Covering Letter for the Statement Relating to Good Standing (PCR 2015)

Contract Number: 709643450

Date of Issue: 15 Nov 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

- 1. Thank you for your interest in The Provision of an Open Source Threat Database.
- 2. You will be aware that the MOD expects its suppliers to maintain high standards of integrity and professionalism in their business dealings and adhere to the laws of the countries where they operate.
- Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 applies to the current procurement. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under the Regulations, the MOD requires all potential suppliers to complete the Statement Relating to Good Standing. This requires a signature on behalf of the company to confirm that none of the matters referred to in Regulation 57(1) and (3) (being grounds for mandatory exclusion) or in Regulation 57(4) and (8) (being grounds for discretionary exclusion) apply to the supplier.
- 4. The MOD may disqualify any supplier from the procurement who has been convicted of any of the offences listed at Regulation 57(1) and (3) or where any of the situations in regulation 57(4) or (8) apply. If any of the matters referred to in the Statement applies to your company, you must provide additional information regarding the circumstances, including, if appropriate, any remedial action to prevent their recurrence or any payment of, or agreement to pay, outstanding taxes or social security contributions. This additional information, excluding any supporting documentation, shall not exceed five (5) A4 pages in total.
- 5. Any evidence of fraud, bribery, corruption or other dishonest irregularities in relation to this procurement procedure could result in your disqualification from the procedure.
- 6. The Statement Relating to Good Standing must be signed on behalf of the legal entity seeking to contract for this requirement at Director Level or equivalent. Please return the signed Statement Relating to Good Standing and any additional information to the Authority no later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of this letter.
- 7. May I once again thank you for the interest you have shown in this requirement.

Yours faithfully,

Army Commercial Procure AHQ TL

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- 1. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that EW Solutions Limited including its directors or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control or is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of EW Solutions Limited has not been convicted of any of the following offences within the past 5 years:
 - a. conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977 or article 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA;
 - b. corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889 or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906;
 - c. common law offence of bribery;
 - d. bribery within the meaning of section 1,2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010; or section 113 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;
 - e. any offence listed:
 - (1) in section 41 of the Counter Terrorism Act 2008; or
 - (2) in Schedule 2 to that Act where the court has determined that there is a terrorist connection;
 - f. any offence under sections 44 to 46 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 which relates to an offence covered by (f) above;
 - g. money laundering within the meaning of section 340(11) and 415 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002;
 - an offence in connection with the proceeds of criminal conduct within the meaning of section 93A, 93B, or 93C of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 or article 45, 46 or 47 of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;
 - i. an offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc) Act 2004;
 - j. an offence under section 59A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;
 - k. an offence under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009;
 - I. an offence in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking within the meaning of section 49, 50 or 51 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994; or
 - m. an offence under section 2 or 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;
 - n. any other offence within the meaning of Article 57(1)(a), (b), (d), (e), or (f) of Public Contracts Directive
 - (1) as defined by the law of any jurisdiction outside England and Wales and Northern Ireland: or
 - (2) created in the law of England and Wales or Northern Ireland after the day on which these Regulations were made;

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- o. any breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions where the breach has been established by a judicial or administrative decision having final and binding effect in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of any jurisdictions of the United Kingdom.
- 2. EW Solutions Limited further confirms to the best of our knowledge and belief that within the last 3 years it:
 - a. has fulfilled its obligations relating to the payment of taxes and social security contributions of the country in which it is established or with those of any jurisdictions of the United Kingdom;
 - b. is not bankrupt or is not the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where its assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an agreement with creditors, where its business activities are suspended, or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any State;
 - c. has not committed an act of grave professional misconduct, which renders its integrity questionable;
 - d. has not entered into agreements with other suppliers aimed at distorting competition;
 - e. is not subject to a conflict of interest within the meaning of regulation 24;
 - f. has not been involved in the preparation of this procurement procedure which would result in distortion of competition which could not be remedied by other, less intrusive, measures other than exclusion from this procedure;
 - g. has not had a contract terminated, damages or other comparable sanctions taken as a result of significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract, or a prior concession contract as defined by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016;
 - h. is not guilty of serious misrepresentation in providing any information required by this statement;
 - i. has not unduly influenced the decision-making process of the Authority or obtained confidential information that may confer upon its undue advantages in the procurement procedure;
 - j. in relation to procedures for the award of a public services contract, is licensed in the relevant State in which he is established or is a member of an organisation in that relevant State where the law of that relevant State prohibits the provision of the services to be provided under the contract by a person who is not so licensed or who is not such a member;
 - k. has fulfilled its obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law established by national law, collective agreements or by the international environmental, social and labour law provisions listed in the Public Contracts Directive as amended from time to time (as listed in <u>PPN 8/16</u> Annex C).
- 3. EW Solutions Limited also confirms that to the best of their knowledge and belief they are capable of providing a carbon reduction plan to the specification (as listed in PPN 06/21 and associated guidance documents) or are capable of providing acceptable justification for such plan to have incomplete emissions data or have a reporting period outside a 12-month period from the date of the procurement.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge my declaration is correct. I understand that the contracting authority will use the information in the selection process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement, and I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Authority may reject my submission if there is a failure to provide a declaration or if I provide false or misleading information.

| Organisation's name | EW Solutions Ltd |
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| Signed | |
| (By Director of the Organisation or equivalent) | [Redacted] |
| Name | Redacted |
| Position | Managing Director |
| Date | 16 Nov 23 |