Requirements

### 3 Certification Requirements

3.1 Where the Buyer has not specified Certifications under Paragraph 1, the Supplier must ensure that it and any Subcontractors that Process Government Data are certified as compliant with Cyber Essentials.

3.2 Where the Buyer has specified Certifications under Paragraph 1, the Supplier must ensure that both:

- (a) it; and
- (b) any Subcontractor that Processes Government Data,

are certified as compliant with the Certifications specified by the Buyer in Paragraph 1:

3.3 The Supplier must ensure that the specified Certifications are in place for it and any relevant Subcontractor:

- (a) before the Supplier or any Subcontractor Processes Government Data; and
- (b) throughout the Term.

### 4 Location

4.1 Where the Buyer has not specified any locations or territories in Paragraph 1, the Supplier must not, and ensure that Subcontractors do not store, access or Process Government Data outside the United Kingdom.

4.2 Where the Buyer has specified locations or territories in Paragraph 1, the Supplier must, and ensure that its Subcontractors, at all times store, access or process Government Data only in or from the geographic areas specified by the Buyer.

4.3 Where the Buyer has permitted the Supplier and its Subcontractors to store, access or process Government Data outside the United Kingdom or European Economic Area, the Supplier must, and must ensure that its Subcontractors store, access or process Government Data in a facility operated by an entity where:

- (a) the entity has entered into a binding agreement with the Supplier or Subcontractor (as applicable);
- (b) that binding agreement includes obligations on the entity in relation to security management at least as onerous as those relating to Sub-contractors in this Schedule 5 (*Security Management*);
- (c) the Supplier or Subcontractor has taken reasonable steps to assure itself that:
  - (i) the entity complies with the binding agreement; and
  - (ii) the Subcontractor's system has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure that the Sub-contractor will store, access, manage and/or Process the Government Data as required by this Schedule [x] (*Security Management*);
- (d) the Buyer has not given the Supplier a Prohibition Notice under Paragraph 4.4.

4.4 The Buyer may by notice in writing at any time give notice to the Supplier that it and its Subcontractors must not undertake or permit to be undertaken the storage, accessing or Processing of Government Data in one or more countries or territories (a "**Prohibition Notice**").

4.5 Where the Supplier must and must ensure Subcontractors comply with the requirements of a Prohibition Notice within 40 Working Days of the date of the notice.

## **5 Staff vetting**

5.1 The Supplier must not allow Supplier Personnel, and must ensure that Subcontractors do not allow Subcontractor Personnel, to access or Process Government Data, if that person:

- (a) has not completed the Staff Vetting Procedure; or
- (b) where no Staff Vetting Procedure is specified in the Order Form:
  - (i) has not undergone the checks required for the HMG Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) to verify:
    - (A) the individual's identity;
    - (B) where that individual will work in the United Kingdom, the individual's nationality and immigration status so as to demonstrate that they have a right to work in the United Kingdom; and
    - (C) the individual's previous employment history; and
    - (D) that the individual has no Relevant Convictions; and
  - (ii) has not undergone national security vetting clearance to the level specified by the Authority for such individuals or such roles as the Authority may specify

## **6 Supplier assurance letter**

6.1 The Supplier must, no later than the last day of each Contract Year, provide to the Buyer a letter from its [chief technology officer] (or equivalent officer) confirming that, having made due and careful enquiry:

- (a) the Supplier has in the previous year carried out all tests and has in place all procedures required in relation to security matters required by this Agreement;
- (b) it has fully complied with all requirements of this Schedule [x] (Security Management); and
- (c) all Subcontractors have complied with the requirements of this Schedule [x] (Security Management) with which the Supplier is required to ensure they comply;
- (d) the Supplier considers that its security and risk mitigation procedures remain effective.

## **7 Assurance**

7.1 The Supplier must provide such information and documents as the Buyer may request in order to demonstrate the Supplier's and any Subcontractors' compliance with this Schedule [x] (*Security Management*).

7.2 The Supplier must provide that information and those documents:

- (a) within 10 Working Days of a request by the Buyer;
- (b) except in the case of original document, in the format and with the content and information required by the Buyer; and
- (c) in the case of original document, as a full, unedited and unredacted copy.

## **8 Use of Subcontractors and third parties**

8.1 The Supplier must ensure that Subcontractors and any other third parties that store, have access to or Process Government Data comply with the requirements of this Schedule [x] (Security Management).

## Part Two: Additional Requirements

### 9 Security testing

9.1 The Supplier must:

- (a) before Processing Government Data;
- (b) at least once during each Contract Year; and

undertake the following activities:

- (c) conduct security testing of the Supplier System (an “**IT Health Check**”) in accordance with Paragraph 9.2; and
- (d) implement any findings, and remedy any vulnerabilities identified by the IT Health Check in accordance with Paragraph 9.3.

9.2 In arranging an IT Health Check, the Supplier must:

- (a) use only a CHECK Service Provider or CREST Service Provider to perform the IT Health Check;
- (b) design and plan for the IT Health Check so as to minimise the impact of the IT Health Check on the Supplier System and the delivery of the Services;
- (c) ensure that the scope of the IT Health Check encompasses the components of the Supplier System used to access, store, Process or manage Government Data; and
- (d) ensure that the IT Health Check provides for effective penetration testing of the Supplier System.

9.3 The Supplier treat any vulnerabilities as follows:

- (a) the Supplier must remedy any vulnerabilities classified as critical in the IT Health Check report:
  - (i) if it is technically feasible to do so, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of the vulnerability and its classification; or
  - (ii) if it is technical feasible to remedy the vulnerability but not technically feasible to do so as required by Paragraph 9.3(a)(i), then as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of the vulnerability and its classification;
- (b) the Supplier must remedy any vulnerabilities classified as high in the IT Health Check report:
  - (i) if it is technically feasible to do so, within 1 month of becoming aware of the vulnerability and its classification; or
  - (ii) if it is technical feasible to remedy the vulnerability but not technically feasible to do so as required by Paragraph 9.3(b)(i), then as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of the vulnerability and its classification;
- (c) the Supplier must remedy any vulnerabilities classified as medium in the IT Health Check report:
  - (i) if it is technically feasible to do so, within 3 months of becoming aware of the vulnerability and its classification; or
  - (ii) if it is technical feasible to remedy the vulnerability but not technically feasible to do so as required by Paragraph 9.3(c)(i), then as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of the vulnerability and its classification;
- (d) where it is not technically feasible to remedy the vulnerability, the Supplier must implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to mitigate the risk posed by the vulnerability.

## **10 Cloud Security Principles**

10.1 The Supplier must ensure that the Supplier Solution complies with the Cloud Security Principles.

10.2 The Supplier must assess the Supplier Solution against the Cloud Security Principles to assure itself that it complies with Paragraph 10.1:

- (a) before Processing Government Data;
- (b) at least once each Contract Year; and
- (c) when required by the Buyer.

10.3 The Supplier must:

- (a) keep records of any assessment that it makes under Paragraph 10.2; and
- (b) provide copies of those records to the Buyer within 10 Working Days of any request by the Buyer.

## **11 Information about Subcontractors, Sites, Third Party Tools and third parties**

11.1 The Supplier must keep the following records:

- (a) for Subcontractors or third parties that store, have access to or Process Government Data:
  - (i) the Subcontractor or third party's name:
    - (A) legal name;
    - (B) trading name (if any); and
  - (C) registration details (where the Subcontractor is not an individual), including:
    - (1) country of registration;
    - (2) registration number (if applicable); and
    - (3) registered address;
  - (ii) the Relevant Certifications held by the Subcontractor or third party;
  - (iii) the Sites used by the Subcontractor or third party;
  - (iv) the Services provided or activities undertaken by the Subcontractor or third party;
  - (v) the access the Subcontractor or third party has to the Supplier System;
  - (vi) the Government Data Processed by the Subcontractor or third party; and
  - (vii) the measures the Subcontractor or third party has in place to comply with the requirements of this Schedule [x] (*Security Management*);
- (b) for Sites from or at which Government Data is accessed or Processed:
  - (i) the location of the Site;
  - (ii) the operator of the Site, including the operator's:
    - (A) legal name;
    - (B) trading name (if any); and

- (C) registration details (where the Subcontractor is not an individual);
- (iii) the Relevant Certifications that apply to the Site;
- (iv) the Government Data stored at, or Processed from, the site; and
- (c) for Third Party Tools:
  - (i) the name of the Third Party Tool;
  - (ii) the nature of the activity or operation performed by the Third-Party Tool on the Government Data; and
  - (iii) in respect of the entity providing the Third-Party Tool, its:
    - (A) full legal name;
    - (B) trading name (if any)
    - (C) country of registration;
    - (D) registration number (if applicable); and
    - (E) registered address.

11.2 The Supplier must update the records it keeps in accordance with Paragraph 11.1:

- (a) at least four times each Contract Year;
- (b) whenever a Subcontractor, third party that accesses or Processes Government Data, Third Party Tool or Site changes; or
- (c) whenever required to go so by the Buyer.

11.3 The Supplier must provide copies of the records it keeps in accordance with Paragraph 11.1 to the Buyer within 10 Working Days of any request by the Buyer.

## 12 Encryption

12.1 The Supplier must, and must ensure that all Subcontractors, encrypt Government Data:

- (a) when stored at any time when no operation is being performed on it, including when stored on any portable storage media; and
- (b) when transmitted.

## 13 Protective monitoring system

13.1 The Supplier must, and must ensure that Subcontractors, implement an effective system of monitoring and reports, analysing access to and use of the Supplier System and the Government Data to:

- (a) identify and prevent any potential Breach of Security;
- (b) respond effectively and in a timely manner to any Breach of Security that does;
- (c) identify and implement changes to the Supplier System to prevent future any Breach of Security; and
- (d) help detect and prevent any potential criminal offence relating to fraud, bribery or corruption using the Supplier System,

(the “**Protective Monitoring System**”).

13.2 The Protective Monitoring System must provide for:

- (a) event logs and audit records of access to the Supplier System; and
- (b) regular reports and alerts to identify:
  - (i) changing access trends;
  - (ii) unusual usage patterns; or
  - (iii) the access of greater than usual volumes of Government Data; and
- (c) the detection and prevention of any attack on the Supplier System using common cyber-attack techniques.

## 14 Patching

14.1 The Supplier must, and must ensure that Subcontractors, treat any public releases of patches for vulnerabilities as follows:

- (a) the Supplier must patch any vulnerabilities classified as “critical”:
  - (i) if it is technically feasible to do so, within 5 Working Days of the public release; or
  - (ii) if it is technical feasible to patch the vulnerability but not technically feasible to do so as required by Paragraph 14.1(a)(i), then as soon as reasonably practicable after the public release;
- (b) the Supplier must patch any vulnerabilities classified as “important”:
  - (i) if it is technically feasible to do so, within 1 month of the public release; or
  - (ii) if it is technical feasible to patch the vulnerability but not technically feasible to do so as required by Paragraph 14.1(b)(i), then as soon as reasonably practicable after the public release;
- (c) the Supplier must remedy any vulnerabilities classified as “other” in the public release:
  - (i) if it is technically feasible to do so, within 2 months of the public release; or
  - (ii) if it is technical feasible to remedy the vulnerability but not technically feasible to do so as required by Paragraph 14.1(c)(i), then as soon as reasonably practicable after the public release;
- (d) where it is not technically feasible to patch the vulnerability, the Supplier must implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to mitigate the risk posed by the vulnerability.

## 15 Malware protection

15.1 The Supplier shall install and maintain Anti-virus Software or procure that Anti-virus Software is installed and maintained on the Supplier System.

15.2 The Supplier must ensure that such Anti-virus Software:

- (a) prevents the installation of the most common forms of Malicious Software in the Supplier System;
- (b) performs regular scans of the Supplier System to check for Malicious Software; and
- (c) where Malicious Software has been introduced into the Supplier System, so far as practicable
  - (i) prevents the harmful effects from the Malicious Software; and
  - (ii) removes the Malicious Software from the Supplier System.



## **16 End-user Devices**

16.1 The Supplier must, and must ensure that all Subcontractors, manage all End-user Devices on which Government Data is stored or processed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) the operating system and any applications that store, process or have access to Government Data must be in current support by the vendor, or the relevant community in the case of open source operating systems or applications;
- (b) users must authenticate before gaining access;
- (c) all Government Data must be encrypted using a suitable encryption tool;
- (d) the End-user Device must lock and require any user to re-authenticate after a period of time that is proportionate to the risk environment, during which the End-user Device is inactive;
- (e) the End-user Device must be managed in a way that allows for the application of technical policies and controls over applications that have access to Government Data to ensure the security of that Government Data;
- (f) the Supplier or Subcontractor, as applicable, can, without physical access to the End-user Device, remove or make inaccessible all Government Data stored on the device and prevent any user or group of users from accessing the device;
- (g) all End-user Devices are within the scope of any required Certification.

16.2 The Supplier must comply, and ensure that all Subcontractors comply, with the recommendations in NCSC Device Guidance as if those recommendations were incorporated as specific obligations under this Agreement.

## **17 Vulnerability scanning**

17.1 The Supplier must:

- (a) scan the Supplier System at least once every month to identify any unpatched vulnerabilities; and
- (b) if the scan identifies any unpatched vulnerabilities, ensure they are patched in accordance with Paragraph 14.

## **18 Access control**

18.1 The Supplier must, and must ensure that all Subcontractors:

- (a) identify and authenticate all persons who access the Supplier System before they do so;
- (b) require multi-factor authentication for all user accounts that have access to Government Data or that are Privileged Users;
- (c) allow access only to those parts of the Supplier System and Sites that those persons require;
- (d) maintain records detailing each person's access to the Supplier System.

18.2 The Supplier must ensure, and must ensure that all Subcontractors ensure, that the user accounts for Privileged Users of the Supplier Information Management System:

- (a) are allocated to a single, individual user;
- (b) are accessible only from dedicated End-user Devices;
- (c) are configured so that those accounts can only be used for system administration tasks;

- (d) require passwords with high complexity that are changed regularly;
- (e) automatically log the user out of the Supplier System after a period of time that is proportionate to the risk environment during which the account is inactive; and
- (f) are:
  - (i) restricted to a single role or small number of roles;
  - (ii) time limited; and
  - (iii) restrict the Privileged User's access to the internet.

## **19 Return and deletion of Government Data**

19.1 When requested to do so by the Buyer, the Supplier must, and must ensure that all Subcontractors:

- (a) securely erase any or all Government Data held by the Supplier or Subcontractor using a deletion method that ensures that even a determined expert using specialist techniques can recover only a small fraction of the data deleted; or
- (b) provide the Buyer with copies of any or all Government Data held by the Supplier or Subcontractor using the method specified by the Buyer.

## **20 Physical security**

20.1 The Supplier must, and must ensure that Subcontractors, store the Government Data on servers housed in physically secure locations.

## **21 Breach of security**

21.1 If the Supplier becomes aware of a Breach of Security that impacts or has the potential to impact the Government Data, it shall:

- (a) notify the Buyer as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of the breach, and in any event within [24] hours.
- (b) provide such assistance to the Buyer as the Buyer requires until the Breach of Security and any impacts or potential impacts on the Buyer are resolved to the Buyer's satisfaction.
- (c) where the Law requires the Buyer to report a Breach of Security to the appropriate regulator provide such information and other input as the Buyer requires within the timescales specified by the Buyer.

## **22 Security Management Plan**

22.1 This Paragraph 22 applies only where the Buyer has selected this option in paragraph 1.3.

### *Preparation of Security Management Plan*

22.2 The Supplier shall document in the Security Management Plan how the Supplier and its Sub-contractors shall comply with the requirements set out in this Schedule [♦] (*Security Management*) and the Agreement in order to ensure the security of the Supplier solution and the Buyer data.

22.3 The Supplier shall prepare and submit to the Buyer within 20 Working Days of the date of this Agreement, the Security Management Plan, which must include a description of how all the options selected in this schedule are being met along with evidence of the required certifications for the Supplier and any Subcontractors specified in Paragraph 3.

### *Approval of Security Management Plan*

22.4 The Buyer shall review the Supplier's proposed Security Management Plan as soon as possible and must issue the Supplier with either:

- (a) an information security approval statement, which shall confirm that the Supplier may operate the service and process Buyer data; or
- (b) a rejection notice, which shall set out the Buyer's reasons for rejecting the Security Management Plan.

22.5 If the Buyer rejects the Supplier's proposed Security Management Plan, the Supplier must prepare a revised Security Management Plan taking the Buyer's reasons into account, which the Supplier must submit to the Buyer for review within 10 Working Days of the date of the rejection, or such other period agreed with the Buyer.

22.6 The rejection by the Buyer of a revised Security Management Plan is a material Default of this Agreement.

### *Updating Security Management Plan*

22.7 The Supplier shall regularly review and update the Security Management Plan, and provide such to the Buyer, at least once each year and as required by this Paragraph.

### *Monitoring*

22.8 The Supplier shall notify the Buyer within 2 Working Days after becoming aware of:

- (a) a significant change to the components or architecture of the Supplier Information Management System;
- (b) a new risk to the components or architecture of the Supplier Information Management System;
- (c) a vulnerability to the components or architecture of the Supplier Information Management System using an industry standard vulnerability scoring mechanism;
- (d) a change in the threat profile;
- (e) a significant change to any risk component;
- (f) a significant change in the quantity of Personal Data held within the Service;
- (g) a proposal to change any of the Sites from which any part of the Services are provided; and/or
- (h) an ISO27001 audit report produced in connection with the Certification Requirements indicates significant concerns.

Within 10 Working Days of such notifying the Buyer or such other timescale as may be agreed with the Buyer, the Supplier shall make the necessary changes to the Security Management Plan and submit the updated Security Management Plan to the Buyer for review and approval.

## **Cabinet Office T&S Policy**

All expenses must be agreed in advance with the Cabinet Office, and all claims should be in line with the Cabinet Office expenses policy. All claims should be supported by receipts, and as a general rule the lowest cost travel option should be chosen.

Supplier organisations must also comply with the following:

### **1) Travel rates**

Cabinet Office will reimburse any essential and necessary travel related expenses that you incur through carrying out work on behalf of the Department. We will pay for all excess costs you incur travelling on official business. Official travel is defined as a journey that you:

- have to make in the performance of your duties
- make to or from a place you have to attend in the performance of your duties.

This will include travel between offices if you have more than one base. It excludes daily commuting to and from your normal place of work under this contract.

The lowest cost of travel should be chosen for your journey. Specific rules apply to chosen mode of travel.

#### **Rail Travel**

All rail travel must either be booked at standard or economy class, or at the lowest fare (even if this is 1<sup>st</sup> Class). Anytime or open tickets should only be booked when this is either the lowest fare, or there is a clear business justification.

#### **Air Travel**

All air travel must be booked at standard or economy class, and on lowest fare. If the flight has a flying time of over 5 hours, Premium Economy or Business Class (if Premium Economy is not available) on lowest fare, is acceptable.

#### **Taxis**

You may use a taxi for official business travel only when:

- you are outside of normal working hours (before 6am and after 9pm)
- no other suitable method of public transport is available, and
- travel by private vehicle or self-drive hire car is not possible and/or is not cost effective, and either:
  - you are transporting heavy luggage or official business equipment, or
  - the saving of official time is important and can be justified on cost grounds.

All taxi fares should be receipted.

#### **Hire a self-drive car**

We will refund the costs of a self-drive car, if:

- this is cheaper and /or more appropriate than using public transport, and
- you have a current driving licence.

You should hire the least expensive and smallest car necessary for your official journey, and be able to demonstrate value has been achieved through the hire decision.

If you use the hire car for any private travel or if you transport any non-official passengers you must pay for your own petrol and make sure that you have your own private fully comprehensive insurance cover

#### **Personal Mileage Allowance**

Claims submitted for travel should be based on actual costs incurred and capped at the rates

for civil servants.

The standard rate payable for most official business travel is the - Public transport rate – Car 26p per mile, Motor cycle or motor bike 24p per mile, Bicycle 20p per mile.

Where travel by public transport is impossible or more expensive than using your own car, the cost of hiring a car was more expensive than using your own vehicle or you have to drive the car you own due to a disability the first 10,000 miles in a tax year are paid at 40p, over this the rate is 25p.

## 2) Subsistence rates

UK Lodging rate for rented accommodation

Ceiling - £37 per night.

UK Hotel accommodation rate

Ceiling for bed and breakfast:

UK

£150 - London (from centre out to the M25 motorway ring road)

£110 - Major cities (Aberdeen, Birmingham, Belfast, Bristol, Cardiff, Coventry, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Harlow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Oxford, Portsmouth, Reading, Sheffield, York)

£100 - Elsewhere

International

£170 - Tier 1, New York, Washington DC, Muscat-Ruwi, Oslo, Geneva, Ottawa, Strasbourg, Tbilisi, Stockholm, Paris, Belgium, Brussels, Amman

£130 - Tier 2, Elsewhere.

If the cost of breakfast is not included in the accommodation charge a separate payment may be made. The room and breakfast costs overall should remain within the above ceiling. If breakfast cannot be taken because of an early start, a separate breakfast allowance may be paid.

UK Meal allowance

If working more than 5 miles away from your normal place of work you are entitled to claim for:

one meal if away for over 5 hours

two meals if away for 10 to 12 hours

three meals if away for over 12 hours

The ceilings within which you may claim are:

£5 - breakfast

£5 - lunch

£18 - dinner

£23 - combined lunch and dinner

These costs cover food and drink and must be supported by receipts.

Modest expenditure on alcoholic/soft drinks is permissible but if a meal is provided by a third party then a claim solely for alcoholic/soft drinks must not exceed £4 and should be supported by receipts.

UK Personal Incidental Hotel Expenses - £5 per night

This payment is flat rate. It may be claimed to cover out-of-pocket personal expenses (for example laundry, tips, phone calls home) incurred during overnight stays in an hotel or residential training course accommodation. The payment may not be made in conjunction with the flat rate payment for staying with friends or relatives.

#### UK Staying with friends or relatives rate - £25 per day

This is a flat-rate payment and takes account of all aspects of a 24 hour stay: for example, accommodation, meals, phone calls home and transport between temporary office and place of temporary residence. It may not be claimed in conjunction with the payment for Personal Incidental Expenses.

#### Overseas rates

##### Overseas subsistence for hotels, meals and local home to office travel

A separate rate is set for each [country](#) to cover meals, accommodation and hotel to office travel. Travel from the airport to hotel will be reimbursed separately. Please discuss with Cabinet Office before travelling to agree rates.

##### Overseas staying with relatives or friends rate

If you stay with friends or relatives overseas you will receive the residual element of the subsistence allowance payable for the [country](#). It may not be claimed in conjunction with Overseas Personal Incidental Expenses.

##### Overseas personal incidental hotel expenses

days 1 to 4 = £5 per day

day 5 onwards = £10 per day

This is a flat rate. It may not be claimed in conjunction with the payment for staying with relatives or friends overseas.