**DOCUMENT 5**

**DECLARATIONS AND INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TENDERER**

**1 Grounds for mandatory exclusion**

You will be excluded from the procurement process if there is evidence of convictions relating to specific criminal offences including, but not limited to, bribery, corruption, conspiracy, terrorism, fraud and money laundering, or if you have been the subject of a binding legal decision which found a breach of legal obligations to pay tax or social security obligations (except where this is disproportionate e.g., only minor amounts involved).

Please answer the following questions in full. Note that every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection must complete and submit the self-declaration.

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| 2 | Grounds for mandatory exclusion | |
| Question number | Question | Response |
| 2.1(a) | **Regulations 57(1) and (2)**  The detailed grounds for mandatory exclusion of an organisation are set out on this [web page](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf), which should be referred to before completing these questions.  Please indicate if, within the past five years you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation been convicted anywhere in the world of any of the offences within the summary below and listed on the [webpage](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf). | |
|  | Participation in a criminal organisation. | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 2.1(b) |
|  | Corruption. | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 2.1(b) |
|  | Fraud. | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 2.1(b) |
|  | Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 2.1(b) |
|  | Money laundering or terrorist financing | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 2.1(b) |
|  | Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 2.1(b) |
| 2.1(b) | If you have answered yes to question 2.1(a), please provide further details.  Date of conviction, specify which of the grounds listed the conviction was for, and the reasons for conviction,  Identity of who has been convicted  If the relevant documentation is available electronically, please provide the web address, issuing authority, precise reference of the documents. |  |
| 2.2 | If you have answered Yes to any of the points above have measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self-Cleaning) | Yes ☐  No ☐ |
| 2.3(a) | **Regulation 57(3)**  Has it been established, for your organisation by a judicial or administrative decision having final and binding effect in accordance with the legal provisions of any part of the United Kingdom or the legal provisions of the country in which the organisation is established (if outside the UK), that the organisation is in breach of obligations related to the payment of tax or social security contributions? | Yes ☐  No ☐ |
| 2.3(b) | If you have answered yes to question 2.3(a), please provide further details. Please also confirm you have paid or have entered into a binding arrangement with a view to paying, the outstanding sum including where applicable any accrued interest and/or fines. |  |

Please Note: The department reserves the right to use its discretion to exclude a potential supplier where it can demonstrate by any appropriate means that the potential supplier is in breach of its obligations relating to the non-payment of taxes or social security contributions.

We are actively monitoring bids and are vigilant for signs of bid-rigging. Should we discover/suspect any anti-competitive behaviour we will contact the Competitions and Markets Authority (CMA). For more information and to find out if this applies to you, visit the [CMA website](https://cheatingorcompeting.campaign.gov.uk/). Should you be found to be in breach of competition law you may face:

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| * Fines of up to 10% of worldwide turnover * Director disqualification of up to 15 years * Damages claims by third parties | * Prison for up to 5 years * Reputational harm |

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| 3 | Grounds for discretionary exclusion | |
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| 3.1 | **Regulation 57 (8)**  The detailed grounds for discretionary exclusion of an organisation are set out on this [web page](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf), which should be referred to before completing these questions.  Please indicate if, within the past three years, anywhere in the world any of the following situations have applied to you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision, or control in the organisation. | |
| 3.1(a) | Breach of environmental obligations? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1 (b) | Breach of social obligations? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1 (c) | Breach of labour law obligations? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(d) | Bankrupt or is the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where the organisation’s assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an arrangement 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? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(e) | Guilty of grave professional misconduct? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(f) | Entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition?  For more info see [CMA information/advice](https://cheatingorcompeting.campaign.gov.uk/) | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(g) | Aware of any conflict of interest within the meaning of regulation 24 due to the participation in the procurement procedure? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(h) | Been involved in the preparation of the procurement procedure? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(i) | Shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages, or other comparable sanctions? | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |
| 3.1(j)  3.1(j) - (i)  3.1(j) - (ii)  3.1(j) –(iii)  3.1(j)-(iv) | Please answer the following statements  The organisation is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria.  The organisation has withheld such information.  The organisation is not able to submit supporting documents required under regulation 59 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.  The organisation has influenced the decision-making process of the contracting authority to obtain confidential information that may confer upon the organisation undue advantages in the procurement procedure, or to negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award. | Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2    Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2  Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2  Yes ☐  No ☐  If yes, please provide details at 3.2 |

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| 3.2 | If you have answered Yes to any of the above, explain what measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? (Self-Cleaning) |  |

**Taking Account of Tenderer’s Past Performance**

The Department may assess the past performance of a Supplier (through a Certificate of Performance provided by a customer or other means of evidence). The Department may also assess whether specified minimum standards for reliability for such contracts are met.

In addition, the Department may re-assess reliability based on past performance at key stages in the procurement process (i.e., supplier selection, tender evaluation, contract award stage etc.). Suppliers may also be asked to update the evidence they provide in this section to reflect more recent performance on new or existing contracts (or to confirm that nothing has changed).

**Non-payment of taxes/social security contributions**

The Department reserves the right to use its discretion to exclude a supplier where it can demonstrate the supplier’s non-payment of taxes/social security contributions where no binding legal decision has been taken.

Please note that this section relating to tax compliance only applies where the Department has indicated that the contract is over £5million in value.

“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance” means:

1. any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found to be incorrect as a result of:
   * + 1. a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;
       2. the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or
2. the Supplier’s tax affairs give rise on or after 1 April 2013 to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Effective Date or to a penalty for civil fraud or evasion

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| From 1 April 2013 onwards, have any of your company’s tax returns submitted on or after 1 October 2012; (Please indicate your answer by marking ‘X’ in the relevant box). | | |
| 3.1 | Given rise to a criminal conviction for tax related offences which is unspent, or to a civil penalty for fraud or evasion; | ▢ Yes  ▢ No |
| 3.2 | Been found to be incorrect as a result of:   * + - HMRC successfully challenging it under the General Anti-Abuse Rule (GAAR) or the “Halifax” abuse principle; or     - a tax authority in a jurisdiction in which the legal entity is established successfully challenging it under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the GAAR or the “Halifax” abuse principle; or     - the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified under the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Scheme (DOTAS) or any equivalent or similar regime in a jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established. | ▢ Yes  ▢ No |
| If answering “Yes” to either 3.1 or 3.2 above, the Supplier may provide details of any mitigating factors that it considers relevant and that it wishes the Department to take into consideration.  This could include, for example:   * + Corrective action undertaken by the Supplier to date;   + Planned corrective action to be taken;   + Changes in personnel or ownership since the Occasion of Non-Compliance (OONC); or   + Changes in financial, accounting, audit, or management procedures since the OONC.   In order that the Department can consider any factors raised by the Supplier, the following information should be provided:   * A brief description of the occasion, the tax to which it applied, and the type of “non-compliance” e.g., whether HMRC or the foreign tax authority has challenged pursuant to the GAAR, the “Halifax” abuse principle etc. * Where the OONC relates to a DOTAS, the number of the relevant scheme. * The date of the original “non-compliance” and the date of any judgement against the Supplier, or date when the return was amended. * The level of any penalty or criminal conviction applied. | | |

**Defining Different Types of Organisations**

The Department for Education is keen to collect information about SMEs. We are particularly interested in discovering how many SMEs apply for our contracts through the tendering process. Completion of the table below is for departmental information purposes only and will have no effect on the evaluation process outcomes. Government is committed to changing how it does business to make sure that small companies, charities, and voluntary sector organisations are included and encouraged to compete for our contracts.

A voluntary sector organisation may also be a SME if it has the same attributes.

Defn; A SME must be autonomous, an EU Company not owned or controlled by a non-EU parent, and employ less than 250 staff and have sales below €50million

*Source -*http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/files/sme\_definition/sme\_report\_2009\_en.pdf

Please complete the table below.

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| **Describe your Organisation** | | |
| **What type of supply arrangement best describes you in relation to this bid.** | | **Delete as appropriate** |
| 1. | We are a SME by definition | Yes/No |
| 2. | We are a Charity or Voluntary Sector Organisation (VSO) | Yes/No |
| 3. | We are a mutual organisation | Yes/No |
| 4. | We anticipate using a supply chain to deliver against this service. | Yes/No |
| 5. | We estimate that that our service delivery will be i.e., 40% delivered by VSO’s/SMEs | …….% |
| 6. | If none of the above applies, please describe the type of organisation you are: | |
| 7. | Please provide us with your Dun and Bradstreet Number, or a consortium, the lead tenderer’s number.  <http://www.dnb.co.uk/dandb-duns-number> |  |

The Department uses Dun and Bradstreet Numbers to manage its data around suppliers; we strongly encourage all suppliers to apply for a free Dunn’s number. The link to apply is: -<http://www.dnb.co.uk/myduns> - add ‘GOVERNMENT SUPPLIER’ as a reason for requesting your D&B DUNS number.

Do not delay returning your tender if you do not already have a Dun and Bradstreet number, returning your tender within the deadline is more important.

Declarations

1 ...............................................……………………………. (Name of tenderer) declares that we accept the Department’s standard terms and conditions included at Document 4 Attachment 1 as the basis of the contract: and

2 agree that the Department may disclose the Contractor's information/documentation (submitted to the Department during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes.

3 declare that we have not communicated to any other party the amount or approximate amount of the tender price other than in confidence and for the express purpose of obtaining insurances or a bond in connection with this tender. The tender price has not been fixed nor adjusted in collusion with any third party, and

4 declare that the tender will remain valid until 20th May 2025 and that we are not entitled to claim from the Department any costs or expenses incurred in preparing the tender or subsequent negotiations whether or not the tender is successful.

signed on behalf of the Tenderer ..................................................................................

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