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SBRI (SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH INITIATIVE) CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED MODULAR REACTOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME PHASE A TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

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This Contract is dated *5 Aug 2022* and is made between -

1. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy ("**the Authority**") of 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET, acting as part of the Crown;

and
2. **USNC UK Limited ("the Contractor")** whose registered office is at 2 Sidmouth Close, St. Helens, WA10 6BW.

INTRODUCTION

- (A) On 8th April 2022 the Authority issued an invitation to tender for the provision of Phase A of the Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR) Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Innovation Programme including in this the specification, a copy of which is set out in Schedule 1 (the "**Specification**").
- (B) In response the Contractor submitted a proposal entitled "USNC UK MMR+" setting out how it would provide the services. A copy of this proposal is set out in Schedule 2 (the "**Proposal**").
- (C) The Specification and the Proposal were supplemented by the correspondence copies of which are set out in Schedule 5 (the "Correspondence").

The parties agree as follows:

1. SUPPLY OF SERVICES AND PRICE

In consideration of payment by the Authority to the Contractor of the sum of **£498, 312.45 (four-hundred and ninety-eight thousand, three-hundred and twelve pounds, and forty-five pence)** exclusive of Value Added Tax (the "**Contract Price**") and in accordance with (a) **Schedule 1** – the Specification; (b) **Schedule 2** – the Proposal; (c) **Schedule 3** – The Project Plan and Finance Table; (d) **Schedule 4** – the Standard Terms; (e) **Schedule 5** – the Correspondence, the



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Contractor shall provide the Services described in the Specification and the Proposal to the Authority.

2. COMMENCEMENT AND CONTINUATION

This contract shall commence on *5 Aug 2022* and subject to any provisions for earlier termination contained in the Standard Terms, shall end after six calendar months.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 3.1 The Standard Terms as set out in Schedule 4 shall form part of this Contract.
- 3.2 The Contractor's Standard Terms and Conditions of business shall not apply to this Contract.
- 3.3 This Contract is formed of these clauses and the Schedules hereto. Any other attachments are provided for information purposes only and are not intended to be legally binding. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency, the documents prevail in the following order:
- a) these clauses
 - b) the Standard Terms
 - c) the Specification
 - d) the Project Plan and Finance Table
 - e) the Correspondence
 - f) the Proposal

4. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 Where the Contractor is supplying goods to the Authority these shall be delivered to the Authority in full compliance with the Specification and shall be of satisfactory quality and fit for purpose. Where the Contractor is performing services for the Authority it shall do so in accordance with the Specification and exercise reasonable skill and care.

5. MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 The Contractor shall perform the Services under the direction of the Authority.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall attend progress meetings with the Authority at intervals to be determined by the Authority. These meetings will typically be held on a monthly basis but may be more frequent if required by the Authority



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- 5.3 If requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide, within 30 days, details of the Contractor's plans and procedures to secure Information and intellectual property, to include, but not be limited to, cyber, physical and personnel security.
- 5.4 The Authority reserves the right to carry out personnel security checks on any employee/s of the Contractor, its agent/s and/or subcontractor/s throughout the term of this Contract and reserves the right to require the Contractor mitigates any concerns the Authority has. Any concerns which cannot be mitigated to the satisfaction of the Authority shall trigger a right of the Authority to terminate this Contract for material breach, subject to such satisfaction of the Authority not being unreasonably withheld
- 5.5 If requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide a list of all personnel who have undertaken, or are planned to undertake, work on the project. The Contractor shall notify the Authority of any changes to key personnel (including, but not limited to, workstream leads and senior personnel within the Contractor's organisation who will be working on or contributing to the project).
- 5.6 Any direction by the Authority may be given by [REDACTED] (the "Contract Manager") who is an officer in the Authority's Science and Innovation for Climate and Energy directorate, 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET, Email: nuclearinnovation@beis.gov.uk or such other person as is notified by the Authority to the Contractor in writing.
- 5.7 The Contractor appoints [REDACTED] to be the Contractor's first point of contact for this Contract. All queries to the Contractor from the Authority's Contract Manager shall initially be addressed to the Contractor's first point of contact.
- 5.8 The Contractor's first point of contact and the Contract Manager shall meet as often as either the Contractor or the Authority may require to review the Contractor's performance of the Contract.

6. INVOICES AND PAYMENT

- 6.1 Subject to the Contractor providing the Services to the Authority in accordance with this Contract and submitting invoice/s to the Contract Manager in the manner reasonably required by the Contract Manager, payment will be made by the Authority to the Contractor in accordance with to in Condition 11 of the Standard Terms.
- 6.2 The Contractor shall submit invoices in accordance with the Project Plan and Finance Table as set out in Schedule 3.



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7. TRANSPARENCY

- 7.1 The Authority is required to publish information about this contract through the Governments Transparency website, Contracts Finder.

Any decision by the Authority not to publish full details of the contract does not however preclude it publishing such information in the future (subject to applicable redactions) and the Authority may be required to disclose such information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) or other legal requirement. In such cases, the Authority would need to consider disclosure in the context of the particular circumstances of the request or requirement concerned.

Signed by the parties' duly authorised representatives:

For the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

For the Contractor



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The following Schedules form part of this Contract:

Schedule 1	The Specification
Schedule 2	The Proposal
Schedule 3	The Project Plan and Finance Table
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Schedule 1 – The Specification



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Advanced Modular Reactor Research, Development & Demonstration: Phase A

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A) Advanced Modular Reactor Research, Development & Demonstration (AMR RD&D) Programme

A.1. Programme Overview

The Prime Minister's [Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution](#), the [Energy White Paper: Powering Our Net Zero Future](#) and [Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener](#) all recognise the role of large (Gigawatt scale) nuclear reactor technology, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and Advanced Modular Reactors (AMRs) in supporting Net Zero by 2050. As part of the £385m Advanced Nuclear Fund, a commitment was made for an AMR Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) Programme, to better understand the technology and enable an AMR demonstration by the early 2030s. This fund is aligned with the Department's £1 billion [Net Zero Innovation Portfolio \(NZIP\)](#) which aims to accelerate the commercialisation of innovative clean energy technologies and processes through the 2020s and 2030s.

Advanced Modular Reactor is a UK term for the next generation of nuclear reactors which have the following characteristics:

- use of novel coolants and/or fuels and typically have higher temperature outputs in the range of 700-950°C (compared to around 300°C for Light Water Reactors (LWRs) or 600°C for Advanced Gas Reactor (AGRs)).
- generally have a lower power output (MW_{th}) than large nuclear reactor technology.
- likely to be designed so that much of the plant can be fabricated in a factory environment and transported to site to reduce build costs.

The UK's [Industrial Decarbonisation Strategy](#) highlights that the majority (70%) of the UK industrial energy demand is for heat. This demand for industrial process heat is expected to increase as 'hard-to-abate' areas of the economy decarbonise to meet Net-Zero. Processes for hydrogen and synthetic fuel production may also require an additional source of low-carbon heat.

We understand that there is currently no cost-effective technology solution for the decarbonisation of industrial heat. Hence, HMG aims to develop and demonstrate AMRs by the early 2030s so that they can be a viable cost-effective technology solution option (alongside other low-carbon technologies) for decarbonising industrial heat, and potentially for cost-competitive electricity generation.

In December 2021, following underpinning analysis and a Call for Evidence, the focus for the programme was confirmed as High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR) technology. This focus is for the programme only. In parallel the Department continues to explore the potential of all AMRs including through; opening the [Generic Design Assessment \(GDA\) process to advanced nuclear technologies](#), the UK's membership of the [Generation IV Forum](#), and development of enabling policy, including on siting.

BEIS are not currently aware of any viable commercial proposals for HTGRs that could be deployed in time to make an impact on Net Zero by 2050. Current evidence suggests that low technology readiness, in the context of potential commercial applications may be one of the reasons for this market failure. As a result, for the AMR RD&D programme, BEIS would like the sector to carry out a demonstration that will address this technology gap to enable HTGRs to contribute to the Net Zero 2050 target.

This demonstration, which is to be sited in the UK, should be shaped by end-user requirements, and should incentivise private investment in HTGRs by removing technical risk. It should aim to have innovation at the centre of its design, build, and application.

A.2. Programme Aims and Objectives

The overarching aim of the AMR RD&D programme is to develop and demonstrate HTGR technology in order to have the option for commercial HTGRs to potentially support the Net Zero target by 2050 and to develop UK owned IP.

The programme is designed to identify and deliver the optimal technology demonstration with respect to -

- Maximising the impact that HTGRs could potentially have on achieving the UK's Net-Zero target by 2050
- Minimising the cost of energy produced by HTGRs
- Incentivising private investment in the development of HTGRs
- Maximising economic benefits to the UK and contributing to the levelling up agenda

This leads to the following objectives -

Objective	Description
1	Identify the most cost effective and expedient way to overcome market failures and incentivise private sector investment in HTGR technology as an option for supporting the Net Zero 2050 target.
2	Develop supporting innovative technology and fuels.
2.1	Identify innovative technologies that can be developed within budget and timescale constraints and in-line with Value for Money (VfM) principles, that could reduce the lifetime cost of HTGR systems.
2.2	Develop any such technologies to at least TRL 7.
3	Demonstrate that high temperature heat can be safely and efficiently extracted from HTGRs at various discrete temperatures (in accordance with likely use cases) and used to decarbonise heat demand from key sectors.
4	Develop the UK supply chain, including fuel supply, to deliver a HTGR demonstration and underpin supply chain confidence towards commercialisation.
5	Generate IP and skills to position the UK to take advantage of export opportunities associated with HTGR technology and fuels.

A.3. Programme Structure

As shown in Figure 1 and previously highlighted in [BEIS's market engagement](#) from February 2022, the AMR RD&D Programme will likely take a three-phase approach (subject to HMG decision making & considerations under next Spending Review) as follows:

- **Phase A: Pre-FEED** (the focus of these guidance notes) will aim to understand the potential size, type, cost, and delivery method for a HTGR demonstration by allowing industry to propose solutions against the overarching Programme objectives through a Pre-Front-End Engineering Design (Pre-FEED) study output. A Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) pre-commercial procurement process will be used to deliver this phase.
- **Phase B: FEED** will be similar to large-scale engineering projects, and still subject to approvals, would see successful applicants developing their HTGR solution over a longer period of time to enable a Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) output study. This

would be used as a basis of the detailed design and engineering and include accurate total investment & lifecycle cost, how the demonstration would be sited, and include overall project delivery planning. We anticipate utilising a grant-based approach to engage any successful bidder(s). This would therefore require matched funding from industry. Like Phase A, applicants will need to consider how the proposal will maximise benefits to the UK, for example through IP, jobs, supply chain & fuel development.

Phase B will not be a down selection of successful Phase A applicants. It will be open to all applicants (this includes those who were successful in Phase A, those who were unsuccessful in Phase A, and entirely new bids).

- **Phase C: Permissioning, Construction, Detailed Engineering & Operation** is subject to HMG decision-making and considerations under the next Spending review. This phase could see a successful proposal from Phase B undertake detailed site-specific design, planning permissions, environmental permitting, nuclear site licensing, construction, commissioning and initial operation of the HTGR demonstration.

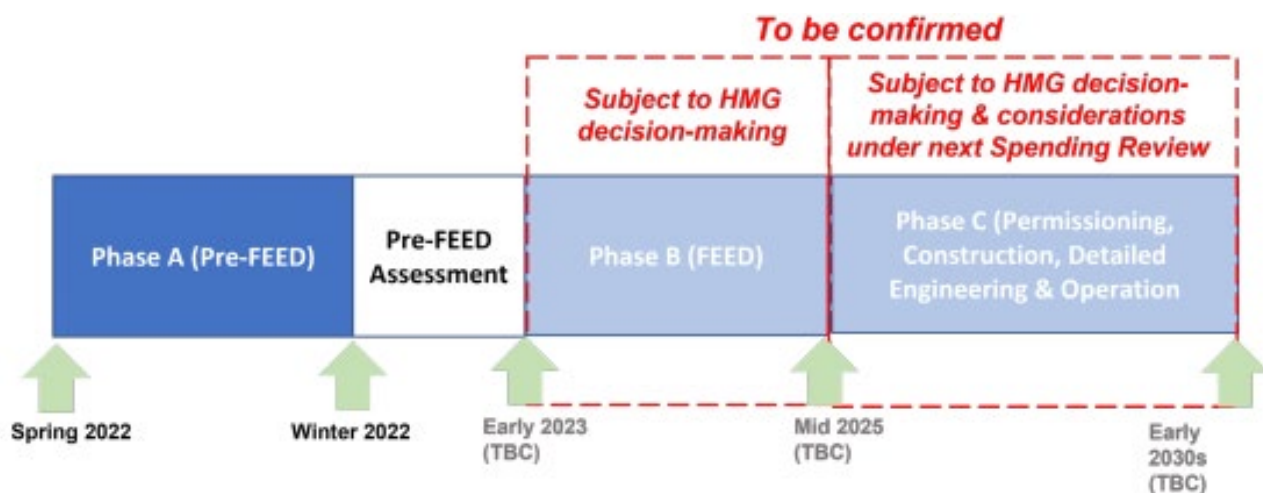


Figure 1: Potential structure of AMR RD&D Programme (subject to HMG decision making & considerations under next Spending Review). Phases B and C have been shared as an illustration only to provide stakeholders with an overall view of the potential structure of the Programme. This structure is subject to change.

B) Phase A - Competition Context, Aims, and Objectives

B.1. Competition Context

Phase A is the first phase of the Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR) Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Programme, part of the £385m Advanced Nuclear Fund which aims to accelerate the development and deployment of small and advanced modular reactors by the early 2030s.

While developing the AMR RD&D programme, BEIS has carried out market engagement with the nuclear sector. Feedback from the sector on the proposed approach was positive, highlighting aspects such as the phased approach and early engagement of end-users as valuable in the development of the HTGR demonstration solution. During this engagement the importance of fuel to a demonstration solution was consistently noted as an important theme. BEIS have taken this feedback on board and as a result Phase A will include a separate Lot (Lot 2) for the development of Coated Particle Fuel (CPF).

B.2. Competition Objectives

Through this Phase A competition, BEIS are seeking a series of pre-FEED (Front End Engineering Design) studies undertaken over a period of 6 months for HTGR reactor demonstrators/demonstrations¹ and HTGR fuel solutions. Applicants should note that BEIS has not set any technical criteria (i.e. power output, temperature, type etc.) for Phase A. This is intentionally broad to allow the sector to put forward the most cost-effective solution that could support Net Zero by 2050, pushes the boundaries of science, technology & innovation and can be delivered by the early 2030s.

The aim of this competition is to identify and understand the feasibility of credible, cost-effective, innovative HTGR reactor and fuel solutions which could help unlock private investment in the development of HTGR technology and maximise the impact this technology could have on supporting the UK's Net-Zero target by 2050. These pre-FEED studies will be used as part of the evidence base when defining the scope of future phases² of the AMR RD&D programme and to inform associated policy developments. This phase

¹ Where a 'demonstration' is defined as the activities required to remove technical risk sufficiently to make commercial investment viable.

² Future phases are subject to approvals and no formal commitment has been made to proceed with them.

also aims to continue to build capability and mobilise the UK's nuclear supply chain building on the successful Nuclear Innovation Programme.

With this mind, the specific objectives for Phase A are:

- Identify the most cost effective and expedient way to overcome market failures and incentivise private sector investment in HTGR technology as an option for supporting the Net Zero 2050 target.
- Identify innovative technologies that can be developed within budget and timescale constraints and in-line with Value for Money (VfM) principles, that could reduce the lifetime cost of HTGR systems.

It should be noted that these correspond to objectives 1 & 2.1 of the overall AMR RD&D Programme as detailed in Section A.2

B.3. Competition Scope

The scope of this phase is to develop cost-effective, credible HTGR technology solutions shaped by end-user requirements, produce initial costings and schedule, and encourage organisations to form partnerships that could further grow to deliver their demonstration proposals. It is intended to identify the key critical path activities required for a demonstration in the early 2030s, whilst also developing a robust evidence base to underpin the scoping of Phase B.

There are two key areas of technology that will need to be developed in parallel to enable a cost-effective HTGR demonstration solution that is shaped by end-user requirements. Therefore, in Phase A, projects will be classified in one of two separate Lots as follows:

- Lot 1: Reactor Demonstration
- Lot 2: Fuel Demonstration

There will be up to 4 Pre-FEED studies awarded as part of Lot 1 with up to 2 Pre-FEED studies awarded as part of Lot 2. For Lot 1, the total available funding is up to £2m with a maximum of £500k per project. For Lot 2, the total available funding is up to £500k with a maximum of £250k per project. Subject to application scoring, HMG reserve the right to transfer funding between Lots, and to award more or fewer studies that stated above in any given Lot.³

³ All figures exclude VAT

We expect successful proposals to take a 'joined up' working approach across stakeholders, involving, for example, technology vendors, potential end-users of heat, potential operators, potential manufacturers, potential investors, etc.

To support Phase A, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and the Environment Agency (EA) have been allocated up to £830k to continue to build and maintain their capability on advanced nuclear technologies.

B.4. Competition Route

The Competition funding will be awarded using the [Small Business Research Initiative \(SBRI\)](#) approach. SBRI is a well-established pre-commercial procurement process that enables the development of innovative products and services in response to specific challenges faced by government departments and public-sector bodies. Successful business partners receive finance to develop their innovative ideas, generating new business opportunities and routes to market. This competition and the SBRI approach is not limited to small and medium sized organisations.

This SBRI will fund 100% of eligible costs up to the maximum of £500k (Excl. VAT) per project in *Lot 1: Reactor Demonstration* and up to the maximum of £250k (Excl. VAT) per project in *Lot 2: Fuel Demonstration*.

Applicants are actively encouraged to form relationships that ensure they have access to the necessary expertise to deliver the scope of work. Applicants may either form contractor/sub-contract relationships or consortia at their discretion. However, in all cases, applicants must identify a Main Contractor or Lead Organisation who will be the primary point of contact with BEIS.

BEIS recognises that arrangements in relation to sub-contractors may (within limits) be subject to future change. Applicants should therefore respond in light of the arrangements currently envisaged. Any future proposed changes in relation to sub-contractors must be submitted to BEIS for approval.

The sharing of risks and benefits is an important aspect to the SBRI approach. Projects receive financial support and retain any intellectual property generated, with certain rights of use retained by BEIS. Project outputs (non-commercial) are also expected to be shared widely and publicly and project teams are not permitted to include profit or contingency sums in the eligible project costs.

B.5. Lots

Application into this competition will be split into two Lots, reflecting two key areas of development:

- Lot 1: Reactor Demonstration
- Lot 2: Fuel Demonstration

The definition of each Lot is shown in Table 1 alongside the allocated funding and duration. The intention is for successful projects in Lot 1 and Lot 2 to produce the same deliverables – however they will need to be produced in the context of the relevant research question.

Organisations may only enter one application into each Lot as the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation. However, they are permitted to support multiple bids as a sub-contractor / partner organisation (refer to Section C.1).

Table 1: Research questions, duration, and funding for Lot 1: Reactor Demonstration and Lot 2: Fuel Demonstration

LOT	DURATION	FUNDING ⁴	RESEARCH QUESTION
1 - REACTOR DEMONSTRATION	6 months	Up to 4 Pre-FEED studies will be awarded with up to £500k available for each project.	What is the optimal way to demonstrate Advanced Modular High Temperature Gas Reactor technology, to reduce risk for potential investors, and maximise UK benefit, and thus enable the option for commercial HTGR solutions to impact the UK's 2050 Net-Zero target?
2 – FUEL DEMONSTRATION	6 months	Up to 2 Pre-FEED studies will be awarded with up to £250k available for each project.	What is the optimal way to ensure that the UK supply chain can deliver Coated Particle Fuel (CPF), and maximise UK benefit, to support an Advanced Modular High Temperature Gas Reactor demonstration <i>and</i> be scalable to meet potential subsequent commercial demand?

⁴ Figures exclude VAT

B.6. Project Monitoring

A BEIS Project Monitoring Officer (PMO) will be assigned to each project and will be the main point of contact with BEIS during delivery. Projects will meet with their PMO at project start to agree the delivery plan, the milestones, and the specific outputs that will be delivered, as well as an invoicing schedule. PMOs will be responsible for reviewing evidence submitted as part of an invoicing claim before the invoice payment is approved.

Projects are required to submit monthly written progress reports to their PMO, and to meet with them monthly to discuss project progress. Projects should raise risks and issues promptly with their PMO as they arise, within and outside of these meetings.

Projects will also be required to report on the NZIP Key Performance Indicators, a set of portfolio-level indicators that help BEIS consistently track, measure, and report on results and progress achieved by NZIP. Templates for reporting KPIs and project progress will be provided to each project. Further details of KPI's are set out in Section I.1.

C) Competition & Delivery

The anticipated timeline for the competition & delivery of Phase A is shown in Table 2 below. Please note we will attempt to align with the dates shown however they are subject to change.

Table 2: Phase A indicative timeline (dates are subject to change).

Activity	Date
Competition guidelines issued /open Q&A	14:00 (BST), 8 th April 2022
<i>Easter Bank Holiday</i>	<i>15th April – 18th April 2022</i>
BEIS briefing event	w/c 25 th April 2022
<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>2nd May 2022</i>
Deadline for applicant questions	14:00 (BST), 3 rd May 2022
BEIS publish responses to Q&A	w/c 9 th May 2022
Deadline for online registration	14:00 (BST), 16 th May 2022
Deadline to submit online application form	14:00 (BST), 1 st June 2022
<i>Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday</i>	<i>2nd June – 5th June 2022</i>
All applicants notified of outcome	From 27 th June 2022
Contract start date	w/c 11 th July 2022

Activity	Date
Submission of Deliverables 3,4, & 5 (Ancillary Technology Annex, Dependencies Annex, and Indicative Cost and Schedule) (refer to section E)	26 th August 2022
Submission of Deliverable 6 (Early Summary Report) (refer to section E)	30 th September 2022
Submission of Deliverables 2 (Regulatory Annex) (refer to section E)	11 th November 2022
Submission of Deliverable 1 (Pre-FEED Report) (refer to section E)	13 th January 2023
Contract completion date	13 th January 2023

C.1. Stage 1: Application

Applicants are asked to submit an [online application form](#) with any supporting information by **14:00, 1st June 2022**. **BEIS will not accept any submissions which are not submitted via the online application form.** Applicants should explain their proposed approach clearly using the fields in the form and indicate the applicable Lot. The notes below explain the details of the application process:

- **Registration:** Applicants should register via the [online registration portal](#). The deadline for registration is **14:00 16th May 2022**. However, please register as soon as possible to receive relevant competition updates.
- **Questions about the Competition:** If you have any questions on the competition process or require clarifications on the eligibility criteria after reading these guidance notes, please submit queries via the [online Q&A portal](#). All questions should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than **14:00, 2nd May 2022**. Questions submitted after this date may not be answered. We will reply to any queries which, in our judgement, are of material significance through an anonymised Q&A sheet published on the AMR RD&D Webpage **during the week commencing 9th May 2022**, so there is sufficient time to include the responses in the applications. All applicants should take these replies into consideration when preparing their applications as we will evaluate applications on the assumption that they have done so.
- **Submission of Application:** The full application for the Competition must be submitted online by the deadline: **14:00, 1st June 2022**. The [online application form](#) will be closed

for submissions after this time. **BEIS will not accept any submissions, amendments to submissions or any additional project information received after this deadline.**

- **Application documents:** All application documents must be submitted via the [online application form](#). In the form there are opportunities to upload relevant supporting documents. In some sections we specify the supporting information we would like to see uploaded. **BEIS will not accept any submissions which are not submitted via the online application form.**
- **Submission Content:** Each Phase A online application must include the following:
 - Completed [online application form](#).
 - Completed Project Finance/Cost Breakdown Form (this should be uploaded in the Finance Section of the assessed criteria in the application form).
 - An organogram outlining the key roles of team members (including key subcontractors) and CVs outlining their skills and experience.
 - Outline project plans/Gantt charts, key work packages and risk registers.
 - Declaration 1: Statement of Non-Collusion
 - Declaration 2: Form of Tender
 - Declaration 3: Conflict of Interest
 - Declaration 4: Standard Selection Questionnaire
 - Declaration 5: Code of Practice
 - Declaration 6: The General Data Protection Regulation Assurance Questionnaire
 - Optional: additional letters of support or other supporting information can also be submitted in the final section before you submit your online application form. ⁵

You should endeavour to answer all the questions in the application in full. Some questions will be 'required fields' in the form and you will not be able to proceed to the next section until these questions are complete. Incomplete applications and any containing incorrect information may be rejected. However, BEIS may, at its discretion, request clarification before making a final decision. Any applications or supporting documentation received after the application deadline will not be considered.

Applicants are advised to draft their application offline, and ensure they leave sufficient time to copy their application to the online form and answer all the compulsory questions. Applicants are also advised to make an early start on the application process as it may take considerable time, and to use the Q&A process to clarify anything they are unsure about. **The advertised deadline will not be extended and no submissions will be accepted after the deadline.**

⁵ Please be aware that any additional material submitted that has not been specifically requested may not be considered in the assessment

- **Submission Costs:** You will **not** be entitled to claim from the Department any costs or expenses that you may incur in preparing your application, regardless of whether your application is successful.

Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation: Applications must demonstrate they have a UK based organisation positioned as the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation. Organisations based outside of the UK are welcome to support applications as sub-contractors.

- **Collaborative/ Solo-bid:** Organisations from the UK nuclear industry can lead a collaborative bid (with sub-contractors) or put forward a solo-bid. We don't expect UK academic institutions and National Laboratories to put forward a solo-bid.

- **Multiple Applications:**

- Organisations may not submit more than one application into either Lot as the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation. However, they are permitted to –
 - Support multiple applications as a subcontractor / partner organisation
 - Enter two applications as the Main Contractor / Lead Organisation provided they are not in the same Lot.
- Where sub-contractors/ partner organisations are present in multiple applications –
 - It shall be the duty of the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation to manage arrangements as regards to conflicts of interests of subcontractors and/or partners, including but not limited to subcontracts support other applications.
 - The Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation shall provide assurance that the sub-contractor(s) and/or partner organisations have sufficient resources to successfully deliver all work packages.
- Where subcontractors/ partner organisations are successful in more than one application, the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation shall ensure that funding is not double counted for any given item of scope.

- BEIS recognises that arrangements in relation to sub-contractors may (within limits) be subject to future change. Applicants should therefore respond in the light of the arrangements as currently envisaged and are reminded that any future proposed changes in relation to main-contractor/sub-contractor(s) arrangements must be submitted in writing to BEIS for consideration on a case-by-case basis.
- **Tender Validity:** Phase A applications shall be valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days from the submission deadline (**14:00, 1st June 2022**)

C.2. Stage 2: Assessment

Applications will initially be assessed against the Eligibility Criteria in Section D). **Applications which fail the Eligibility Criteria will not be assessed further, so it is essential to ensure that your project meets these criteria before you submit your application.**

The assessment process is detailed in Section F) of this document. Applicants should note that an overall minimum threshold score of 60% is required to be eligible for funding.

Following the assessment of applications, the funding will be awarded to projects as detailed in Section F)

After the assessment stage, all applicants will receive a short summary of key feedback regarding their applications irrespective of whether they are successful or not. BEIS aims to provide feedback to applicants at the same time as notifying applicants whether they are successful or unsuccessful.

C.3. Stage 3: Award

Contracts are expected to **start w/c 11th July 2022 running through to 15th January 2023⁶**. Please note that BEIS will not back date the start date of contracts.

Contract terms: The contracts shall be based on the BEIS pre-commercial procurement contract. The terms and conditions for the Phase A contract is provided in Appendix 4 of this guidance. **These terms and conditions are final and non-negotiable.** Clause 18.7 of the terms and conditions stipulates that liability is limited to twice the contract value.

All applicants should review clauses 27 and 28 of the terms and conditions which contain important provisions relating to arising intellectual property and its exploitation.

There will be an opportunity for successful applicants, prior to contracts being signed, to discuss the contract at a meeting with an official from BEIS who will explain the contractual terms and conditions and respond to any queries which the applicant may have at this stage. **Please note, this meeting will not be an opportunity to negotiate the contract: the Terms and Conditions as published with this guidance are final and will not be amended for any successful applicant.**

⁶ Start dates may vary depending on number of applications received or any due diligence issues.

D) Eligibility for Funding

D.1. Competition Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for funding, proposed projects must meet all the following eligibility criteria. The eligibility criteria for Lot 1 and Lot 2 are identical.

The responses to the eligibility questions are either 'yes or no'. If you answer 'no' to any of the questions your proposal will be removed from the assessment process. Please read the questions carefully and respond to the questions in the [online application form](#).

1. Security

HMG reserve the right to disqualify any bid for a project that would in any way present a security concern to the United Kingdom. The Main Contractor / Lead Organisation and sub-contractors must be associated with a country that is party to the Treaty on Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and have signed and ratified either a Voluntary Offer Agreement or a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, and a Small Quantities Protocol, or an Additional Protocol with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Main contractor / Lead Organisation and sub-contractors must not be associated with a country that has been sanctioned for any reason including for infringement of any of the above.

Eligibility Question: Does your application satisfy HMG's security requirements?

2. UK Benefit

The majority of the work in Phase A must be carried out in the UK.

Eligibility Question: Does the majority of Phase A work take place in the UK?

3. Main contractor / Lead Organisation is UK Based

As noted in section C.1 applicants must demonstrate that the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation is UK based.

Eligibility Question: Is the Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation based in the UK?

4. Technology

The proposed solution must enable High Temperature Gas Reactor (HTGR) technology, where HTGR is defined as a gas-cooled nuclear fission reactor with an outlet temperature greater than 700°C.

Eligibility Question: Does your proposed project enable HTGR technology?

5. Innovation & Commercialisation

This is a pre-commercial procurement competition to support the development of innovative technology. These innovative technologies must not have previously been tested in the market or commercialised.

Eligibility question: Can you confirm that your proposed deployment methodology has not been previously tested in the market or commercialised?

6. Eligible project size

The total budget is up to £2.5m to fund up to four projects in Lot 1 (Reactor) and up to two Projects in Lot 2 (Fuel). The maximum funding available for any given project in Lot 1 is £500k. The Maximum funding available for any given project in Lot 2 is £250k.

Eligibility question: Is your proposed project costed within the budget limits?

7. Eligible project costs

Eligible costs associated with Phase A are provided in Section M.1.

SBRI is aimed at organisations working on research, development and demonstration (RD&D) of an innovative process, material, device, product, or service prior to commercialisation. Funding is available for RD&D activities only, including related dissemination activity.

Projects requesting funding for commercialisation activities are not eligible.

To meet the risk-benefit sharing requirements of the SBRI delivery method, project teams are **not** permitted to include profit or contingency costs in the eligible project costs.

Eligibility question: Do your project costs only include those eligible under a SBRI contract?

Eligibility question: Can you confirm that your project cost does not include those attributed to commercialisation activities and/or profit or contingency on eligible costs?

8. Ineligible project costs

Ineligible costs associated with Phase A are provided in Section 0.

Eligibility question: Does your application exclude costing/budget for any of these ineligible costs?

9. Additionality

Projects can only be funded where evidence can be provided that innovation would not be taken forwards (or would be taken forwards at a much slower rate) without public sector funding.

Eligibility question: Can you confirm that this project would not be taken forward (or would progress at a much slower rate) without public sector funding?

10. Project end date

All Phase A deliverables must be submitted by 15th January 2023

Eligibility question: Will you complete the project and submit all Phase A deliverables by 15th January 2023?

11. Risk-Benefit sharing

The sharing of risks and benefits is an important aspect to the SBRI approach. Projects receive financial support and retain any intellectual property generated, with certain rights of use retained by BEIS. Project outputs (non-commercial) are also expected to be shared widely and publicly and project teams are not permitted to include profit in the eligible project costs.

Eligibility Question: Do you agree to the SBRI approach on risk benefit sharing?

12. Multiple Application and Delivery

Organisations may not submit more than one application into a Lot as the prospective Main Contractor / Lead Organisation. However, they are permitted to –

- Support multiple applications as a prospective subcontractor / partner organisation
- Enter two applications as the prospective Main Contractor/ Lead Organisation provided they are not both in the same Lot

Eligibility Question: Do you agree to the competition entry limitations with regards to multiple applications?

13. Agree to published BEIS SBRI Terms & Conditions

Applicants must agree to the published BEIS SBRI Terms and Conditions, including clauses on Intellectual Property to be eligible.

Eligibility question: Do you agree to the published BEIS SBRI Terms and Conditions?

D.2. General BEIS procurement conditions

There are six declaration forms which must be completed by each applicant, covering issues such as: conflict of interest, non-collusion, bribery, corruption, and fraud, GDPR assurance and overall agreement to the terms of this pre-commercial procurement process.

These declarations are provided and can be downloaded from the [online competition form](#) which must be signed and attached to the application by the applicant. They are also attached in Appendix 3 of this document for reference. The GDPR Assurance Questionnaire is embedded in this document and must be returned as part of the application.

Conflicts of interest: The BEIS standard terms and conditions of contract include reference to conflicts of interest and require contractors to declare any potential conflict of interest to the Secretary of State.

For research and analysis, conflict of interest is defined as the presence of an interest or involvement of the contractor, subcontractor which could affect the actual or perceived impartiality of the research or analysis.

Where there may be a potential conflict of interest, it is suggested that the organisation designs working arrangements such that the findings cannot be influenced (or perceived to be influenced) by the organisation that owns a potential conflict of interest. For example, consideration should be given to the different roles which organisations play in the research or analysis, and how these can be structured to ensure an impartial approach to the project is maintained.

This is managed in the procurement process as follows:

- During the application process, organisations may contact BEIS to discuss whether their proposed arrangement is likely to yield a conflict of interest.

Applicants are asked to sign and return Declaration 3 (this is contained in the [online application form](#) and is attached for reference in Appendix 3) to indicate whether any conflict of interest may be, or be perceived to be, an issue. If this is the case, the applicant should give a full account of the actions or processes that it will use to ensure that conflict of interest is avoided. In any statement of mitigating actions, contractors are expected to outline how they propose to achieve a robust, impartial and credible approach to the research.

- When tenders are scored, this declaration will be subject to a pass/fail score, according to whether, on the basis of the information in the application and declaration, there remains a conflict of interest which may affect the impartiality of the research.

Failure to declare or avoid conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, at this or a later stage may result in exclusion from the procurement competition, or in BEIS exercising its right to terminate any contract awarded.

E) Deliverables

The following deliverables shall be required from successful applicants at the end of Phase A. The deliverables shall be the same across both Lots but shall be produced in the context of the relevant research question.

It should be noted that SBRI awards require that project outputs are shared publicly – therefore non-commercial information developed by this competition will need to be accessible.

Deliverable 1: Pre-FEED Report

The contractor shall produce a report that sets out their proposed solution for an HTGR reactor demonstration and/or fuel demonstration and how it would deliver on AMR RD&D objectives 2.2, 3, 4, & 5 (as set out in Section A.2). The report shall be in two parts:

- a main report of up to 40 pages summarising all the key information (as detailed below)
- all supporting information (e.g., calculations) shall be included in the appendices

The total report (main report and appendices) shall not be more than 300 pages (min 11 point font) and shall include but not be limited to:

Solution Description

- **Description of technology** – detailing key attributes, technical, fuel cycle (including proposed fuel) and siting parameters
- **Technical maturity** – evidence-based assessment of the demonstration linked to defined Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of the key design components. The methodology used to assess the design should align with the US Department of Energy methodology
- **Challenges** – appraisal of the key technical challenges that would need to be overcome during the proposed demonstration and associated timings.
- **Phase B R&D** – summary & approximate costs of the proposed R&D activities that would be undertaken in Phase B as priority (alongside any FEED) to ensure the demonstration is ready for Phase C.
- **Safety and Security** – Summary of how safety, security and non-proliferation issues might be managed, and relevant obligations met
- **Any additional information** the applicant believes is needed to fully describe and quantify benefits of the solution.

Delivery Plan

- **Budget –**
 - P90 ⁷cost estimate for Phase B⁸
 - P50 cost estimate for Phase C
 - Full breakdown of costing methodology in a comparative format to be agreed with BEIS.
- **Funding –** Details of how much of the Phase B & C budget would need to be provided by HMG and how much match funding from private actors could be leveraged.
- **Deliverables –** Summary of the key milestones and deliverables that would be delivered in Phase B and Phase C.
- **Opportunities –** details of any opportunities to accelerate the schedule for the demonstration and additional ways to optimise value for money for the taxpayer.
- **Lifecycle planning –** Outline plan to operate and decommission the demonstration in a safe and secure way, and deal with any waste that arises.
- **Assumptions –** explicit list of assumptions delivery plan, including (fuel) supply chain requirements.
- **Statement of Capability -** Details of how the contractor would theoretically deliver the demonstration including what additional capabilities it would need to acquire.⁹
- **Siting and Permissioning –** Detailed plan to obtain a site for the demonstration and gain all required permissions and site licences including public consultation and all other relevant factors. More than one option may be presented but this deliverable shall not be limited to a proposal for a government provided site.

Market Need

- **Demonstration Hypothesis -** Summary of how the proposed demonstration, along with any stated external dependencies could help create the conditions for deployment of an AMR First-Of-A-Kind (FOAK).
- **End Users -** Appraisal of the target markets the commercial product would be expected to service. This should include a demonstration of market engagement with end-users during Phase A and how this will be developed further in Phases B & C.
- **Investment –** Summary of the key barriers to private investment and how the proposed demonstration would remove these.
- **Assumptions –** Explicit list of assumptions underpinning the market hypothesis.

⁷ P(x) terminology is given as a guide to convey HMGs desired level of accuracy at various stages of the overall programme lifecycle. Ultimately the robustness and credibility of costings will be judged on a detailed review of the assumptions as methodology. The Main Contractor / Lead Organisation would expect 90% of estimates done to P90 standard to fall within budget, 50% of P50 estimate, etc.

⁸ refer to Section A.3 for phase descriptions

⁹ This is for evidence gathering purposes only (HMG wish to examine the supply chains capability to deliver various demonstration scopes) and in no way implies a commercial advantage to any individual organisation should HMG elect to proceed with Phase B&C procurement.

Innovation

- **Innovation detail** – Appraisal of the innovative aspects / R&D of the proposed demonstration
- **Value adding R&D** – Identify how the proposed R&D will support and add value to; the demonstration programme, synergies with the development of advanced nuclear technologies (or beyond), and potential future commercialisation of advanced nuclear technologies more broadly.
- **Innovation versus cost-effective expediency** – How innovation will be effectively balanced, creating UK value whilst not disproportionately affecting the time and cost of the RD&D programme

Deliverable 2: Regulatory Annex

The contractor shall provide a separate standalone annex summarising the key safety, security and environmental features associated with the demonstration proposal. This annex will not be more than 150 pages (min 11 point font), supplemented by no more than 25 pages of figures and plans.

This annex shall include, where available, the following information (detailed under Safety and Security and Environmental aspects) for the relevant facilities located on and off site across the full project lifecycle including fuel cycle and waste management, located on-site and off-site, in a holistic way and in accordance to the risk significance of the hazards that they may pose. Due to the pre-FEED status of Phase A the report should clearly state where information is not available and provide a plan for generating that information in future phases.

Licensing, Permitting & Permissioning

- A high-level overview of the vendor's proposal for achieving regulatory approval in the UK of the AMR demonstration, including considerations for how a commercial design will be licenced in time to make a meaningful contribution to Net Zero by 2050. This overview should include an overall project deployment plan with aspirational dates for achieving regulatory authorisations including licensing, permitting and planning and indicative dates for commencement and completion of construction, commissioning and operation project phases.
- Details of the general aspects of the proposal, including description of the technology, description of facilities and generic requirements on and off-site including consideration of siting of nuclear facility and on and off nuclear licensed site cogeneration facilities and infrastructure requirements for proposed sites, grid connection, access routes, Hydrogen storage and distribution networks.
- Identification of areas of innovation in your proposal for achieving safety, security, and environmental objectives. Include any areas of novelty or uncertainty in the design or deployment which will need to be addressed in the future.

- Reactor Fuel type, point of origin, providence, overseas supplier, qualification of fuel not manufacturing oversight, transportation and storage.
- Summary details of the organisations involved in any consortium including UK licensee organisations and experienced Engineering, Procurement, and construction (EPC), Project Management Contract (PMC) organisations for construction etc and outline plan for development of operator's organisation.
- Details of on and off-site facilities making use of both electricity (other than national grid) or thermal output produced by the reactor including consideration of size of site to accommodate plant and spent fuel store.
- An outline of the scope of the existing safety, security and environmental case available at this time (by comparison to a recognised standard such as IAEA GSR Part 4, SSG-61, NUREG-800), the schedule to develop it further, and any areas where the technology or deployment proposal allows for a reduction in scope or necessitates an increase in scope.
- A description of whether the case being developed is specifically for the UK regulatory requirements or is a broader approach being cognisant of the expectations of other regulators and/or the IAEA.
- A summary of the safety objectives, principles and acceptance criteria to be applied to the on and off NSL facilities. Include, key safety features and claims for the design, deployment and operation of the reactor design. An outline of the safety analysis approach supporting the key structures. The codes and standards that will be used for the key on and off-site safety structures, systems and components together with how operational experience has informed the design. A description of, how the design can be demonstrated to be As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP).
- A summary of how Safeguards and Security requirements will be addressed for the project including consideration of; security principles and a risk-based approach, UK Government risk considerations and use of the Design Basis Threat (DBT), security case and plan development.
- Details of the design principles and criteria applied to the on and off-site facilities and evidence (including OPEX and its validity) to confirm the level of design maturity and degree of completion, including status, if any, of design reviews undertaken by non GB regulatory authorities, to inform readiness to commence formal regulatory assessment via GDA and or licensing.
- Description of how nuclear safety (including radiation protection and radioactive waste management) and security requirements will be maintained throughout likely modes of operation, including control of changes to operating modes for cogeneration purposes, In the production of the regulatory annex, the contractor shall clearly identify potential accident and fault scenarios and proposed mitigations, including safety and security measures associated with the cogeneration on and off-site facilities, and the plans to address them (including the R&D required). This should include

consideration of on and off-site emergency planning requirements and the need for early engagement with relevant local authorities

The level of detail can be different in the various technical areas considered in the demonstration of nuclear safety (including radiation protection and radioactive waste management) and security. For example, more detailed information may be needed to provide confidence to the regulator on the adequacy of novel features or approaches to safety or security of nuclear material. Such as, claims on high standards of performance and reliability of structures, systems and components, claims on inherent safety and fault tolerance, claims of security of nuclear materials and claims of safe and secure disposal of nuclear waste, etc.

Further guidance on the areas that the regulators consider important to be included in the report will be provided prior to the start of the pre-FEED studies.

Environment

The regulatory annex should consider environmental protection issues in the development of a reactor design and relevant facilities (on- and off-site), including details of environmental protection philosophy as well as a summary of any significant foreseeable impacts on the environment; including sensitive habitats, should be provided in the annex. This should include:

- A description of routine radioactive and non-radioactive gaseous and liquid emissions and discharges from the reactor and associated facilities. Supported by an indication of the source term, main radionuclides arising from normal operations (including expected events) and their mobility through the plant from generation to disposal and fate in the environment.
- A description of solid radioactive waste generated by routine operations and final decommissioning, provide an indication of the types of radioactive waste produced and their disposal routes.
- Sufficient detail to provide confidence that decommissioning has been considered in the design and that the site will be operated in a manner to ensure it can be safely decommissioned.

In the production of the regulatory annex, the contractor should identify the [radioactive substances regulation \(RSR\): objective and principles](#) that are relevant to their specific design. The annex should identify any key environmentally critical plant and equipment, including discharge monitoring systems, and provide an outline of the arrangements governing their control and operation. This should also include a summary of the nature of the impact the site may have on the surrounding environment including any cooling water requirements and anticipated thermal impacts on any receiving waterbody acting as heatsink.

The submission should also identify the potential for a 'net environmental gain', noting that the UK government is seeking to embed this principle for new development in the UK.

Further guidance on the areas that the regulators consider important to be included in the annex will be provided prior to the start of Phase A.

This deliverable will be reviewed by the UK Nuclear Regulators (the Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Environment Agency). Following submission to the Regulators there will be a single engagement of one day (eight hour) session to allow the regulators to seek clarification, if necessary, as part of their review. The contractor will not be able to submit any further information to the Regulators in addition to the original 150 page submission. The likely duration of this engagement will be one half-day (four hour) session. The agenda and areas that need to be covered in the session will be set up by the Regulators in advance of the session. It is the intention that all queries by the regulator should be resolved during meeting. It is anticipated that the sessions will take place between September and December 2022. The regulator's time will be funded by BEIS.

Deliverable 3: Ancillary Technology Development Annex

The contractor shall provide a separate annex detailing a proposal for priority applied research to be undertaken. Importantly it should detail what is best placed to be addressed within phases B and C of this programme, and which aspects need to be delivered outside of the RD&D programme (and reasoning for this).

The Annex will be not more than 20 pages (min. size 11 font).

Deliverable 4: Assumptions, Interfaces, and Dependencies Annex

The contractor shall provide a separate standalone annex detailing all assumptions, interfaces and dependencies required to deliver objectives as set out for this programme. This should include responsibilities for management of each of the above through each of the phases of the programme.

These shall include but not be limited to policy changes, regulatory changes, and research and development which would not be contracted as part of the proposed demonstration scope and aspects within and between lots.

The Annex shall not more than 20 pages (min. size 11 font).

Deliverable 5: Indicative Cost and Schedule

The contractor shall provide an early indicative cost and schedule for Phases B & C in a comparative format to be agreed with BEIS (*this is to inform internal business planning activities*).

Deliverable 6: Early Summary Report

The contractor shall provide a separate early summary report covering all the key details of the study which will be submitted later in more detail as Deliverable 1.

This summary report shall be no more than 10 pages (min. size 11 font)

Project Management

The contractor shall hold a Kick-Off Meeting with BEIS no more than 2 weeks after the contract is awarded

The contractor shall allow for a minimum of monthly progress reports and meetings to be held with BEIS and/or their appointed representatives and advisors throughout the project.

F) Assessment Process and Criteria

F.1. Assessment Process

All applications will initially be considered against the competition eligibility criteria (detailed in Section D). Eligible applications will be assessed against the criteria detail in section 0 below.

Each application will initially be reviewed by at least three assessors and given a score of 1 to 5 (in accordance with the guidance in Section F.3 against each criterion. Applications will then be subject to moderation until the assessors can agree to converge on a score for each criterion. An overall score of 0% to 100% will then be calculated in accordance with the weightings stated in section 0.

Applications will be eliminated if they receive a score of 1 against any given criterion, or they receive an overall score of less than 60%. Funding will be allocated to projects in order of their final score until the budget is used within a given Lot (refer to section B.5).

The application form and guidance notes are designed to inform you about the types of information you should provide to BEIS for your application to be assessed.

Note: Nothing in this funding call requires BEIS to award any applicant a contract of any particular amount or on any particular terms. BEIS reserves the right not to award any contracts, in particular if BEIS is not satisfied by the applications received or if the funding assigned to the scheme is required for other, unforeseen, purposes. BEIS will not, under any circumstances, make any contribution to the costs of preparing applications and applicants accept the risk that they may not be awarded a contract.

F.2. Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Weighting
Team and Resources Assessment of the team that will carry out the Phase A scope of work with respect to their ability to deliver on objectives 1 and 2.1 (refer to Section A.2) considering the following: • Qualifications and Experience • Access to cross-functional expertise (technical authority, potential operator of demonstration and potential FOAK plant, potential FOAK end-user, potential investor. etc.) For fuels lot this may include: technical fuel authority, potential commercial scale fabricator, potential material supplier. • Whether contractual agreements are in place, or if there is strong evidence they will be. • Potential for the team to grow to deliver future phases of the RD&D programmed (B&C) • Potential for team to grow to deliver a theoretical FOAK HTGR • Understanding and experience of UK nuclear policy and regulation	40%
Solution Assessment of the proposed solution which would be delivered in Phases B&C with respect to its suitability to deliver objectives 2.2, 3, and 4 (refer to Section A.2) considering the following: • Technical feasibility and maturity • Ability to maximise the generation of UK owned IP • Ability to enable HTGRs as an option to contribute to Net-Zero by 2050 • Whether it is a technologically innovative proposition • Whether the solution incorporates best-practice design-for-construction including but not limited to modular design in context of intended component manufacturing and reactor siting locations • New content that will be generated using the funding	25%
Delivery Assessment of the applicant's ability to deliver the Phase A scope of work and deliver on objectives 1 and 2.1 (refer to Section A.2) in consideration of the following: • Suitability and credibility of Phase A schedule • Level of risk associated with Phase A delivery and project mitigations against these risks • Suitability of project management processes	15%

Criteria	Weighting
Cost Assessment of the Phase A scope of work with respect to the cost of the proposal	10%
Social Value Assessment of the social value that will be delivered during the delivery of the Phase A scope of work including – • Supporting jobs and skills in the UK • Increasing UK supply chain resilience and capacity • Improving workforce equality	10%

F.3. Scoring Guidance

The projects will be scored against the five scoring criteria set out below in table below.

The total score will be calculated by applying the weighting set against each criterion, outlined above; the maximum number of marks possible will be 100. Applications that score of 1 (prior to the weighting calculation) against any given criterion will be eliminated.

Score	Description
1	Not Satisfactory: There is no evidence to very little evidence that the question has been satisfactorily answered and major omissions are evident.
2	Partially Satisfactory: There is little evidence that the question has been satisfactorily answered and some omissions are evident. Much more clarification is needed.
3	Satisfactory: There is reasonable evidence that the question has been satisfactorily addressed but some omissions are still evident and further clarification is needed.
4	Good: The question has been well addressed with a good evidence base , with only minor omissions or lack of clarity.
5	Excellent: There is clear evidence that the question has been completely addressed in all aspects, with question answered clearly, concisely with a strong evidence base.

G) Financial Information

Applicants are requested to provide a capped price quotation for the work. A detailed cost breakdown is required to enable assessment of value for money.

Financial information should include costs for the project, detailing labour (including manpower rates), material and capital equipment costs, and any travel and subsistence requirements. Applicants are required to complete a detailed financial summary template (the finance form) as part of the application process. **Financial viability checks**

BEIS will undertake financial viability checks on all successful applicants. These will include looking at the latest independently audited accounts filed on the Companies House database. BEIS reserves the right to also verify the financial viability of all sub-contractors.

Where a business is not required to file accounts with Companies House, other financial information may be requested to enable an appropriate financial viability review to be undertaken. We will be looking for evidence of your ability to resource the cashflow for the project appropriately, so the information we request will be focused on understanding how your business operates in this respect.

Before your project starts, BEIS will ask for evidence that you have the funding mechanisms in place to manage your cash flow across the life of your project. This could include letters of credit or other such mechanisms.

BEIS will not make payments in advance of need and typically makes contract payments in arrears on satisfactory completion of agreed milestones and deliverables. BEIS understands, however, the difficulties which small businesses may face when financing this type of project. BEIS will explore cash flow issues with the applicant as part of developing the financial and milestone profile during the Contract Award process. BEIS will offer flexibility in terms of profiles and payments, within the confines of the requirements for use of public money within which it operates.

H) Notification and Publication of Results

H.1. Notification

Applicants will be informed by email whether their application has been successful, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the Conditional Contract Offer (conditional on successfully passing due diligence).

BEIS may wish to publicise the results of the scheme, which may involve engagement with the media. At the end of the application and assessment process, BEIS may issue a press release or publish a notice on its website. These public documents may, for example, outline the overall results of competitions and describe some of the projects to be funded.

Some organisations may want their activities to remain confidential and you will be given a chance to opt out of any involvement in media relations activity and further case study coverage of projects, should you see this as being necessary. However, the public description of the project you provide in your application will be made available in the public domain if your application is successful, and you are not able to opt out of the project description being published, as such, you must provide a short description (<400 words) of your proposed project. In addition, all funded projects must include reporting and dissemination milestones – agreed with BEIS – as part of their project deliverables. Information about all contracts awarded will also be published on [Contracts Finder](#) as legally required under The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Any organisation that wishes to publicise its project, at any stage, must contact the Competition Project Manager or their Project Monitoring Officer at BEIS for approval.

H.2. Publication of results

SBRI involves a high degree of risk–benefit sharing. In return for provision of funding and non-financial support during demonstration activities, BEIS expects to be able to use and share the results and outputs of the demonstration activities with other government departments and on the government website (gov.uk).

BEIS also wishes to publicise details of the award recipients. Therefore, on or after issuing a SBRI contract, BEIS will publish the following information:

- Identity of the participant and its partners

- Project summary information including aims and expected outcomes of the project and location of the project.
- Notice of award on Contracts Finder
- Total award value

Following completion of the funded projects, BEIS will publish on its website a summary of the funded activities and the outcomes achieved. This will include a final summary report from each project detailing technical approach, and key achievements. BEIS may also revisit projects at a later date and publish an evaluation report for the competition as a whole.

BEIS recognises the need to maintain confidentiality of commercially sensitive information. We will consult applicants regarding the nature of information to be published, to protect commercially sensitive information. The notice of the award on [Contracts Finder](#) will also include the value of the contract as well as expected start and end dates.

I) Reporting, Knowledge Sharing, Evaluation and Intellectual Property Requirements

I.1. Reporting, Knowledge Sharing and Evaluation Requirements

There will be several requirements on contractors during the project, including after the final payment milestone:

- Reporting: to track project progress and ensure payments are made according to a schedule of milestones to be agreed with selected projects. This reporting will be in confidence to BEIS, and will not be published. Any changes to schedules or project plans will need to be discussed and agreed with BEIS and applicants should expect significant interaction with the team during the project.
- Evaluation of the scheme: Successful applicants will be expected to participate in an evaluation of the scheme during and after final contract payments, to assess the impact of the scheme, including value for money.

BEIS uses a standardised set of key performance indicator metrics within the Net Zero Innovation Portfolio (NZIP KPIs) to help assess the set-up, progress, achievements, and long-term impacts of all NZIP funded projects. As part of your application, you will select a subset of NZIP KPI's number 5 to 10 (provided in Table 2) which you believe are relevant to your project's design, aims and objectives. For all successful projects, these KPIs will be discussed in further detail and agreed with BEIS prior to contracts being issued.

- You are required to work with BEIS to select all relevant KPIs to be tracked, measured, and reported against for your project.
- You are required to build in project data collection and reporting for all selected KPIs.
- NZIP KPIs will be collected from all funded projects regardless of project length at the **project start** and at **project close**.
- You will also be required to provide a subset of KPI data in **annual follow-up data collection for 3 years post project-completion**, with focus on Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs), Commercial Readiness Levels (CRLs), follow-on funding, sales and expected long-term impact.

By submitting a bid, you agree that BEIS can hold your contact details for evaluation purposes for the duration of the competition, even if your bid is not successful. BEIS may,

within that time, contact you to request your participation in an evaluation, exploring issues such as the application process or the development of your technology in the absence of BEIS funding. You are not required to participate in such an evaluation.

Table 2: BEIS Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for projects

Note: Data provided by BEIS Monitoring Officers on behalf of Project Lead Organisations is marked in *italics*. Not all data will be collected during each collection point, with some metrics only reported on at project start, or project close and for three-years post project close (“follow-up”).

Please note that it may at times be necessary to make changes to the NZIP KPIs, data collection modes or frequencies. We will endeavour to keep all changes to a minimum and communicate any implications to you via the Monitoring Officers in advance of collection.

KPI	KPI description	Example Metrics
KPI 1	Number of NZIP projects supported	Project start and completion.
KPI 2	Number of NZIP projects that have met objectives	- Extent to which project objectives have been met to date - Change in objectives and reasons for change
KPI 3	Number of organisations supported to deliver the project	- Lead partner delivering the project: name, organisation size and number of jobs supported within the organisation to deliver the project. - Other partner organisations involved in delivering the project as named on the Contract or Grant: name, organisation size and number of jobs supported within the organisation(s) to deliver the project.
KPI 4	Number of active contractual and non-contractual business relationships supported	- Number of contractual relationships: name and type of contractual relationship. - Number of formal non-contractual business relationships: name and type of non-contractual relationship - Extent to which your organisation expanded its network of business relationships as a result of the project
KPI 5	Technology Advancement	- Technology Readiness Levels (current and anticipated) - Other technology improvement indicators: patents applied for or granted; academic, technical or non-technical publications generated and knowledge exchange events attended (such as conferences)
KPI 6i	Initial Financial Leverage to deliver project	<i>Project funding structure: Amount in £m of BEIS, Other Public Sector and Private Funding.</i>

KPI	KPI description	Example Metrics
6ii	Follow-on Funding secured	Amount of follow-on funding raised and the source (public or private).
KPI 7i	Reduction in energy costs	- Scope and scale of impact on reducing energy costs - Route to reducing energy costs
7ii	Increased energy efficiency/ Reduced energy demand	Scope and scale of impact on reducing energy demand/ increasing energy efficiency
7iii	Increase in energy system flexibility	- Scope and scale of impact on energy system flexibility - Route to increasing energy system flexibility
KPI 8	Commercialisation advancement	- Commercial readiness levels (current and anticipated) - Steps towards commercialisation incl. licensing agreements, commercial partnerships, product certifications etc.; national/ international standards passed - UK and International sales secured and their value (£m)
KPI 9	CO2 emissions reductions	- Scope and scale of project impact on carbon emissions - Route to achieving carbon emissions reductions
KPI 10	Policy influence	- Whether, how, and to what effect evidence from the project has informed policy development - Whether projects have engaged in activities with industry or civil society

I.2. Intellectual Property

The proposed arrangements for intellectual property rights and exploitation of IPR are set out in the contract terms and conditions for this competition, in Appendix 4.

Subject to the requirements of Conditions 27(3) and 28(5) of the pre-commercial terms and conditions (Appendix 4), applicants will retain ownership of the intellectual property generated from the project. Applicants are required to identify and record any such intellectual property and to protect patentable knowledge in accordance with Condition 28 of the standard terms and conditions. If within five years of its creation applicants have not commercially exploited intellectual property generated from the work, then in line with clause 28(5) of the standard terms and conditions, BEIS may request the Arising Intellectual Property be assigned to BEIS.

For further information please refer to the T&Cs, notably Conditions 27-28.

J) Feedback

A short summary of key feedback will be provided to all applicants. This feedback will be based on the comments of technical assessors. No additional feedback will be provided and there will be no further discussion on the application.

The feedback from the assessors is intended to be constructive. Comments are not a checklist of points which must be answered or argued in a resubmitted application as the assessors/requirements may be different and it is your decision as to whether you act on the suggestions made.

K) Confidentiality and Freedom of Information

Where any request is made to BEIS under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“FOIA”) for the release of information relating to any project or applicant, which would otherwise be reasonably regarded as confidential information, BEIS will notify you of the request as soon as we become aware of it. An applicant must acknowledge that any lists or schedules provided by it outlining information it deems confidential or commercially sensitive are of indicative value only and that BEIS may nevertheless be obliged to disclose information which the applicant considers confidential.

As part of the application process all applicants are asked to submit a public description of the project. This should be a public facing form of words that adequately describes the project but that does not disclose any information that may impact on Intellectual Property (IP), is confidential or commercially sensitive. The titles of successful projects, names of organisations, amounts awarded, and the description of the project may be published once the award is confirmed as final.

All assessors (internal and external) used during the assessment of applications and project monitoring officers will be subject to a confidentiality agreement. Any assessors external to BEIS will also be required to declare any potential conflicts of interest in a written and signed declaration. If assessors, or anyone involved in the assessment process, encounter a conflict of interest, they will be removed from the process.

L) Further Instructions to Applicants

The Department reserves the right to amend the enclosed Competition documents at any time prior to **14:00 1st June 22**. Any changes are most likely to correct editorial errors and may include further FAQs on the Guidance Notes. Any such amendment will be numbered, dated and issued on the competition [website](#). Where amendments are significant, the Department may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for receipt of tenders.

The Department reserves the right to withdraw this contract opportunity without notice and will not be liable for any costs incurred by contractors during any stage of the process. Contractors should also note that, in the event an application is considered to be fundamentally unacceptable on a key issue, regardless of its other merits, that application may be rejected. By issuing this Competition document, the Department is not bound in any way and does not have to accept the lowest cost, or any application and reserves the right to accept a portion of any application unless the tenderer expressly stipulates otherwise.

M) Appendix 2 - Eligible and Ineligible Costs

M.1. Eligible Costs

Applicants are instructed that the project costs quoted must reflect actual costs at a 'fair market value' and for this Competition, **profit must not be included**, including within labour costs which should include salary plus employer costs only.

Applicants **must** ensure all their project costs are eligible. At any stage of the competition BEIS can ask for any ineligible cost to be removed from the project costs.

Applicants must justify all costs in their application.

All **eligible** project costs, outlined within this section, must be **100% funded by BEIS**; it cannot be used as partial funding for a broader programme. Projects which have higher costs than the maximum allowed (excluding VAT) are ineligible, even when the project team are providing the additional/in-kind funding.

Please note this does not exclude projects from covering any ineligible costs at their own expense, however these costs will not be included in the assessment of the project or form part of the contract.

Applicants must complete the Competition Finance Form (separate spreadsheet) to provide the necessary cost information for the assessment process; further itemisation of costs and methods of calculation may be requested to support the application.

All costs should be provided excluding VAT, though where VAT applies, applicants should specify the amount. Your total costs excluding VAT should not exceed the relevant maximum allowable budget per project.

Costs set out in the application forms and specified in the contract are the maximum permitted costs; any costs incurred by the project that are higher than the agreed total project costs will not be covered by BEIS.

1. Eligible direct costs

- Labour costs for all those contributing to the Phase A study
- Travel and subsistence associated with delivery of the Phase A study

2. Eligible indirect costs

Indirect costs should be charged in proportion to the amount of effort deployed on the project. Applicants should document the methodology they have applied to calculate them, using their own cost rates. They may include:

- General office and basic laboratory consumables
- Library services / learning resources
- Typing / secretarial
- Finance, personnel, public relations and departmental services
- Central and distributed computing
- Overheads up to a maximum of 50% of salary costs

3. BEIS Travel and Subsistence Policy

For any travel and subsistence claimed as part of the eligible costs, project teams should align with the BEIS Travel & Subsistence Policy, as set out below:

- **Accommodation:** When required to stay overnight prior to or after an event that is a significant distance from your home or work, accommodation may be claimed at the following rates:
 - London: £140 per night – including breakfast
 - Elsewhere (UK): £100 – including breakfast
- **Travel:**

Rail travel is the preferred method of transport due to the options available for cheap, advanced tickets, journey comfort and having a relatively low environmental impact compared to other forms of transport. Rail travel must be booked at standard class however by exception, first class travel may be permitted where BEIS is satisfied that:

 - it would constitute a “reasonable adjustment” under the Equality Act;
 - a temporary “reasonable adjustment” is required e.g. due to injury or pregnancy related, or a condition where it will impact safety or cause a worsening or adverse effect on the condition;

First class travel must be approved by BEIS ahead of travel.

Car travel is not a favoured form of transport for BEIS unless travelling as part of a group. Where travelling as a group, mileage is claimable at a rate of 45p per mile for up to 10,000 miles per year, with a 5p mile supplement per passenger. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure car is in good working order of their car, compliance with MOT regulations, and suitable insurance for work purpose; the associated cost of these are not eligible under BEIS policy.

Taxis are permissible where:

- staff travelling alone or in small groups feel more secure than taking public transport;
- this is an appropriate reasonable adjustment (this includes journeys to work where agreed with HR); and/or
- it is the most economical transport available considering journey time or number of travellers.

- **Subsistence:**

- Breakfast (early start from home) – rather than staying overnight ahead of Stream 3 activities, attendees may claim £5 for breakfast where they leave their home 90 minutes earlier than usual to attend the event
- Lunch - where lunch is not provided at the event, £5 may be claimed.
- Evening meals: dinner, or evening meal may be claimed when staying overnight, with an expense of £15 per night, which includes a soft drink only.

For each of the above, project teams should retain their receipts to be reviewed by BEIS.

M.2. Ineligible Costs

Under no circumstances can costs for the following items be claimed as part of an SBRI programme:

- Profit and/or contingency sums
- Activities associated with the commercialisation of the methodology developed
- Profit associated with the development or trial of the methodology developed (i.e. applicants should not include profit for themselves or the other project team members within indirect costs or include it as a separate project cost)
- Protection of IPR
- For activities of a political or exclusively religious nature
- In respect of costs reimbursed or to be reimbursed by funding from other public authorities or from the private sector
- In connection with the receipt of contributions in kind (a contribution in goods or services as opposed to money)
- To cover interest payments (including service charge payments for finance leases)
- For the giving of gifts to individuals, other than promotional items with a value no more than £10 a year to any one individual
- For entertaining (entertaining for this purpose means anything that would be a taxable benefit to the person being entertained, according to current UK tax regulations)
- To pay statutory fines, criminal fines or penalties
- In respect of VAT that you are able to claim from HM Revenue and Customs.

N) Appendix 3 – Declarations

N.1. Declaration 1: Statement of non-collusion

To: The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

1. We recognise that the essence of competitive tendering is that the Department will receive a bona fide competitive tender from all persons tendering. We therefore certify that this is a bona fide tender and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the tender or our rates and prices included therein by or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person.

2. We also certify that we have not done and undertake not to do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this tender any of the following acts:

- (a) communicate to any person other than the Department the amount or approximate amount of our proposed tender, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount is necessary to obtain any insurance premium quotation required for the preparation of the tender;
- (b) enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain for submitting a tender or as to the amount included in the tender;
- (c) offer or pay or give or agree to pay or give any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done, in relation to any other actual or proposed tender for the contract any act, omission or thing of the kind described above.

3. In this certificate, the word “person” shall include any person, body or association, corporate or unincorporated; and “any agreement or arrangement” includes any such information, formal or informal, whether legally binding or not.

.....
Signature (duly authorised on behalf of the tenderer)

.....
Print name

.....
On behalf of (organisation name)

.....
Date

N.2. Declaration 2: Form of Tender

To: The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

1. Having considered the invitation to tender and all accompanying documents (including without limitation, the terms and conditions of contract and the Specification) we confirm that we are fully satisfied as to our experience and ability to deliver the goods/services in all respects in accordance with the requirements of this invitation to tender.
2. We hereby tender and undertake to provide and complete all the services required to be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of contract and the Specification for the amount set out in the Pricing Schedule.
3. We agree that any insertion by us of any conditions qualifying this tender or any unauthorised alteration to any of the terms and conditions of contract made by us may result in the rejection of this tender.
4. We agree that this tender shall remain open to be accepted by the Department for 90 calendar days from the submission deadline of **1st June 2022**.
5. We understand that if we are a subsidiary (within the meaning of section 1159 of (and schedule 6 to) the Companies Act 2006) if requested by the Department we may be required to secure a Deed of Guarantee in favour of the Department from our holding company or ultimate holding company, as determined by the Department in their discretion.
6. We understand that the Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender it may receive.
7. We certify that this is a bona fide tender.

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Signature (duly authorised on behalf of the tenderer)

.....
Print name

.....
On behalf of (organisation name)

.....
Date

N.3. Declaration 3: Conflict of Interest

I have nothing to declare with respect to any current or potential interest or conflict in relation to this research (or any potential providers who may be subcontracted to deliver this work, their advisers or other related parties). By conflict of interest, I mean, anything which could be reasonably perceived to affect the impartiality of this research, or to indicate a professional or personal interest in the outcomes from this research.

Signed

Name

Position

OR

I wish to declare the following with respect to personal or professional interests related to relevant organisations*;

- X
- X

Where a potential conflict of interest has been declared for an individual or organisation within a consortium, please clearly outline the role which this individual or organisation will play in the proposed project and how any conflict of interest has or will be mitigated.

- X
- X

Signed

Name

Position

Please complete this form and return this with your ITT documentation - Nil returns **are** required.

* These may include (but are not restricted to);

- A professional or personal interest in the outcome of this research
- For evaluation projects, a close working, governance, or commercial involvement in the project under evaluation

- Current or past employment with relevant organisations
- Payment (cash or other) received or likely to be received from relevant organisations for goods or services provided (Including consulting or advisory fees)
- Gifts or entertainment received from relevant organisations
- Shareholdings (excluding those within unit trusts, pension funds etc.) in relevant organisations
- Close personal relationship or friendships with individuals employed by or otherwise closely associated with relevant organisations

All of the above apply both to the individual signing this form and their close family / friends / partners etc.

If your situation changes during the project in terms of interests or conflicts, you must notify BEIS straight away.

A DECLARATION OF INTEREST WILL NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION CANNOT WORK ON THE PROJECT; BUT IT IS VITAL THAT ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICT IS DECLARED SO IT CAN BE CONSIDERED OPENLY.

N.4. Declaration 4: Standard Selection Questionnaire

Potential Supplier Information and Exclusion Grounds: Part 1 and Part 2.

The standard Selection Questionnaire is a self-declaration, made by you (the potential supplier), that you do not meet any of the grounds for exclusion¹⁰. If there are grounds for exclusion, there is an opportunity to explain the background and any measures you have taken to rectify the situation (we call this self-cleaning).

A completed declaration of Part 1 and Part 2 provides a formal statement that the organisation making the declaration has not breached any of the exclusion grounds. Consequently we require all the organisations that you will rely on to meet the selection criteria to provide a completed Part 1 and Part 2. For example these could be parent companies, affiliates, associates, or essential sub-contractors, if they are relied upon to meet the selection criteria. This means that where you are joining in a group of organisations, including joint ventures and partnerships, each organisation in that group must complete one of these self-declarations. Sub-contractors that you rely on to meet the selection criteria must also complete a self-declaration (although sub-contractors that are not relied upon do not need to complete the self-declaration).

When completed, this form is to be sent back to the contact point given in the procurement documents along with the selection information requested in the procurement documentation.

Supplier Selection Questions: Part 3

The procurement document will provide instructions on the selection questions you need to respond to and how to submit those responses. You should complete all of the selection questions on behalf of any sub-contractors.

If the relevant documentary evidence referred to in the Selection Questionnaire is not provided upon request and without delay we reserve the right to amend the contract award decision and award to the next compliant bidder.

Consequences of misrepresentation

If you seriously misrepresent any factual information in filling in the Selection Questionnaire, and so induce an authority to enter into a contract, there may be significant consequences. You may be excluded from the procurement procedure, and from bidding for other contracts for three years. If a contract has been entered into you may be sued for damages and the contract may be rescinded. If fraud, or fraudulent intent, can be proved, you or your responsible officers may be prosecuted and convicted of the offence of fraud by false representation, and you must be excluded from further procurements for five years.

¹⁰ For the list of exclusions please see

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf

Notes for completion

1. The “authority” means the contracting authority, or anyone acting on behalf of the contracting authority, that is seeking to invite suitable candidates to participate in this procurement process.
2. “You” / “Your” refers to the potential supplier completing this standard Selection Questionnaire i.e. the legal entity responsible for the information provided. The term “potential supplier” is intended to cover any economic operator as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (referred to as the “regulations”) and could be a registered company; the lead contact for a group of economic operators; charitable organisation; Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE); Special Purpose Vehicle; or other form of entity.
3. Please ensure that all questions are completed in full, and in the format requested. If the question does not apply to you, please state ‘N/A’. Should you need to provide additional information in response to the questions, please submit a clearly identified annex.
4. The authority recognises that arrangements set out in section 1.2 of the standard Selection Questionnaire, in relation to a group of economic operators (for example, a consortium) and/or use of sub-contractors, may be subject to change and will, therefore, not be finalised until a later date. The lead contact should notify the authority immediately of any change in the proposed arrangements and ensure a completed Part 1 and Part 2 is submitted for any new organisation relied on to meet the selection criteria. The authority will make a revised assessment of the submission based on the updated information.
5. For Part 1 and Part 2 every organisation that is being relied on to meet the selection must complete and submit the self-declaration.
6. All sub-contractors are required to complete Part 1 and Part 2¹¹.
7. For answers to Part 3 - If you are bidding on behalf of a group, for example, a consortium, or you intend to use sub-contractors, you should complete all of the questions on behalf of the consortium and/ or any sub-contractors, providing one composite response and declaration.

The authority confirms that it will keep confidential and will not disclose to any third parties any information obtained from a named customer contact, other than to the Cabinet Office and/or contracting authorities defined by the regulations, or pursuant to an order of the court or demand made by any competent authority or body where the authority is under a legal or regulatory obligation to make such a disclosure.

¹¹ See PCR 2015 regulations 71 (8)-(9)

Part 1: Potential Supplier Information

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 Part 1 and Part 2 self-declaration.

Section 1	Potential supplier information	
Question number	Question	Response
1.1(a)	Full name of the potential supplier submitting the information	
1.1(b) – (i)	Registered office address (if applicable)	
1.1(b) – (ii)	Registered website address (if applicable)	
1.1(c)	Trading status a) public limited company b) limited company c) limited liability partnership d) other partnership e) sole trader f) third sector g) other (please specify your trading status)	
1.1(d)	Date of registration in country of origin	
1.1(e)	Company registration number (if applicable)	
1.1(f)	Charity registration number (if applicable)	
1.1(g)	Head office DUNS number (if applicable)	
1.1(h)	Registered VAT number	
1.1(i) - (i)	If applicable, is your organisation registered with the appropriate professional or trade register(s) in the member state where it is established?	Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
1.1(i) - (ii)	If you responded yes to 1.1(i) - (i), please provide the relevant details, including the registration number(s).	
1.1(j) - (i)	Is it a legal requirement in the state where you are established for you to possess a particular authorisation, or be a member of a particular organisation in order to provide the services specified in this procurement?	Yes ☐ No ☐
1.1(j) - (ii)	If you responded yes to 1.1(j) - (i), please provide additional details of what is required and confirmation that you have complied with this.	
1.1(k)	Trading name(s) that will be used if successful in this procurement	

1.1(l)	Relevant classifications (state whether you fall within one of these, and if so which one) a) Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) b) Sheltered Workshop c) Public service mutual	
1.1(m)	Are you a Small, Medium or Micro Enterprise (SME) ¹² ?	Yes ☐ No ☐
1.1(n)	Details of Persons of Significant Control (PSC), where appropriate: ¹³ - Name; - Date of birth; - Nationality; - Country, state or part of the UK where the PSC usually lives; - Service address; - The date he or she became a PSC in relation to the company (for existing companies the 6 April 2016 should be used); - Which conditions for being a PSC are met; - Over 25% up to (and including) 50%, - More than 50% and less than 75%, - 75% or more. ¹⁴ (Please enter N/A if not applicable)	
1.1(o)	Details of immediate parent company: - Full name of the immediate parent company - Registered office address (if applicable) - Registration number (if applicable)	

¹² See EU definition of SME https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en

¹³ UK companies, Societies European (SEs) and limited liability partnerships (LLPs) will be required to identify and record the people who own or control their company. Companies, SEs and LLPs will need to keep a PSC register, and must file the PSC information with the central public register at Companies House. [See PSC guidance](#).

¹⁴ Central Government contracting authorities should use this information to have the PSC information for the preferred supplier checked before award.

	- Head office DUNS number (if applicable) - Head office VAT number (if applicable) (Please enter N/A if not applicable)	
1.1(p)	Details of ultimate parent company: - Full name of the ultimate parent company - Registered office address (if applicable) - Registration number (if applicable) - Head office DUNS number (if applicable) - Head office VAT number (if applicable) (Please enter N/A if not applicable)	

Please note: A criminal record check for relevant convictions may be undertaken for the preferred suppliers and the persons of significant in control of them.

Please provide the following information about your approach to this procurement:

Section 1	Bidding model				
Question number	Question	Response			
1.2(a) - (i)	Are you bidding as the lead contact for a group of economic operators?	Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details listed in questions 1.2(a) (ii), (a) (iii) and to 1.2(b) (i), (b) (ii), 1.3, Section 2 and 3. If no, and you are a supporting bidder please provide the name of your group at 1.2(a) (ii) for reference purposes, and complete 1.3, Section 2 and 3.			
1.2(a) - (ii)	Name of group of economic operators (if applicable)				
1.2(a) - (iii)	Proposed legal structure if the group of economic operators intends to form a named single legal entity prior to signing a contract, if awarded. If you do not propose to form a single legal entity, please explain the legal structure.				
1.2(b) - (i)	Are you or, if applicable, the group of economic operators proposing to use sub-contractors?	Yes ☐ No ☐			
1.2(b) - (ii)	If you responded yes to 1.2(b)-(i) please provide additional details for each sub-contractor in the following table: we may ask them to complete this form as well.				
	Name				
	Registered address				
	Trading status				
	Company registration number				
	Head Office DUNS number (if applicable)				
	Registered VAT number				
	Type of organisation				

	SME (Yes/No)					
	The role each sub-contractor will take in providing the works and /or supplies e.g. key deliverables					
	The approximate % of contractual obligations assigned to each sub-contractor					

Contact details and declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted and information contained in this document are correct and accurate.

I declare that, upon request and without delay I will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.

I understand that the information will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement.

I understand that the authority may reject this submission in its entirety if there is a failure to answer all the relevant questions fully, or if false/misleading information or content is provided in any section.

I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.

Section 1	Contact details and declaration	
Question number	Question	Response
1.3(a)	Contact name	
1.3(b)	Name of organisation	
1.3(c)	Role in organisation	
1.3(d)	Phone number	
1.3(e)	E-mail address	
1.3(f)	Postal address	
1.3(g)	Signature (electronic is acceptable)	
1.3(h)	Date	

Part 2: Exclusion Grounds

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 Part 1 and Part 2 self-declaration.

Section 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 webpage, 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.	
	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 authority 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.

Section 3	Grounds for discretionary exclusion	
	Question	Response
3.1	Regulation 57 (8) The detailed grounds for discretionary exclusion of an organisation are set out on this webpage, 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?	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)	Please answer the following statements	Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes please provide details at 3.2
3.1(j) - (i)	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.	Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes please provide details at 3.2
3.1(j) - (ii)	The organisation has withheld such information.	Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes please provide details at 3.2
3.1(j) –(iii)	The organisation is not able to submit supporting documents required under regulation 59 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.	Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes please provide details at 3.2
3.1(j)-(iv)	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
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)	

Part 3: Selection Questions¹⁵

Section 4	Economic and Financial Standing	
	Question	Response
4.1	Are you able to provide a copy of your audited accounts for the last two years, if requested? If no, can you provide one of the following: answer with Y/N in the relevant box.	Yes ☐ No ☐
	(a) A statement of the turnover, Profit and Loss Account/Income Statement, Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flow for the most recent year of trading for this organisation.	Yes ☐ No ☐
	(b) A statement of the cash flow forecast for the current year and a bank letter outlining the current cash and credit position.	Yes ☐ No ☐
	(c) Alternative means of demonstrating financial status if any of the above are not available (e.g. forecast of turnover for the current year and a statement of funding provided by the owners and/or the bank, charity accruals accounts or an alternative means of demonstrating financial status).	Yes ☐ No ☐
4.2	Where we have specified a minimum level of economic and financial standing and/ or a minimum financial threshold within the evaluation criteria for this procurement, please self-certify by answering 'Yes' or 'No' that you meet the requirements set out.	Yes ☐ No ☐

¹⁵ [See Action Note 8/16 Updated Standard Selection Questionnaire](#)

Section 5	If you have indicated in the Selection Questionnaire question 1.2 that you are part of a wider group, please provide further details below:	
Name of organisation		
Relationship to the Supplier completing these questions		

5.1	Are you able to provide parent company accounts if requested to at a later stage?	Yes ☐ No ☐
5.2	If yes, would the parent company be willing to provide a guarantee if necessary?	Yes ☐ No ☐
5.3	If no, would you be able to obtain a guarantee elsewhere (e.g. from a bank)?	Yes ☐ No ☐

Section 6	Technical and Professional Ability
6.1	Relevant experience and contract examples Please provide details of up to three contracts, in any combination from either the public or private sector; voluntary, charity or social enterprise (VCSE) that are relevant to our requirement. VCSEs may include samples of grant-funded work. Contracts for supplies or services should have been performed during the past three years. Works contracts may be from the past five years. The named contact provided should be able to provide written evidence to confirm the accuracy of the information provided below. Where the Supplier is a Special Purpose Vehicle, or a managing agent not intending to be the main provider of the supplies or services, the information requested should be provided in respect of the main intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s) who will deliver the contract. If you cannot provide examples see question 6.3

	Contract 1	Contract 2	Contract 3
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Name of customer organisation			
Point of contact in the organisation			
Position in the organisation			
E-mail address			
Description of contract			
Contract Start date			
Contract completion date			
Estimated contract value			

6.2	Where you intend to sub-contract a proportion of the contract, please demonstrate how you have previously maintained healthy supply chains with your sub-contractor(s) Evidence should include, but is not limited to, details of your supply chain management tracking systems to ensure performance of the contract and including prompt payment or membership of the UK Prompt Payment Code (or equivalent schemes in other countries)

6.3	If you cannot provide at least one example for questions 6.1, in no more than 500 words please provide an explanation for this e.g. your organisation is a new start-up or you have provided services in the past but not under a contract.

Section 7	Modern Slavery Act 2015: Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015 ¹⁶	
7.1	Are you a relevant commercial organisation as defined by section 54 ("Transparency in supply chains etc.") of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 ("the Act")?	Yes ☐ N/A ☐
7.2	If you have answered yes to question 7.1 are you compliant with the annual reporting requirements contained within Section 54 of the Act 2015?	Yes ☐ Please provide the relevant URL No ☐ Please provide an explanation

¹⁶ [Procurement Policy Note 9/16 Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)

8. Additional Questions

Suppliers who self-certify that they meet the requirements to these additional questions will be required to provide evidence of this if they are successful at contract award stage.

Section 8	Additional Questions
8.1	Insurance
a.	Please self-certify whether you already have, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below: Y/N Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5m Public Liability Insurance = £5m *It is a legal requirement that all companies hold Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance of £5 million as a minimum. Please note this requirement is not applicable to Sole Traders.

8.2	Skills and Apprentices ¹⁷ – (please refer to supplier selection guidance)	
a.	Public procurement of contracts with a full life value of £10 million and above and duration of 12 months and above should be used to support skills development and delivery of the apprenticeship commitment. This policy is set out in detail in Procurement Policy Note 14/15. Please confirm if you will be supporting apprenticeships and skills development through this contract.	Yes ☐ No ☐
b.	If yes, can you provide at a later stage documentary evidence to support your commitment to developing and investing in skills, development and apprenticeships to build a more skilled and productive workforce and reducing the risks of supply constraints and increasing labour cost inflation?	Yes ☐ No ☐
c.	Do you have a process in place to ensure that your supply chain supports skills, development and apprenticeships in line with PPN 14/15 (see guidance) and can provide evidence if requested?	Yes ☐ No ☐

¹⁷ [Procurement Policy Note 14/15– Supporting Apprenticeships and Skills Through Public Procurement](#)

8.3	Steel ¹⁸ – (please refer to supplier selection guidance)
	Questions not applicable, no answer required in this case.

8.4	Suppliers' Past Performance ¹⁹ - (please refer to supplier selection guidance - this question should only be included by central government contracting authorities)	
a.	Can you supply a list of your relevant principal contracts for goods and/or services provided in the last three years?	Yes ☐ No ☐
b.	On request can you provide a certificate from those customers on the list?	Yes ☐ No ☐
c.	If you cannot obtain a certificate from a customer can you explain the reasons why?	Yes ☐ No ☐
d.	If the certificate states that goods and/or services supplied were not satisfactory are you able to supply information which shows why this will not recur in this contract if you are awarded it?	Yes ☐ No ☐
e.	Can you supply the information in questions a. to d. above for any sub-contractors [or consortium members] who you are relying upon to perform this contract?	Yes ☐ No ☐

¹⁸ [Procurement Policy Note 16/15– Procuring steel in major projects](#)

¹⁹ [Procurement Policy Note 04/15 Taking Account of Suppliers' Past Performance](#)

N.5. Declaration 5: Code of Practice²⁰

I confirm that I am aware of the requirements of the Department's Code of Practice²¹ for Research and, in the proposed project, I will use my best efforts to ensure that the procedures used conform to those requirements under the following headings²²:

1. Responsibilities
2. Competence
3. Project planning
4. Quality Control
5. Handling of samples and materials
6. Documentation of procedures and methods
7. Research/work records

I understand that the Department has the right to inspect our procedures and practices against the requirements of the Code of Practice, and that I may be asked to provide documentary evidence of our working practices or provide access and assistance to auditors appointed by the Department.

(There is some flexibility in the application of the Code of Practice to specific research projects. Contractors are encouraged to discuss with the Department any aspects that cause them concern, in order to reach agreement on the interpretation of each requirement.)

.....
Signature (duly authorised on behalf of the tenderer)

.....
Print name

.....
On behalf of (organisation name)

.....
Date

²⁰ Please note that this declaration applies to individuals, single organisations and consortia.

²¹ The Code of Practice is attached to this ITT

²² Please delete as appropriate

Code of Practice for Research

Issued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

The Department has developed this Code of Practice from the Joint Code of Practice issued by BBSRC; the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra); the Food Standards Agency; and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) which lays out a framework for the proper conduct of research. It sets out the key aspects of the research process and the importance of making judgements on the appropriate precautions needed in every research activity.

The Code applies to all research funded by The Department. It is intended to apply to all types of research, but the overriding principle is fitness of purpose and that all research must be conducted diligently by competent researchers and therefore the individual provisions must be interpreted with that in mind.

PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE CODE OF PRACTICE

Contractors funded by the Department are expected to be committed to the quality of the research process in addition to quality of the evidence outputs

The Code of Practice has been created in order to assist contractors to conduct research of the highest quality and to encourage good conduct in research and help prevent misconduct.

Set out over 8 responsibilities the Code of Practice provides general principles and standards for good practice in research.

Most contractors will already have in place many of the measures set out in the Code and its adoption should not require great effort.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE

All organisations contracting to the Department (including those sub-contracting as part of a consortium) will be expected to commit to upholding these responsibilities and will be expected to indicate acceptance of the Code when submitting proposals to the Department.

Contractors are encouraged to discuss with the Department any clauses in the Code that they consider inappropriate or unnecessary in the context of the proposed research project. The Code, and records of the discussions if held, will become part of the Terms and Conditions under which the research is funded.

Additionally, The Department may conduct (or request from the Contractor as appropriate) a formal risk assessment on the project to identify where additional controls may be needed.

MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE

Monitoring of compliance with the Code is necessary to ensure:

- Policies and managed processes exist to support compliance with the Code
- That these are being applied in practice.

In the short term, the Department can require contractors to conduct planned internal audits although the Department reserves the right to obtain evidence that a funded project is carried out to the required standard. The Department may also conduct an audit of a Contractor's research system if deemed necessary.

In the longer term it is expected that most research organisations will assure the quality of their research processes by means of a formal system that is audited by an impartial and competent third party against an appropriate internationally recognised standard that is fit for purpose.

A recommended checklist for researchers can be found on the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) website at <http://www.ukrio.org/what-we-do/code-of-practice-for-research>

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE

1. Responsibilities

All organisations contracting to the Department (including those sub-contracting as part of a consortium) will be responsible for the overall quality of research they conducted. Managers, group leaders and supervisors have a responsibility to ensure a climate of good practice in the research teams, including a commitment to the development of scientific and technical skills.

The Principal Investigator or Project Leader is responsible for all the work conducted in the project including that of any subcontractors. All staff and students must have defined responsibilities in relation to the project and be aware of these responsibilities.

2. Competence

All personnel associated with the project must be competent to perform the technical, scientific and support tasks required of them. Personnel undergoing training must be supervised at a level such that the quality of the results is not compromised by the inexperience of the researcher.

3. Project planning

An appropriate level of risk assessment must be conducted to demonstrate awareness of the key factors that will influence the success of the project and the ability to meet its objectives. There must be a written project plan showing that these factors (including research design, statistical methods and others) have been addressed. Projects must be ethical and project plans must be agreed in collaboration with the Department, taking account of the requirements of ethical committees²³ or the terms of project licences, if relevant.

Significant amendments to the plan or milestones must be recorded and approved by the Department if applicable.

4. Quality Control

The organisation must have planned processes in place to assure the quality of the research undertaken by its staff. Projects must be subjected to formal reviews of an appropriate frequency. Final and interim outputs must always be accompanied by a statement of what quality control has been undertaken.

The authorisation of outputs and publications shall be as agreed by the Department, and subject to senior approval in the Department, where appropriate. Errors identified after publication must be notified to the Department and agreed corrective action initiated.

5. Handling of samples and materials

All samples and other experimental materials must be labelled (clearly, accurately, uniquely and durably), and retained for a period to be agreed by the Department. The storage and handling of the samples, materials and data must be as specified in the project plan (or proposal), and must be appropriate to their nature. If the storage conditions are critical, they must be monitored and recorded.

6. Documentation of procedures and methods

All the procedures and methods used in a research project must be documented, at least in the personal records of the researcher. This includes analytical and statistical procedures and the generation of a clear audit trail linking secondary processed information to primary data.

There must be a procedure for validation of research methods as fit for purpose, and modifications must be trackable through each stage of development of the method.

²³ Please note ethical approval does not remove the responsibility of the individual for ethical behaviour.

7. Research/work records

All records must be of sufficient quality to present a complete picture of the work performed, enabling it to be repeated if necessary.

The project leader is accountable for the validity of the work and responsible for ensuring that regular reviews of the records of each researcher are conducted.²⁴

The location of all project records, including critical data, must be recorded. They must be retained in a form that ensures their integrity and security, and prevents unauthorised modification, for a period to be agreed by the Department.

A recommended checklist for researchers can be found on the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) website at <http://www.ukrio.org/what-we-do/code-of-practice-for-research>.

²⁴ Please note that this also applies to projects being undertaken by consortia.

N.6. Declaration 6: The General Data Protection Regulation Assurance Questionnaire for Contractors



ASSURANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CONTRACTORS

Instructions: For every statement on the left, please select which status applies to your organisation by using the drop-down options in the 'status' column

Documentation: Information you hold	Status
Your business has conducted an information audit to map data flows.	
Your business has documented what personal data you hold, where it came from, who you share it with, and what you do with it.	
NOTE: You may be required to make these records available to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on request.	

Accountability & Governance	Status
Your business has an appropriate data protection policy	

Data Protection Officer (DPO)	Status
Your business has nominated a data protection lead or Data Protection Officer (DPO).	

Information Risks & Data Protection Impact Assessments	Status
Your business manages information risks in a structured way so that management understands the business impact of personal data related risks and manages them effectively.	

Data Protection by Design	Status
Your business has implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to show you have considered and integrated data protection into your processing activities.	

Training & Awareness	Status
Your business provides data protection awareness training for all staff.	

Operational Base	Status
If your business operates outside the EU, you have appointed a representative within the EU in writing.	

Breach Notification	Status
Your business has effective processes to identify, report, manage and resolve any personal data breaches. BEIS must be notified within 48 hours about any breaches involving personal data being processed on our behalf.	

Individual Rights: Right of Access	Status
Your business has a process to respond to a data controllers request for information (following an individuals' request to access their personal data).	

Right to Rectification & Data Quality	Status
Your business has processes to ensure that the personal data you hold remains accurate and up to date.	

Right to Erasure including Retention & Disposal	Status
Your business has a process to routinely and securely dispose of personal data that is no longer required in line with agreed timescales as stated within the terms and conditions.	

Right to Restrict Processing	Status
Your business has procedures to respond to a data controllers' request to suppress the processing of specific personal data.	

Right of Data Portability	Status
Your business will be able to respond to a request from the data controller for the supply of the personal data you process in an electronic format.	

Data Security: Security Policy	Status
Your business has an information security policy supported by appropriate security measures.	

Mandatory Exclusion Grounds

Public Contract Regulations 2015 R57(1), (2) and (3)

Public Contract Directives 2014/24/EU Article 57(1)

Participation in a criminal organisation

Participation offence as defined by section 45 of the Serious Crime Act 2015

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 on the fight against organised crime;

Corruption

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;

The common law offence of bribery;

Bribery within the meaning of sections 1, 2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010, or section 113 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;

Fraud

Any of the following offences, where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities:

- the common law offence of cheating the Revenue;
- the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud;
- fraud or theft within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968, the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, the Theft Act 1978 or the Theft (Northern Ireland) Order 1978;
- fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 458 of the Companies Act 1985, article 451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006;

- fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
- an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993;
- destroying, defacing or concealing of documents or procuring the execution of a valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968 or section 19 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;
- fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006;
- the possession of articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 6 of the Fraud Act 2006, or the making, adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of that Act;

Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities

Any offence:

- listed in section 41 of the Counter Terrorism Act 2008;
- listed in schedule 2 to that Act where the court has determined that there is a terrorist connection;
- under sections 44 to 46 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 which relates to an offence covered by the previous two points;

Money laundering or terrorist financing

Money laundering within the meaning of sections 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

Child labour and other forms of trafficking human beings

An offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc.) Act 2004;

An offence under section 59A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

An offence under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009;

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

An offence under section 2 or section 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

Non-payment of tax and social security contributions

Breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions that has been established by a judicial or administrative decision.

Where any tax returns submitted on or after 1 October 2012 have been found to be incorrect as a result of:

- HMRC successfully challenging the potential supplier under the General Anti – Abuse Rule (GAAR) or the “Halifax” abuse principle; or
- a tax authority in a jurisdiction in which the potential supplier is established successfully challenging it under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the GAAR or “Halifax” abuse principle;
- a failure to notify, or failure of an avoidance scheme which the supplier is or was involved in, under the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Scheme rules (DOTAS) or any equivalent or similar regime in a jurisdiction in which the supplier is established

Other offences

Any other offence within the meaning of Article 57(1) of the Directive as defined by the law of any jurisdiction outside England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Any other offence within the meaning of Article 57(1) of the Directive created after 26th February 2015 in England, Wales or Northern Ireland

Discretionary exclusions

Obligations in the field of environment, social and labour law.

Where an organisation has violated applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by the international environmental, social and labour law provisions listed in Annex X to the Directive (see copy below) as amended from time to time; including the following:-

- Where the organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers has been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years;
- In the last three years, where the organisation has had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination;
- In the last three years, where any finding of unlawful discrimination has been made against the organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or incomparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK);
- Where the organisation has been in breach of section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum, and Nationality Act 2006;
- Where the organisation has a conviction under section 21 of the Immigration, Asylum, and Nationality Act 2006;
- Where the organisation has been in breach of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998.

Bankruptcy, insolvency

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

Grave professional misconduct

Guilty of grave professional misconduct

Distortion of competition

Entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition

Conflict of interest

Aware of any conflict of interest within the meaning of regulation 24 due to the participation in the procurement procedure

Been involved in the preparation of the procurement procedure.

Prior performance issues

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.

Misrepresentation and undue influence

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.

Additional exclusion grounds

Breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.

ANNEX X Extract from Public Procurement Directive 2014/24/EU

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONVENTIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 18(2) —

- ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association and the Protection of the Right to Organise;
- ILO Convention 98 on the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining;
- ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labour;
- ILO Convention 105 on the Abolition of Forced Labour;
- ILO Convention 138 on Minimum Age;
- ILO Convention 111 on Discrimination (Employment and Occupation);
- ILO Convention 100 on Equal Remuneration;
- ILO Convention 182 on Worst Forms of Child Labour;
- Vienna Convention for the protection of the Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the Ozone Layer;
- Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Basel Convention);

- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Stockholm POPs Convention)
- Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (UNEP/FAO) (The PIC Convention) Rotterdam, 10 September 1998, and its 3 regional Protocols.

Consequences of misrepresentation

A serious misrepresentation which induces a contracting authority to enter into a contract may have the following consequences for the signatory that made the misrepresentation: -

- The potential supplier may be excluded from bidding for contracts for three years, under regulation 57(8)(h)(i) of the PCR 2015;
- The contracting authority may sue the supplier for damages and may rescind the contract under the Misrepresentation Act 1967.
- If fraud, or fraudulent intent, can be proved, the potential supplier or the responsible officers of the potential supplier may be prosecuted and convicted of the offence of fraud by false representation under s.2 of the Fraud Act 2006, which can carry a sentence of up to 10 years or a fine (or both).
- If there is a conviction, then the company must be excluded from procurement for five years under reg. 57(1) of the PCR (subject to self-cleaning).

O) Appendix 4 – Contract Terms and Conditions

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(including Hire, Lease and Facilities Management)

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BEIS PRE-COMMERCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

(including Hire, Lease and Facilities Management)

1. Definitions and Interpretation

(1) In these terms and conditions of contract for services (“Conditions”):

“**Annex 1**” means the Annex 1 (Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects) attached to the Authority’s specification of requirements which forms part of this Contract;

“**Arising Intellectual Property**” means the Intellectual Property Rights which are created as a result of the Contractor’s performance of the Services;

“**Authority**” means the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, acting as part of the Crown;

“**Authority’s Premises**” means land or buildings owned or occupied by the Authority;

“**Background Intellectual Property**” means Intellectual Property Rights owned, controlled or used by either of the Parties at the date of this Contract or which shall at any time thereafter become so owned, controlled or used otherwise than as a result of the performance of the Services under this Contract;

“**Confidential Information**”:

means all information obtained by the Contractor from the Authority or any other department or office of Her Majesty’s Government relating to and connected with the Contract and the Services; but

does not include the Contract itself and the provisions of the Contract where, or to the extent that, the Authority publishes them by virtue of Condition 41;

“**Contract**” means the agreement concluded between the Authority and the Contractor for the supply of Services, including without limitation these Conditions (to the extent that they

are not expressly excluded or modified), all specifications, plans, drawings and other documents which are incorporated into the agreement;

“Contract Period” means the period from the date of this Contract to the date of expiry of this Contract set out in the DPF41 Contract offer letter or such earlier date as this Contract is terminated in accordance with its terms;

“Contract” Year means a period of 12 consecutive months starting on the date of this Contract and each anniversary thereafter;

“Contractor” means the person who agrees to supply the Services and includes any person to whom all or part of the Contractor’s obligations are assigned pursuant to Condition 4;

“Contractor Personnel” means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Contractor and/or of any subcontractor engaged in the performance of its obligations under this Contract, pursuant to Condition 4;

“Contracts Finder” means the Government’s publishing portal for public sector procurement opportunities;

“Charges” means the price agreed in respect of the Services, excluding Value Added Tax;

“Data Controller” shall have the same meaning as given in the Data Protection Legislation; UK GDPR;

“Data Loss Event” means any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Contractor under this Contract and/or actual or potential loss and/or alteration and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Contract, including any Personal Data Breach;

“Data Protection Legislation” means (i) the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)(Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Law Enforcement Directive (LED) (Directive (EU) 2016/680) and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time; (ii) the Data Protection Act 2018 to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy;

“Data Processor” shall have the same meaning as given in the Data Protection Legislation; UK GDPR;

“Data Protection Impact Assessment” means an assessment by the Data Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data;

“Data Protection Officer” shall have the same meaning as given in the UK GDPR; Data Protection Legislation;

“Data Subject” shall have the same meaning as given in the Data Protection Legislation;

“Data Subject Request” means a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data;

“Government Property” means anything issued or otherwise furnished in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority, including but not limited to documents, papers, data issued in electronic form and other materials;

“Intellectual Property Rights” means patents, trade-marks, service marks, design rights (whether registrable or not), applications for any of those rights, copyright, database rights, trade or business names and other similar rights or obligations, whether registrable or not, in any country, including but not limited to, the United Kingdom;

“Law” means any legal provision the Contractor must comply with including any law, statute, subordinate legislation within the meaning of section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 (as implemented into UK law, by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2018 (as amended by the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020)), regulation, order, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body;

“MI Reporting Template” means the document (included as an annex to the DPF41 Contract offer letter) as amended in accordance with Condition 42;

“Party” means a Party to this Contract, and “Parties” shall mean both of them;

“Personal Data” shall have the same meaning as given in the Data Protection Legislation; UK GDPR;

“Personal Data Breach” shall have the same meaning as given in the Data Protection Legislation; UK GDPR;

“Protective Measures” means any appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymising 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 the such measures adopted by it;

“Purchase Order” means the document so described by the Authority to purchase the Services which makes reference to the Conditions;

“Services” means the services to be supplied under the Contract;

“SME” means an enterprise falling within the category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises defined by the Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises;

“Sub-Processor” means any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of the Contractor related to this Contract;

“UK GDPR” means the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 as retained into UK law by virtue of the Data Protection, Privacy and Electronics Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

“VCSE” means a non-governmental organisation that is value-driven and which principally reinvests its surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives.

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

(2) The interpretation and construction of the Contract shall be subject to the following provisions:

a reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as subsequently amended or re-enacted;

the headings in these Conditions are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract;

references to “person”, where the context allows, includes a corporation or an unincorporated association.

2. Acts by the Authority

Any decision, act or thing which the Authority is required or authorised to take or do under the Contract may be taken or done by any person authorised, either expressly or impliedly, by the Authority to take or do that decision, act or thing.

3. Service of Notices and Communications

Any notice or other communication that either party gives under the Contract shall be made in writing and given either by hand, first class recorded postal delivery or facsimile

transmission. Notice given by hand shall be effective immediately, notice given by recorded postal delivery shall be effective two Working Days after the date of posting, notice given by facsimile transmission shall be effective the Working Day after receipt by the notifying party of a transmission slip showing that the transmission has succeeded.

4. Assignment and Subcontracting

- (1) The Contractor shall not give, bargain, sell, assign, subcontract or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any part thereof without the previous agreement in writing of the Authority.
- (2) The Contractor shall not use the services of self-employed individuals in connection with the Contract without the previous agreement in writing of the Authority.
- (3) If the Contractor uses a subcontractor for the purpose of performing the Services or any part of it, the Contractor shall include in the relevant contract a provision which requires the Contractor to pay for those goods or services within 30 days of the Contractor receiving a correct invoice from the subcontractor.
- (4) The Contractor shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of his subcontractors as though they were his own.
- (5) The Authority shall be entitled to assign any or all of its rights under the Contract to any contracting authority as defined in Regulation 2(1) of the Public Services Contracts Regulations 2006, provided that such assignment shall not materially increase the burden of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.
- (6) Where the Authority notifies the Contractor that it estimates the Charges payable under this Contract are due to exceed £5 million in one or more Contract Years the Contractor shall:

subject to Condition 4(9), advertise on Contracts Finder all subcontract opportunities arising from or in connection with the provision of the Goods and/or Services and/or Works above a minimum threshold of £25,000 that arise during the Contract Period;

within 90 days of awarding a subcontract to a subcontractor, update the notice on Contracts Finder with details of the successful subcontractor;

monitor the number, type and value of the subcontract opportunities placed on Contracts Finder advertised and awarded in its supply chain during the Contract Period;

provide reports on the information in Condition 4(6)(c) to the Authority in the format and frequency as reasonably specified by the Authority; and

promote Contracts Finder to its Contractors and encourage those organisations to register on Contracts Finder.

(7) Each advert referred to in Condition 4(6)(a) above shall provide a full and detailed description of the subcontract opportunity with each of the mandatory fields being completed on Contracts Finder by the Contractor.

(8) The obligation in Condition 4(6)(a) shall only apply in respect of subcontract opportunities arising after the contract award date.

(9) Notwithstanding Condition 4(6), the Contracting Authority may, by giving its prior written approval, agree that a subcontract opportunity is not required to be advertised on Contracts Finder.

5. Entire Agreement

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior written and oral representations, agreements or understandings between them relating to the subject matter of the Contract provided that neither party excludes liability for fraudulent misrepresentations upon which the other party has relied.

6. Waiver

(1) The failure by either party to exercise any right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy.

(2) No waiver shall be effective unless it is communicated to the other party in writing.

(3) A waiver of any right or remedy arising from a breach of the Contract shall not constitute a waiver of any right or remedy arising from any other breach of the Contract.

7. Severability

If any Condition, clause or provision of the Contract not being of a fundamental nature is held to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable by a court or tribunal in any proceedings relating to the Contract, the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the Contract shall not be affected. If the court finds invalid a provision so fundamental as to prevent the accomplishment of the purpose of the Contract, the parties shall immediately commence negotiations in good faith to remedy the invalidity.

8. Confidentiality

(1) The Contractor agrees not to disclose any Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Authority. To the extent that it is necessary for the Contractor to disclose Confidential Information to its staff, agents and subcontractors, the Contractor shall ensure that such staff, agents and subcontractors are subject to the same obligations as the Contractor in respect of all Confidential Information.

(2) Condition 8(1) shall not apply to information which:

is or becomes public knowledge (otherwise than by breach of these Conditions or a breach of an obligation of confidentiality);

is in the possession of the Contractor, without restriction as to its disclosure, before receiving it from the Authority or any other department or office of Her Majesty's Government;

is required by law to be disclosed; was independently developed by the Contractor without access to the Confidential Information.

(3) The obligations contained in this Condition shall continue to apply after the expiry or termination of the Contract.

(4) The Contractor shall not handle or examine any document or thing bearing a Government security classification of "Confidential", "Secret" or "Top Secret" other than in a Government establishment and the Contractor shall not remove any such document or thing from such Government establishment without the prior written consent of the Authority.

(5) The Contractor shall not communicate with representatives of the general or technical press, radio, television or other communications media, with regard to the Contract, unless previously agreed in writing with the Authority.

(6) Except with the prior consent in writing of the Authority, the Contractor shall not make use of the Contract or any Confidential Information otherwise than for the purposes of carrying out the Services.

9 Freedom of Information

(1) The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") and the Environmental Information Regulations SI 2004 No. 3391 ("EIR") and shall assist and cooperate with the Authority, at the Contractor's expense, to enable the Authority to comply with these information disclosure requirements.

(2) In this Condition:-

“**Information**” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 84 of the FOIA;

“**Request for Information**” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 8 of the FOIA, or any apparent request for information under the FOIA or EIR.

(3) The Contractor shall (and shall procure that its subcontractors shall):-

Transfer any Request for Information to the Authority as soon as practicable after receipt and in any event within two Working Days;

Provide the Authority with a copy of all Information in its possession or power in the form that the Authority requires within five Working Days (or such other period as the Authority may specify) of the Authority requesting that Information;

Provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Authority to enable it to respond to a Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or regulation 5 of the EIR.

(4) The Authority shall be responsible for determining, at its absolute discretion, whether any Information:-

is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA or the EIR;

is to be disclosed in response to a Request for Information.

In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a Request of Information unless expressly authorised to do so in writing by the Authority.

(5) The Contractor acknowledges that the Authority may, acting in accordance with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs’ Code of Practice on the discharge of public authorities’ functions under Part 1 of the FOIA (issued under section 45 of the FOIA in November 2004), be obliged under the FOIA or the EIR to disclose Information unless an exemption applies. The Authority may at its discretion consult the Contractor with regard to whether the FOIA applies to the Information and whether an exemption applies.

(6) The Contractor shall ensure that all Information produced in the course of the Contract or relating to the Contract is retained for disclosure and shall permit the Authority to inspect such records as requested from time to time.

(7) The Contractor acknowledges that any lists or schedules provided by it outlining information it deems confidential or commercially sensitive are of indicative value only and that the Authority may nevertheless be obliged to disclose information which the Contractor considers confidential in accordance with Conditions 9(4) and (5).

10. Amendments and Variations

Subject to Condition 18(7) no amendment or variation to the terms of the Contract shall be valid unless previously agreed in writing between the Authority and the Contractor.

11. Invoices and Payment

- (1) The Contractor shall submit invoices at times or intervals agreed by the Authority in the Contract or otherwise. The Contractor shall ensure that any invoice it submits sets out the Authority's Purchase Order or contract number, the Charges and, where not all of the Services have been completed, the relevant part of the Charges with an appropriate breakdown of time worked, the part of the Services (if all the Services have not been completed) and period to which the invoice relates, and its confirmation that the Services (or relevant part of the Services referred to on the invoice) have been fully performed.
- (2) In consideration of the provision of the Services by the Contractor, the Authority shall pay the Charges after receiving a correctly submitted invoice as set out in Condition 11(1). Such payment shall normally be made within 30 days of receipt of the correctly submitted invoice.
- (3) The Contractor shall not be entitled to charge for the provision of any services that are not part of the Services agreed within the Contract, unless the Contract has been properly varied in advance in accordance with Condition 10.
- (4) The Authority may reduce payment in respect of any Services that the Contractor has either failed to provide or has provided inadequately, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Authority.
- (5) If the Contractor believes that payment for a correctly submitted invoice is overdue, he should, in the first instance, speak to the named contact on the face of the Contract. In the event that the problem is not resolved to his satisfaction, he should write to the Head of Procurement at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy setting out his case. The Head of Procurement shall ensure that the complaint is dealt with by an official who is independent of the main contact and that the Contractor is not treated adversely in future for having made a complaint.
- (6) For the purpose of calculating any statutory interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, the relevant date for the payment of the debt shall be deemed to be the last day of a period of 30 days commencing on the day when the Authority received the invoice, or, if the Contractor had not completed the Services (or the part of the Services to which the invoice relates) before submitting the invoice, the last day of a period of 30 days commencing on the day when the Contractor completed the Services, (or the part of the Services to which the invoice relates).

12. Accounts

- (1) The Contractor shall keep full and proper accounts, records and vouchers relating to all expenditure reimbursed by the Authority and all payments made by the Authority in respect of the Services.
- (2) The Contractor shall permit the Authority acting by its officers, servants and agents or independent auditor on request and at all reasonable times to examine all accounts, records and vouchers at the offices of the Contractor or at such other places as the Authority shall direct, and to take copies of such accounts, records and vouchers and the Contractor shall provide the Authority or its independent auditor with such explanations relating to that expenditure as the Authority may request.
- (3) The Contractor shall ensure that the said accounts, records and vouchers are available for a period of six years after termination or expiry of the Contract.

13. Recovery of Sums Due

- (1) Whenever under the Contract any sum of money shall be recoverable from or payable by the Contractor, such sum may be deducted from any amount then due, or which at any time thereafter may become due, to the Contractor under this Contract or any other agreement or arrangement with the Authority or with any other department or office of Her Majesty's Government.
- (2) Any over-payment by the Authority to the Contractor whether in respect of the Charges or Value Added Tax shall be a sum of money recoverable from the Contractor pursuant to Condition 13(1) above or otherwise.

14. Value Added Tax

- (1) The Authority shall pay to the Contractor, in addition to the Charges, a sum equal to the Value Added Tax chargeable on the value of the Services provided in accordance with the Contract.
- (2) Any invoice or other request for payment of monies due to the Contractor under the Contract shall, if he is a taxable person, be in the same form and contain the same information as if the same were a tax invoice for the purposes of Regulations made under the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (3) The Contractor shall, if so requested by the Authority, furnish such information as may reasonably be required by the Authority relating to the amount of Value Added Tax chargeable on the Services.

15. Provision of Services

(1) The Contractor shall provide the Services in accordance with and as specified in the Contract to the satisfaction of the Authority acting reasonably. The Authority shall have the power to inspect and examine the performance of the Services at the Authority's Premises at any reasonable time or, provided that the Authority gives reasonable notice to the Contractor, at any other premises where any part of the Services is being performed.

(2) If the Authority informs the Contractor that the Authority considers any part of the Services to be inadequate or in any way differing from the Contract, and this is other than as a result of default or negligence on the part of the Authority, the Contractor shall at his own expense re-schedule and perform the work correctly within such reasonable time as may be specified by the Authority.

(3) The Authority may at any time demand that the Contractor suspend the provision of the Services. If the Authority exercises such right to suspend the provision of the Services or any part of them, or if the Contractor is delayed in proceeding with the provision of the Services by the Authority (otherwise than as a consequence of a breach of the Contract, or a breach of duty or fault or negligence on the part of the Contractor), the Authority shall be responsible for loss incurred by the Contractor as a result of such suspension or delay. Subject to the Contractor taking reasonable steps to mitigate its loss, the Contractor will be able to recover from the Authority under this Condition only for those losses which:

were reasonably foreseeable by the Authority as arising as a direct result of the suspension or delay; and

relate to the cost of any commitments entered into by the Contractor which cannot be met as a result of the suspension or delay and in respect of which the Contractor cannot obtain a refund (where the Contractor has already paid in relation to the commitment) or is obliged to pay (where the Contractor has not already paid in relation to the commitment).

The provisions of this Condition shall not apply where the reason for the suspension of the Services arises from circumstances beyond the control of the Authority.

(4) If the performance of the Contract by the Contractor is delayed by reason of any act on the part of the Authority or by industrial dispute (other than by an industrial dispute occurring within the Contractor's or its subcontractor's organisation) or any other cause which the Contractor could not have prevented then the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable extension of time for completion. For the purposes of this Condition, the Contractor shall be deemed to have been able to prevent causes of delay that are within the reasonable control of the Contractor's staff, agents and subcontractors.

(5) The Contractor shall provide the Services, including in relation to commencing the provision of the Services, within the time agreed or on a specified date.

(6) The Contractor warrants that it shall provide the Services with all due skill, care and diligence, and in accordance with good industry practice and legal requirements.

(7) Without prejudice to the provision of Condition 13(1), the Contractor shall reimburse the Authority for all reasonable costs incurred by the Authority which have arisen as a direct consequence of the Contractor's delay in the performance of the Contract which the Contractor had failed to remedy after being given reasonable notice by the Authority.

16. Progress Report

(1) Where formal progress reports are required by the Contract, the Contractor shall render such reports at such time and in such form as may be specified by the Authority, or as otherwise agreed between the Contractor and the Authority.

(2) The submission and acceptance of progress reports shall not prejudice any rights of the Authority under the Contract.

17. Contractor's Personnel

(1) The Authority reserves the right to refuse to admit to the Authority's Premises any person employed by the Contractor or its subcontractors, whose admission would be undesirable in the opinion of the Authority.

(2) If and when requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide a list of the names and addresses of all persons who may at any time require admission in connection with the performance of the Services to the Authority's Premises, specifying the role in which each such person is concerned with the Contractor and giving such other particulars as the Authority may require.

(3) If and when requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall procure from each person identified by the request, a signed statement that he understands that the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 applies to him both during the carrying out and after expiry or termination of the Contract and that he will comply with the provisions of those Acts in so far as they apply to the work he is performing under the Contract.

(4) If and when requested by the Authority the Contractor agrees that it will submit any person employed by the Contractor or its subcontractors to the Authority's security vetting procedure. The Contractor further agrees that any individual who refuses to submit to such vetting procedure or does not attain the clearance it affords will not carry out any work on the Contract which the Authority certifies as suitable only for people who have passed its security vetting procedure.

(5) If the Contractor fails to comply with paragraph (2) (3) or (4) of this Condition and the Authority decides that such failure is prejudicial to its interests, the Authority may

immediately terminate the Contract by notice in writing to the Contractor, provided that such termination shall be without prejudice to any accrued rights of, or to any rights that shall accrue thereafter to, the Authority.

18. Indemnities and Insurance

- (1) The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Authority on demand from and against all claims, demands, proceedings, actions, damages, costs (including legal costs), expenses and any other liabilities arising from claims made by the Authority's staff or agents, or by third parties, in respect of any death or personal injury, or loss or destruction of or damage to property, or any other loss, destruction or damage, including but not limited to financial losses which are caused by the breach of contract or breach of duty (whether in negligence, tort, statute or otherwise) of the Contractor, its employees, agents or subcontractors.
- (2) The Contractor shall be liable to the Authority for any loss, damage, destruction, injury or expense (and including but not limited to loss or destruction of or damage to the Authority's property, which includes data) arising from the Contractor's breach of contract or duty (whether arising in negligence, tort, statute or otherwise).
- (3) The Contractor shall procure, with a reputable insurance company, a policy or policies of insurance providing an adequate level of cover in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Contractor in respect of the indemnities provided under the Contract, which in any event shall not be less than £1,000,000, and shall at the request of the Authority produce the relevant policy or policies together with receipt or other evidence of payment of the latest premium due there under.
- (4) Nothing in these Conditions nor in any part of the Contract shall impose any liability on any member of the staff of the Authority or its representatives in their personal capacity.
- (5) The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority against all proceedings, actions, claims, demands, costs (including legal costs), charges, expenses and any other liabilities arising from or incurred by reason of any infringement or alleged infringement of any third party's Intellectual Property Rights used by or on behalf of the Contractor for the purpose of the Contract, providing that any such infringement or alleged infringement is not knowingly caused by, or contributed to, by any act of the Authority.
- (6) The Authority shall indemnify the Contractor against all proceedings, actions, claims, demands, costs (including legal costs), charges, expenses and any other liabilities arising from or incurred by reason of any infringement or alleged infringement of any third party's Intellectual Property Rights used at the request of the Authority by the Contractor in the course of providing the Services, providing that any such infringement or alleged infringement is not knowingly caused by, or contributed to by, any act of the Contractor.

(7) Except in relation to death or personal injury as referred to in Condition 18(1), and subject to Conditions 18(5) and 31(16) the amount of liability under this clause shall be limited to twice the contract value.

19 Termination for Insolvency or Change of Control

(1) The Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

where the Contractor is an individual, if a petition is presented for his bankruptcy, or he makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignment for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator is appointed to manage his affairs; or

where the Contractor is not an individual but is a firm or a number of persons acting together, if any event in Condition 19(1)(a) or (c) occurs in respect of any partner in the firm or any of those persons, or if a petition is presented for the Contractor to be wound up as an unregistered company; or

where the Contractor is a company or limited liability partnership, if the company or limited liability partnership enters administration or passes a resolution to wind up or the court makes an administration order or a winding-up order, or the company makes a composition or arrangement with its creditors, or an administrative receiver, receiver or manager is appointed by a creditor or by the court, or possession is taken of any of its property under the terms of a floating charge; or

the Contractor undergoes a change of control, where “control” is interpreted in accordance with Section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

(2) After receipt of the notice under paragraph (1) above or earlier discovery by the Authority of the occurrence of any of the events described in that paragraph, the Authority may, by notice in writing to the Contractor, terminate the Contract with immediate effect without compensation to the Contractor and without prejudice to any right or action or remedy which may accrue to the Authority thereafter. The Authority’s right to terminate the Contract under Condition 19(1)(d) will exist until the end of a period of three months starting from receipt of the notice provided by the Contractor pursuant to Condition 19(1), or such other period as is agreed by the parties.

20. Termination for Breach of Contract

If either party commits a material breach of the Contract which is either not capable of remedy, or, if it is capable of remedy, he fails to remedy such breach within 28 days of being notified by the other party in writing to do so, that other party shall be entitled to terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing to the party that

committed the material breach and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of either party in respect of the breach concerned or any other breach of the Contract.

21. Cancellation

- (1) The Authority shall be entitled to terminate the Contract, or to terminate the provision of any part of the Services, by giving to the Contractor not less than 28 Working Days' notice in writing to that effect. Once it has given such notice, the Authority may extend the period of notice at any time before it expires, subject to agreement on the level of Services to be provided by the Contractor during the period of extension.
- (2) On termination of the Contract in accordance with Conditions 19, 20 or 21, the Contractor may submit an invoice, in accordance with Condition 11(1), for Services properly carried out by the Contractor prior to the date of termination, where payment has not already been made by the Authority. On receipt of a correctly submitted invoice, the Authority shall make payment in accordance with Condition 11.
- (3) On termination of the Contract in accordance with Conditions 19, 20 or 21, the Contractor may submit an invoice submitted by any subcontractor, in accordance with Condition 11(1), for Services properly carried out by the subcontractor prior to the date of termination, where payment has not already been made by the Authority. On receipt of a correctly received invoice, the Authority shall make payment of the Charges in accordance with Condition 11.

22. Dispute Resolution

- (1) The parties shall attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with the Contract.
- (2) If the parties cannot resolve the dispute pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Condition, the dispute may, by agreement between the parties, be referred to mediation pursuant to paragraph (4) of this Condition.
- (3) The performance of the Services shall not cease or be delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Condition.
- (4) If the parties agree to refer the dispute to mediation:

in order to determine the person who shall mediate the dispute (the “Mediator”) the parties shall by agreement choose a neutral adviser or mediator from one of the dispute resolution providers listed by the Government Procurement Service on its website or in its printed guidance on dispute resolution within 30 days after agreeing to refer the dispute to mediation;

the parties shall within 14 days of the appointment of the Mediator meet with him in order to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure to be adopted for negotiations to be held. If considered appropriate, the parties may at any stage seek assistance from the Government Procurement Service to provide guidance on a suitable procedure;

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

if the parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute within 60 days of the Mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed between the parties, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and shall be binding on the parties once it is signed by both the Authority and the Contractor;

failing agreement within 60 days of the Mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed between the parties, either of the parties may invite the Mediator to provide a non-binding but informative opinion in writing. Such an opinion shall be provided on a without prejudice basis and shall not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to the Contract without the prior written consent of both parties.

(5) If the parties do not agree to refer the dispute to mediation, or if the parties fail to reach agreement as to who shall mediate the dispute pursuant to Condition 22(4)(a) or if they fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 60 days of the Mediator being appointed or such longer period as may be agreed by the parties, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the courts.

23. Bribery and corruption

(1) The Contractor shall not, and shall ensure that its staff, subcontractors and agents do not:

offer or promise, to any person employed by or on behalf of the Authority any financial or other advantage as an inducement or reward for the improper performance of a function or activity, or for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Authority;

agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or reward for any improper performance of a function or activity in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Authority; or

enter into the Contract or any other contract with the Authority or any other department or office of Her Majesty's Government in connection with which commission has been paid, or agreed to be paid by him or on his behalf, or to his knowledge, unless, before the

Contract is made, particulars of any such commission and the terms and conditions of any agreement for the payment thereof, have been disclosed in writing to any person duly authorised by the Authority to act as its representative for the purpose of this Condition.

Nothing contained in this Condition shall prevent the Contractor paying such commission or bonuses to his own staff in accordance with their agreed contracts of employment.

(2) Any breach of this Condition by the Contractor, or by any person employed or engaged by him or acting on his behalf (whether with or without his knowledge), or any act or omission by the Contractor, or by such other person, in contravention of the Bribery Act 2010 or any other anti-corruption law, in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Authority, shall entitle the Authority to terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing and to recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from such termination and the amount of the value of any such gift, consideration or commission as the Authority shall think fit.

(3) Where the Contract has been terminated under paragraph (2) of this Condition, there shall be deemed to be a failure to commence the provision of the Services, enabling the Authority to terminate the Contract with immediate effect and the Authority will not be obliged to pay the Charges.

(4) In any dispute, difference or question arising in respect of:

the interpretation of this Condition (except so far as the same may relate to the amount recoverable from the Contractor under paragraph (2) of this Condition in respect of any loss resulting from such determination of the Contract); or

the right of the Authority to determine the Contract; or

the amount or value of any gift, consideration or commission,

the decision of the Authority shall be final and conclusive.

24. Official Secrets

The Contractor's attention is drawn to the provisions of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps by display of notices or by other appropriate means to ensure that all persons employed in connection with the Contract have notice that these statutory provisions apply to them and will continue so to apply after the expiry or earlier termination of the Contract.

25. Special Provisions

In the case of any conflict or inconsistency between these general Conditions and any specific terms of the Contract, the latter shall prevail.

26. Conflict of Interest

(1) The Contractor shall ensure that there is no conflict of interest as to be likely to prejudice his independence and objectivity in performing the Contract and undertakes that upon becoming aware of any such conflict of interest during the performance of the Contract (whether the conflict existed before the award of the Contract or arises during its performance) he shall immediately notify the Authority in writing of the same, giving particulars of its nature and the circumstances in which it exists or arises and shall furnish such further information as the Authority may reasonably require.

(2) Where the Authority is of the opinion that the conflict of interest notified to it under paragraph (1) above is capable of being avoided or removed, the Authority may require the Contractor to take such steps as will, in its opinion, avoid, or as the case may be, remove the conflict and:

if the Contractor fails to comply with the Authority's requirements in this respect; or

if, in the opinion of the Authority, it is not possible to remove the conflict,

the Authority may terminate the Contract immediately and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from such termination.

(3) Notwithstanding Condition 26(2), where the Authority is of the opinion that the conflict of interest which existed at the time of the award of the Contract could have been discovered with the application by the Contractor of due diligence and ought to have been disclosed as required by the tender documents pertaining to it, the Authority may terminate the Contract immediately for breach of a fundamental condition and, without prejudice to any other rights, recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from such termination.

27. Intellectual Property Rights

(1) Subject to Condition 27(4), all Background Intellectual Property used or supplied under this Contract in connection with the Services shall remain the property of the Party introducing the same and nothing contained in this Contract or any licence agreement pertaining or pursuant to the Contractor's performance of the Services shall affect the rights of either Party in its Background Intellectual Property.

(2) Subject to Conditions 27(3) and 28(5), any Arising Intellectual Property shall belong to the Contractor.

(3) The Contractor hereby grants to the Authority a worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence at no cost to the Authority, together with the right to grant sublicences, to use or publish any Arising Intellectual Property, Data, results, outcomes or conclusions which are created as part of the Services, for its non-commercial purposes.

(4) The Contractor hereby grants to the Authority a worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence at no cost to the Authority, to use any Background Intellectual Property used in the performance of the Services, that is essential to the functioning and use of the Arising Intellectual Property for its non-commercial purposes.

(5) The Contractor shall procure for the Authority any worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free licence, at no cost to the Authority, from any third party, to use any Intellectual Property Rights that are essential to the functioning and use of the Arising Intellectual Property for its non-commercial purposes.

(6) Under clauses 27(3), 27(4) and 27(5) the Authority shall only grant sublicences to third parties if, after five years from the date of this Contract, the Arising Intellectual Property has not been commercially exploited by the Contractor, or the Contractor has established a monopoly position.

28. Exploitation of Intellectual Property

(1) The Contractor shall inform the Authority of any Arising Intellectual Property, Data, results, outcomes or conclusions which are created in performing the Services and which are capable of exploitation whether patentable or not.

(2) The Contractor shall, as appropriate, devise, publish, implement and maintain procedures for the management of Arising Intellectual Property and in particular, but without limitation, shall use its best endeavours to ensure that:

the Data which constitutes Arising Intellectual Property is identified, recorded and carefully distinguished from the outputs of other research;

prior to any publication of materials created in the course of performing the Services, patentable inventions comprised within the Arising Intellectual Property are identified, duly considered for patentability and, where it is reasonable so to do, patent applications in respect thereof are filed at the British or European Patent Office; and

all such patent applications are diligently executed having regard to all relevant circumstances.

(3) The Contractor shall permit the Authority to monitor the operation and effectiveness of the Contractor's procedures for the management of Intellectual Property Rights in such a way as the Authority considers reasonably necessary.

(4) Consistent with the good management of Intellectual Property Rights and the continued agreement of the Authority, the Contractor shall use its best endeavours to:

promote the dissemination of the Arising Intellectual Property; and

once the Contractor has performed the Services to the satisfaction of the Authority, commercially exploit any Arising Intellectual Property to generate either capital or revenue or both.

(5) If, within five years of its creation, any Arising Intellectual Property has not been commercially exploited by the Contractor the Contractor shall if requested by the Authority assign the Arising Intellectual Property to the Authority.

(6) The Contractor shall not transfer ownership of the Arising Intellectual Property without the consent of the Authority for ten years from the creation of that Arising Intellectual Property.

(7) If, within five years of its creation, any Arising Intellectual Property has not been commercially exploited by the Contractor or the Contractor has established a monopoly position, the Authority may require the Contractor to license the Arising Intellectual Property to third parties nominated by the Authority. Should the Authority choose to exercise its discretion under this clause, it will notify the Contractor in accordance with clause 3.

29. Rights of Third Parties

It is not intended that the Contract, either expressly or by implication, shall confer any benefit on any person who is not a party to the Contract and accordingly the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 shall not apply.

30. Government Property

(1) All Government Property shall remain the property of the Authority and shall be used in the execution of the Contract and for no other purpose whatsoever except with the prior agreement in writing of the Authority.

(2) All Government Property shall be deemed to be in good condition when received by or on behalf of the Contractor unless he notifies the Authority to the contrary within 14 days or such other time as is specified in the Contract.

(3) The Contractor undertakes to return any and all Government Property on completion of the Contract or on any earlier request by the Authority.

(4) The Contractor shall, except as otherwise provided for in the Contract, repair or replace or, at the option of the Authority, pay compensation for all loss, destruction or damage occurring to any Government Property caused or sustained by the Contractor, or by his servants, agents or subcontractors, whether or not arising from his or their performance of the Contract and wherever occurring, provided that if the loss, destruction or damage occurs at the Authority's Premises or any other Government premises, this

Condition shall not apply to the extent that the Contractor is able to show that any such loss, destruction or damage was not caused or contributed to by his negligence or default or the neglect or default of his servants, agents, or subcontractors.

(5) Where the Government Property comprises data issued in electronic form to the Contractor (including Personal Data) the Contractor shall not store, copy, disclose or use such electronic data except as necessary for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract (including its obligation to back up electronic data as provided in Condition 30(6) below) or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Authority.

(6) The Contractor shall perform secure back ups of all such electronic data in its possession and shall ensure that an up to date back up copy is securely stored at a site other than that where any original copies of such electronic data are being stored.

(7) The Contractor shall, and shall procure that its subcontractors, agents and personnel, shall observe best practice when handling or in possession of any such electronic data. By way of example if the Contractor removes any such data or information from a Government establishment, or is sent such data or information by the Authority it shall ensure that the data and any equipment on which it is stored or is otherwise being processed is kept secure at all times. The Contractor shall impress on any of its subcontractors, agents and personnel who are required to handle or have possession of such electronic data that they must safeguard it all times, and shall not place it in jeopardy for example by leaving it unattended in a vehicle or on public transport or by transmitting or posting it by insecure means.

(8) If at any time the Contractor suspects or has reason to believe that such electronic data has or may become corrupted, lost, destroyed, altered (other than to the extent that the Contractor alters it by lawful processing in accordance with its obligations under this contract) or so degraded as a result of the Contractor's default so as to be unusable then the Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately and inform the Authority of the remedial action the Contractor proposes to take.

(9) The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority against all claims and proceedings, and all costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith arising from the corruption, loss, destruction, alteration (other than by lawful processing permitted by this Contract) or degradation of electronic data which claims would not have arisen but for some act, omission, misrepresentation or negligence on the part of the Contractor or subcontractors, agents and personnel and hold it harmless against all costs, losses and liability whatsoever incurred by it arising out of any action or inaction on its part in relation to any of its obligations as set out in this Contract which results in such corruption, loss or degradation.

31. Data Protection

- (1) The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Authority is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor. The only processing that the Contractor is authorised to do is listed in Annex 1 by the Authority and may not be determined by the Contractor.
- (2) The Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately if it considers that any of the Authority's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.
- (3) The Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Authority in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Authority, include:
- (a) a systematic description of the envisaged processing operations and the purpose of the processing;
 - (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Services;
 - (c) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
 - (d) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.
- (4) The Contractor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with its obligations under this Contract:
- (a) process that Personal Data only in accordance with Annex 1, unless the Contractor is required to do otherwise by Law. If it is so required the Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority before processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law;
 - (b) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, as appropriate to protect against a Data Loss Event, which the Authority may reasonably reject (but failure to reject shall not amount to approval by the Authority of the adequacy of the Protective Measures), having taken account of the:
 - (i) nature of the data to be protected;
 - (ii) harm that might result from a Data Loss Event;
 - (iii) state of technological development; and
 - (iv) cost of implementing any measures;

The review and approval of the Protective Measures by the Authority shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations under Data Protection Legislation, and the Contractor acknowledges that it is solely responsible for determining whether such Protective Measures are sufficient for it to have met its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.

(c) ensure that:

(i) the Contractor Personnel do not process Personal Data except in accordance with this Contract and in particular Annex 1;

(ii) it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Contractor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:

(A) are aware of and comply with the Contractor's duties under this clause;

(B) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Contractor or any Sub-Processor;

(C) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third Party unless directed in writing to do so by the Authority or as otherwise permitted by this Contract; and

(D) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data.

(d) not transfer Personal Data outside of the UK unless the prior written consent of the Authority has been obtained and provided the following conditions are fulfilled:-

(i) the Authority or the Contractor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer in accordance with guidance issued by the UK Government or body appointed by the Government and approved by the Authority;

(ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

(iii) the Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the Authority in meeting its obligations); and

(iv) the Contractor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Authority with respect to the processing of the Personal Data.

(5) Subject to clause (6), the Contractor shall notify the Authority immediately if it:

- (a) receives a Data Subject Request (or purported Data Subject Request);
 - (b) receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
 - (c) receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
 - (d) receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data processed under this Contract;
 - (e) receives a request from any third Party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law; or
 - (f) becomes aware of a Data Loss Event.
- (6) The Contractor's obligation to notify under clause (5) shall include the provision of further information to the Authority in phases, as details become available.
- (7) Taking into account the nature of the processing, the Contractor shall provide the Authority with full assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under clause (5) (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Authority) including by promptly providing:
- (a) the Authority with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
 - (b) such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with a Data Subject Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
 - (c) the Authority, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
 - (d) assistance as requested by the Authority following any Data Loss Event;
 - (e) assistance as requested by the Authority with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by the Authority with the Information Commissioner's Office.
- (8) The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause. This requirement does not apply where the Contractor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:
- (a) the Authority determines that the processing is not occasional;

- (b) the Authority determines the processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the UK GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10 of the UK GDPR; and
- (c) the Authority determines that the processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.
- (9) The Contractor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Authority or the Authority's designated auditor.
- (10) The Contractor shall designate a Data Protection Officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.
- (11) Before allowing any Sub-Processor to process any Personal Data related to this Contract, the Contractor must:
 - (a) notify the Authority in writing of the intended Sub-Processor and processing;
 - (b) obtain the written consent of the Authority;
 - (c) enter into a written agreement with the Sub-Processor which give effect to the terms set out in this Condition 31 such that they apply to the Sub-Processor; and
 - (d) provide the Authority with such information regarding the Sub-Processor as the Authority may reasonably require.
- (12) The Contractor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Sub-Processors.
- (13) The Authority may, at any time on not less than 30 Working Days' notice, revise this clause by replacing it with any applicable controller to processor standard clauses or similar terms forming part of an applicable certification scheme (which shall apply when incorporated by attachment to this Contract).
- (14) The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Authority may on not less than 30 Working Days' notice to the Contractor amend this Contract to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.
- (15) If the Contractor fails to comply with any provision of this Condition 31, the Authority may terminate the Contract immediately in which event the provisions of Condition 20 shall apply.

(16) The Contractor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Authority against all claims and proceedings, and all costs and expenses incurred by it in connection therewith, made or brought against the Authority by any person in respect of the Data Protection Legislation or equivalent applicable legislation in any other country which claims would not have arisen but for some act, omission, misrepresentation or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its sub-contractors and/or and Sub-Processors and hold it harmless against all costs, fines, losses and liability whatsoever incurred by it arising out of any action or inaction on its part in relation to any of its obligations as set out in this Contract which results in the Authority being in breach of its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation or equivalent applicable legislation in any other country.

(17) Upon expiry or earlier termination of this Contract for whatever reason, the Contractor shall, unless otherwise specified in Annex 1, or required by Law, immediately cease any processing of the Personal Data on the Authority's behalf and at the written direction of the Authority:

(a) provide the Authority with a complete and uncorrupted version of the Personal Data in electronic form (or such other format as reasonably required by the Authority); and

(b) delete the Personal Data (and any copies of it) including from any computers, storage devices and storage media that are to be retained by the Contractor after the expiry of the Contract. The Contractor will certify to the Authority that it has completed such deletion.

(19) Where the Contractor is required to collect any Personal Data on behalf of the Authority, it shall ensure that it provides the relevant Data Subjects from whom the Personal Data are collected with a privacy notice in a form to be agreed with the Authority.

32. Payment of taxes: income tax and NICs

(1) Where the Contractor is liable to be taxed in the UK in respect of consideration received under the Contract, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax in respect of that consideration.

(2) Where the Contractor is liable to National Insurance Contributions (NICs) in respect of consideration received under the Contract, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and all other statutes and regulations relating to NICs in respect of that consideration.

(3) The Authority may, at any time during the term of the Contract, require the Contractor to provide information to demonstrate that:

the Contractor has complied with paragraphs (1) and (2) above; or

the Contractor or its staff are not liable to the relevant taxes.

(4) A request under paragraph (3) above may specify the information which the Contractor must provide and a reasonable deadline for response.

(5) The Authority may supply any information which it receives under paragraph (3) to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs for the purpose of the collection and management of revenue for which they are responsible.

(6) The Contractor shall ensure that any subcontractors (including consultants) and agents engaged by the Contractor for the purpose of the Services are engaged on, and comply with, conditions equivalent to those in paragraphs (1) to (5) above and this paragraph (6), and the Contractor shall, on request, provide the Authority with evidence to satisfy the Authority that the Contractor has done so. Those conditions shall provide both the Contractor and the Authority with the right to require the subcontractor or agent to provide information to them equivalent to paragraph (3), and the Contractor shall obtain that information where requested by the Authority.

(7) The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where:

the Contractor does not comply with any requirement of this Condition 32; or

the Contractor's subcontractors or agents do not comply with the conditions imposed on them under paragraph (6) above.

(8) In particular (but without limitation), the Authority may terminate the Contract under paragraph (7) above:

in the case of a request under paragraph (3):

the Contractor fails to provide information in response to the request within the deadline specified; or

the Contractor provides information which is inadequate to demonstrate how the Contractor or (where relevant) its subcontractors and agents have complied with the conditions set out or referred to in paragraphs (1) to (6);

or

the Authority receives information which demonstrates, to its reasonable satisfaction, that the Contractor, its subcontractors or agents, are not complying with those conditions.

33. Payment of taxes: Occasions of Tax Non-compliance

(1) This Condition 33 applies where the consideration payable by the Contractor under the Contract equals or exceeds £5,000,000 (five million pounds).

(2) The Contractor represents and warrants that it has notified the Authority in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance or any litigation that it is involved in that is in connection with any Occasions of Tax Non Compliance.

(3) If, at any point during the term of the Contract, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Contractor shall:

notify the Authority in writing of such fact within 5 Working Days of its occurrence; and promptly provide to the Authority:

details of the steps which the Contractor is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and

such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may reasonably require.

(4) In the event that:

the warranty given by the Contractor pursuant to paragraph (2) of this Condition is materially untrue;

the Contractor commits a material breach of its obligation to notify the Authority of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as required by paragraph (3) of this Condition; or

the Contractor fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors which, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, are acceptable,

the Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing.

(5) In this Condition 33, "Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance" means:

any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:

a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Contractor 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;

the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Contractor 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

any tax return of the Contractor submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction

for tax related offences which is not spent at the commencement of the Contract or to a penalty for civil fraud or evasion.

(6) For the purpose of paragraph (5):

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

“General Anti-Abuse Rule” means:

the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and

any future legislation introduced into Parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions;

“Halifax Abuse Principle” means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others; and

“Relevant Tax Authority” means HM Revenue & Customs, or, if applicable, a tax authority in the jurisdiction in which the Contractor is established.

34. Equality and non-discrimination

(1) The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 and any other anti-discrimination legislation in relation to the provision of the Services or otherwise and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its staff, subcontractors and agents do not do so.

(2) The Contractor shall comply with the Authority’s equality scheme as published on the Authority’s website, and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its staff, subcontractors and agents do so.

(3) The Authority may (without prejudice to its other rights under the Contract) terminate the Contract with immediate effect by notice in writing where the Contractor fails (or the Contractor’s staff, subcontractors or agents fail) to comply with paragraphs (1) or (2) of this Condition.

35. Welsh Language Act

The Contractor shall for the term of the Contract comply with the principles of the Authority's Welsh Language Scheme.

36. Sustainable Procurement

- (1) The Contractor shall comply in all material respects with all applicable environmental laws and regulations in force from time to time in relation to the Services. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor shall promptly provide all such information regarding the environmental impact of the Services as may reasonably be requested by the Authority.
- (2) The Contractor shall meet all reasonable requests by the Authority for information evidencing compliance with the provisions of this Clause by the Contractor.
- (3) All written outputs, including reports, produced in connection with the Contract shall (unless otherwise specified) be produced on recycled paper containing at least 80% post consumer waste and used on both sides where appropriate.

37. Other Legislation

The Contractor shall, and shall procure that its subcontractors, agents and personnel, comply with all other applicable law.

38. Contractor Status

Nothing in the Contract shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, a contract of employment or relationship of employer and employee, or a relationship of principal and agent between the Authority and the Contractor.

39. Transfer of Services

- (1) Where the Authority intends to continue with services equivalent to any or all of the Services after termination or expiry of the Contract, either by performing them itself or by the appointment of a replacement contractor, the Contractor shall (both during the term of the Contract and, where relevant, after its expiry or termination):

provide all information reasonably requested to allow the Authority to conduct the procurement for any replacement services; and

use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the transition is undertaken with the minimum of disruption to the Authority.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) of this Condition, the Contractor shall, at times and intervals reasonably specified by the Authority, provide the Authority

(for the benefit of the Authority, any replacement Contractor and any economic operator bidding to provide the replacement services) such information as the Authority may reasonably require relating to the application or potential application of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 including the provision of employee liability information.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) of this Condition, the contractor shall co-operate fully during the transition period and provide full access to all data, documents, manuals, working instructions, reports and any information, whether held in electronic or written form, which the Authority considers necessary.

40. Law and Jurisdiction

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

41. Transparency

(1) In order to comply with the Government's policy on transparency in the areas of procurement and contracts, the Authority will, subject to Conditions 41(2) and (3), publish the Contract and the tender documents issued by the Authority which led to its creation on a designated web site.

(2) The entire Contract and all the tender documents issued by the Authority will be published on that web site save where the Authority, in its absolute discretion, considers that the relevant documents, or their contents, would be exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

(3) Where the Authority considers that any such exemption applies, the Authority will redact the relevant documents to the extent that the Authority considers the redaction is necessary to remove or obscure the relevant material, and those documents will be published on the designated web site subject to those redactions.

(4) Where the Parties later agree changes to the contract, the Authority will publish those changes, and will consider any redaction, on the same basis.

(5) In Condition 41(1) the expression "tender documents" means the advertisement issued by the Authority seeking expressions of interest, the pre-qualification questionnaire and the invitation to tender and the contract includes the Contractor's proposal.

42. Monitoring and Management Information

(1) Where requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall supply to the Authority and/or to the Cabinet Office such information relating to the Services and to the

Contractor's management and performance of the Contract as they may reasonably require.

(2) The information referred to in Condition 42(1) may include, but is not limited to, the following: Line Item Amount, Invoice Line Description, Invoice Line Number, Currency Code, Order Date, VAT Inclusion Flag, VAT Rate, List Price, Number of Items, Unit of Purchase Quantity, Price per Unit, Contractor Service Code, Service description and/or name, UNSPSC Code, Taxonomy Code and/or Name, Geographical, Project Code, Project description, Project Start Date, Project Delivery Date (Estimate and Actual), Total project cost and Project Stage. The information may also, without limitation, include information relating to the capability of the Contractor (and any key subcontractor) to continue to perform the Contract (including information on matters referred to in regulations 23 to 27 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006).

(3) The information referred to in Condition 42(1) shall be supplied in such form and within such timescales as the Authority or the Cabinet Office may reasonably require.

(4) The Contractor agrees that the Authority may provide the Cabinet Office, any other government department or agency or any other person or entity referred to in Condition 43(2) (Information Confidential to the Contractor), with information obtained under this Condition 42 and any other information relating to the Services procured and any payments made under the Contract.

(5) Upon receipt of the information supplied by the Contractor in response to a request under Condition 42(1) or receipt of information provided by the Authority to the Cabinet Office under Condition 42(4) the Contractor hereby consents to the Cabinet Office (acting through the Government Procurement Service):

storing and analysing the information and producing statistics; and

sharing the information or any statistics produced using the information, with any person or entity referred to in Condition 43(2).

(6) The Authority may make changes to the type of information which the Contractor is required to supply and shall give the Contractor at least one calendar month's written notice of any such changes.

(7) Where the Authority notifies the Contractor that it estimates the Charges payable under this Contract are due to exceed £5 million in one or more Contract Years the Contractor agrees and acknowledges that it shall, in addition to any other management information requirements set out in this Contract, at no charge, provide such timely, full, accurate and complete SME management information (MI) reports to the Authority as the Authority shall require which incorporate the data described in the MI Reporting Template which is:

the total contract revenue received directly on a specific contract;

the total value of subcontracted revenues under the contract (including revenues for non-SMEs/non-VCSEs); and

the total value of subcontracted revenues to SMEs and VCSEs.

(8) The SME management information reports referred to in Condition 42(7) shall be provided in the correct format as required by the MI Reporting Template and any guidance issued by the Authority from time to time. The Contractor shall use the initial MI Reporting Template, and which may be changed from time to time (including the data required and/or format) by the Authority by issuing a replacement version. The Authority shall give at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing of any such change and shall specify the date from which it must be used.

(9) The Contractor further agrees and acknowledges that it may not make any amendment to the current MI Reporting Template without the prior written approval of the Authority.

43. Information confidential to the Contractor

(1) Unless agreed expressly by both parties in writing, in a confidentiality agreement identifying the relevant information, information obtained by the Authority from the Contractor shall not constitute confidential information relating to the Contractor.

(2) Where any information held by the Authority does constitute confidential information relating to the Contractor, the Authority shall nonetheless have the right to disclose that information:

on a confidential basis to any other government department or agency for any proper purpose of the Authority or of that department or agency;

to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;

to the extent that the Authority (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;

on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, Contractor or other person engaged by any of the entities described in sub-paragraph a) (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with the Contract or the Services;

on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under the Contract; or

on a confidential basis to a proposed successor body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under the Contract.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2) of this Condition, references to disclosure on a confidential basis mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement.

Annex 1 Data Protection

The Contractor will be compliant with the Data Protection Legislation as defined in the terms and conditions applying to this Invitation to Tender. A guide to the UK General Data Protection Regulation published by the Information Commissioner’s Office, can be found [here](#).

Where the Contractor is a Data Processor, the following section MUST be included.

The only processing that the Contractor is authorised to do is listed in Annex 1 by BEIS, “the Authority” and may not be determined by the Contractor.

Annex 1: Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects

(1) The contact details of the Authority’s Data Protection Officer are:

BEIS Data Protection Officer
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET

Email: dataprotection@beis.gov.uk

(2) The contact details of the Contractor’s Data Protection Officer (or if not applicable, details of the person responsible for data protection in the organisation) are: **[To be completed by the Contractor]**

(3) The Contractor shall comply with any further written instructions with respect to processing by the Authority.

(4) Any such further instructions shall be incorporated into this Annex 1.

Description	Details
Data Protection Legislation	The UK GDPR and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time; or the DPA 2018 to the extent that it relates to Processing of personal data and privacy; or all applicable Law about the Processing of personal data and privacy

UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)	The retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) as transposed into UK Law by the Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
Subject matter of the processing	The processing is needed in order to ensure that the Contractor can effectively deliver the contract to provide the Low Carbon Hydrogen Supply 2 Competition. The processing of names and business contact details of staff of both the Authority and the Contractor will be necessary to deliver the services exchanged during the course of the Contract, and to undertake contract and performance management. The Contract itself will include the names and business contact details of staff of both the Authority and the Contractor involved in managing the Contract.
Duration of the processing	Processing will take place from 9 August 2021 for the duration of the Contract. The Contract will end on 31 March 2025.
Nature and purposes of the processing	The nature of the processing will include collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, consultation, use, dissemination or otherwise making available, restriction, erasure or destruction of data etc. Processing takes place for the purposes of research etc purposes to provide the Low Carbon Hydrogen Supply 2 Competition. The nature of processing will include the storage and use of names and business contact details of staff of both the Authority and the Contractor as necessary to deliver the services and to undertake contract and performance management. The Contract itself will include the names and business contact details of staff of both the Authority and the Contractor involved in managing the Contract.

Type of Personal Data	Types of Personal Data the Contractor will process includes, but is not limited to, names, business telephone numbers and email addresses, office location and position of staff of both the Authority and the Contractor as necessary to deliver the services and to undertake contract and performance management. The Contract itself will include the names and business contact details of staff of both the Authority and the Contractor involved in managing the Contract.
Categories of Data Subject	Types of categories of Data Subject includes, but is not limited to, staff of the Authority and the Contractor, including where those employees are named within the Contract itself or involved within contract management, members of the public, workers in particular industry, applicants or users of a particular service etc.
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the processing is complete UNLESS requirement under UK GDPR to preserve that type of data	The Personal Data will be retained by the Contractor for a 3 year (36 month) retention period, following which The Contractor will provide the Authority with a complete and uncorrupted version of the Personal Data in electronic form (or such other format as reasonably required by the Authority) and erase from any computers, storage devices and storage media that are to be retained by the Contractor after the expiry of the Contract and the Contractor retention period. The Contractor will certify to the Authority that it has completed such deletion. Where Personal Data is contained within the Contract documentation, this will be retained in line with the Department's privacy notice found within the Competition Guidelines.

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