### Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules)

### **Order Form**

CALL-OFF REFERENCE:	TIS0718
THE BUYER:	The Insolvency Service
BUYER ADDRESS	16 <sup>th</sup> Floor REDACTED
THE SUPPLIER:	Brabners LLP
SUPPLIER ADDRESS:	REDACTED
REGISTRATION NUMBER:	REDACTED
DUNS NUMBER:	REDACTED
SID4GOV ID:	Not Applicable

### APPLICABLE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT:

This Order Form is for the provision of the Call-Off Deliverables and dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

It's issued under the Framework Contract with the reference number RM6240 for the provision of Public Sector Legal Services.

### CALL-OFF LOT(S):

Lot 1a: Full Service Provision - England and Wales

### CALL-OFF INCORPORATED TERMS

The following documents are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract. Where numbers are missing we are not using those schedules. If the documents conflict, the following order of precedence applies:

- 1. This Order Form includes the Call-Off Special Terms and Call-Off Special Schedules.
- 2. Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions and Interpretation) RM6240
- 3. Framework Special Terms

- 4. The following Schedules in equal order of precedence:
  - Joint Schedules for RM6240
    - Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)
    - Joint Schedule 3 (Insurance Requirements)
    - o Joint Schedule 4 (Commercially Sensitive Information)
    - Joint Schedule 10 (Rectification Plan)
    - Joint Schedule 11 (Processing Data)
  - Call-Off Schedules for RM6240
    - Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)
    - Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)
    - Call-Off Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)
    - Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)
    - Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)
    - Call-Off Schedule 26 (Ethical Walls Agreement Template)
    - Call-Off Schedule 27
- 5. CCS Core Terms (version 3.0.11)
- 6. Joint Schedule 5 (Corporate Social Responsibility) RM6240

No other Supplier terms are part of the Call-Off Contract. That includes any terms written on the back of, added to this Order Form, or presented at the time of delivery.

### CALL-OFF SPECIAL TERMS

The following Special Terms are incorporated into this Call-Off Contract:

None

CALL-OFF START DATE:	24 May 2024
CALL-OFF EXPIRY DATE:	27 May 2025 (27 May 2026 if extended)
CALL-OFF INITIAL PERIOD:	12 Months with an option to extend by a further 12 months.

### CALL-OFF DELIVERABLES

"The Supplier shall provide such advice, support and drafting as the Buyer may require in relation to the Provision of Legal Services for Contracts & Public Procurement activities"

The supplier will assess Commercial projects (sourcing requirements), variations to existing contracts, novel and/or contentious Commercial projects or contractual issues which are required to be approved by the Buyer's parent organisation or as required by the Buyer. The assessments will predominantly be required to consider and detail

any risks or issues with the sourcing approach or planned Commercial action to be undertaken.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI)**

For each request for legal services, a COI will need to be undertaken to ensure that no conflict exists.

### MAXIMUM LIABILITY

The limitation of liability for this Call-Off Contract is stated in Clause 11.2 of the Core Terms.

The Estimated Year 1 Charges used to calculate liability in the first Contract Year is £80,000

### CALL-OFF CHARGES

The maximum contract value is £80,000

The supplier will charge for services delivered on an hourly rate.

It is expected that the grade of staff delivering services under this agreement is:

- Senior Solicitor Rate: **REDACTED** 

The supplier will seek to utilise appropriate resource depending upon the complexity of work, including junior or partner resource where appropriate. All resources will be appropriately supervised and charging for these will be in line with the Rate Card for the Framework.

### **REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

None

### DISBURSEMENTS

Not Payable

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING CHARGE

Not Applicable

### SECONDMENT CHARGE

If required. If a Secondee requirement arises during the Contract Period, it can be dealt with using the Variation Procedure and Joint Schedule 2 (Variation Form)

### **PAYMENT METHOD**

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The payment method for this Call-Off Contract is BACS

See call-off charges for information on Payment Profile

The Supplier will issue electronic invoices for the fixed costs monthly/annually in arrears in advance

The Buyer will pay the Supplier within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice

Before payment can be considered each invoice must include details of work completed/to be completed.

Each invoice shall also contain the Contract Title and Contract Reference number: TIS0718 and a valid Purchase Order Number which will be provided by the Buyer.

The Insolvency Service recognises the importance of prompt, fair and effective payment in all businesses. Being paid promptly for work done ensures businesses have a healthy cash flow. In accordance with the Regulations, the Insolvency Service includes 30 calendar day payment terms in all new public sector contracts and will work with contracted suppliers to ensure that this payment term is passed down the supply chain.

To support this commitment, the Insolvency Service operate a No PO (Purchase Order) No PAY (Payment) policy.

All Invoices must comply with the No PO No Pay Policy to be considered valid and be paid.

A valid Supplier Invoice shall include the following:

-Valid Insolvency Service Purchase Order Number;

-Insolvency Service Contract Reference Number (if applicable);

-Invoice must accurately map to the line items within the Purchase Order, i.e. Line Descriptions, Number of Units and Unit Price

The Insolvency Service may make reasonable changes to its invoicing requirements during the Term of the contract by providing 30 calendar days written notice to the Supplier.

### All payments are subject to approval of the Buyer.

### **BUYER'S INVOICE ADDRESS:**

Invoices will be sent to payments@insolvency.gov.uk

# BUYER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE REDACTED

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### REDACTED

SUPPLIER'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE REDACTED Partner (Client Relationship Partner) REDACTED

SUPPLIER'S CONTRACT MANAGER REDACTED Partner (Client Relationship Partner) REDACTED

#### PROGRESS REPORT FREQUENCY

The Buyer requires acknowledgment of receiving request within 2 working days of the request being sent.

Responses to legal requests to be completed within 10 working days, if a review is going to require a longer timescale, supplier will advise the Buyer as soon as possible.

### **PROGRESS MEETING FREQUENCY**

None required, ad hoc meetings in reference to requests maybe requested.

### **KEY STAFF**

Not Applicable

### **KEY SUBCONTRACTOR(S)**

Not Applicable

### **COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

Not applicable

#### SERVICE CREDITS

Not applicable

### **ADDITIONAL INSURANCES**

Not applicable

#### GUARANTEE

Not applicable

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### SOCIAL VALUE COMMITMENT

Not applicable

For and on behalf of the Supplier:		For and on behalf of the Buyer:	
Signature:	REDACTED	Signature:	REDACTED
Signed on behalf of Name:	REDACTED	Name:	REDACTED
Role:	Partner	Role:	Hd Commercial
Date:		Date:	

# **Call-Off Schedule 1 (Transparency Reports)**

- 1.1 The Supplier recognises that the Buyer is subject to PPN 01/17 (Updates to transparency principles v1.1 (<u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0117-update-to-transparency-principles</u>). The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of this Schedule in order to assist the Buyer with its compliance with its obligations under that PPN.
- 1.2 Without prejudice to the Supplier's reporting requirements set out in the Framework Contract, within three (3) Months of the Start Date the Supplier shall submit to the Buyer for Approval (such Approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) draft Transparency Reports consistent with the content requirements and format set out in the Annex of this Schedule.
- 1.3 If the Buyer rejects any proposed Transparency Report submitted by the Supplier, the Supplier shall submit a revised version of the relevant report for further Approval within five (5) days of receipt of any notice of rejection, taking account of any recommendations for revision and improvement to the report provided by the Buyer. If the Parties fail to agree on a draft Transparency Report the Buyer shall determine what should be included. Any other disagreement in connection with Transparency Reports shall be treated as a Dispute.
- 1.4 The Supplier shall provide accurate and up-to-date versions of each Transparency Report to the Buyer at the frequency referred to in the Annex of this Schedule.

# Annex A: List of Transparency Reports

Title		Content	Format	Frequency
	No Transpa	rency Reports	Required At Point of A	Award

# Call-Off Schedule 2 (Staff Transfer)

Buyers will need to ensure that appropriate provisions are included to deal with staff transfer on both entry and exit, and, irrespective of whether TUPE does apply on entry, if there are employees eligible for New Fair Deal pension protection then the appropriate pensions provisions will also need to be selected.

If there is a staff transfer from the Buyer on entry (1st generation) then Part A shall apply.

If there is a staff transfer from former/incumbent supplier on entry (2nd generation), Part B shall apply.

If there is both a 1st and 2nd generation staff transfer on entry, then both Part A and Part B shall apply.

If either Part A and/or Part B apply, then consider whether Part D (Pensions) shall apply and the Buyer shall indicate on the Order Form which Annex shall apply (either D1 (CSPS), D2 (NHSPS), D3 (LGPS) or D4 (Other Schemes)). Part D pensions may also apply where there is not a TUPE transfer for example where the incumbent provider is successful.

If there is no staff transfer (either 1st generation or 2nd generation) at the Start Date then Part C shall apply and Part D pensions may also apply where there is not a TUPE transfer for example where the incumbent provider is successful.

If the position on staff transfers is not known at the bid stage, include Parts A, B, C and D at the bid stage and then update the Buyer Contract Details before signing to specify whether Parts A and/or B, or C and D apply to the Contract.

Part E (dealing with staff transfer on exit) shall apply to every Contract.

For further guidance on this Schedule contact Government Legal Department's Employment Law Group

### 1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

"Acquired Rights Directive"	the European Council Directive 77/187/EEC on the approximation of laws of European member states relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, businesses or parts of undertakings or businesses, as amended or re- enacted from time to time;

"Employee Liability"	all claims, actions, proceedings, orders, demands, complaints, investigations (save for any claims for personal injury which are covered by insurance) and any award, compensation, damages, tribunal awards, fine, loss, order, penalty, disbursement, payment made by way of settlement and costs, expenses and legal costs reasonably incurred in connection with a claim or investigation including in relation to the following:	
	<ul> <li>a) redundancy payments including contractual or enhanced redundancy costs, termination costs and notice payments;</li> </ul>	
	b) unfair, wrongful or constructive dismissal compensation;	
	c) compensation for discrimination on grounds of sex, race, disability, age, religion or belief, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation or claims for equal pay;	
	d) compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed term employees;	
	e) outstanding employment debts and unlawful deduction of wages including any PAYE and National Insurance Contributions;	
	f) employment claims whether in tort, contract or statute or otherwise;	
	<ul> <li>g) any investigation relating to employment matters by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or other enforcement, regulatory or supervisory body and of implementing any requirements which may arise from such investigation;</li> </ul>	
"Former Supplier"	a supplier supplying services to the Buyer before the Relevant Transfer Date that are the same as or substantially similar to the Services (or any part of the Services) and shall include any Subcontractor of such supplier (or any Subcontractor of any such Subcontractor);	

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"New Fair Deal"	the revised Fair Deal position set out in the HM Treasury guidance: "Fair Deal for Staff Pensions: Staff Transfer from Central Government" issued in October 2013 including:	
	(i) any amendments to that document immediately prior to the Relevant Transfer Date; and	
	<ul> <li>(ii) any similar pension protection in accordance with the Annexes D1-D3 inclusive to Part D of this Schedule as notified to the Supplier by the Buyer;</li> </ul>	
"Old Fair Deal"	HM Treasury Guidance "Staff Transfers from Central Government: A Fair Deal for Staff Pensions" issued in June 1999 including the supplementary guidance "Fair Deal for Staff pensions: Procurement of Bulk Transfer Agreements and Related Issues" issued in June 2004;	
"Partial Termination"	the partial termination of the relevant Contract to the extent that it relates to the provision of any part of the Services as further provided for in Clause 10.4 (When CCS or the Buyer can end this contract) or 10.6 (When the Supplier can end the contract);	
"Relevant Transfer"	a transfer of employment to which the Employment Regulations applies;	
"Relevant Transfer Date"	in relation to a Relevant Transfer, the date upon which the Relevant Transfer takes place. For the purposes of Part D: Pensions and its Annexes, where the Supplier or a Subcontractor was the Former Supplier and there is no Relevant Transfer of the Fair Deal Employees because they remain continuously employed by the Supplier (or Subcontractor), references to the Relevant Transfer Date shall become references to the Start Date;	

"Staffing Information"	<ul> <li>in relation to all persons identified on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List or Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, as the case may be, such information as the Buyer may reasonably request (subject to all applicable provisions of the Data Protection Legislation), but including in an anonymised format:</li> <li>(a) their ages, dates of commencement of employment or engagement, gender and place of work;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(b) details of whether they are employed, self- employed contractors or consultants, agency workers or otherwise;</li> </ul>
	(c) the identity of the employer or relevant contracting Party;
	<ul> <li>(d) their relevant contractual notice periods and any other terms relating to termination of employment, including redundancy procedures, and redundancy payments;</li> </ul>
	(e) their wages, salaries, bonuses and profit sharing arrangements as applicable;
	<ul> <li>(f) details of other employment-related benefits, including (without limitation) medical insurance, life assurance, pension or other retirement benefit schemes, share option schemes and company car schedules applicable to them;</li> </ul>
	(g) any outstanding or potential contractual, statutory or other liabilities in respect of such individuals (including in respect of personal injury claims);
	<ul> <li>(h) details of any such individuals on long term sickness absence, parental leave, maternity leave or other authorised long term absence;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(i) copies of all relevant documents and materials relating to such information, including copies of relevant contracts of employment (or relevant standard contracts if applied generally in respect of such employees); and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(j) any other "employee liability information" as such term is defined in regulation 11 of the Employment Regulations;</li> </ul>

"Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List"	a list provided by the Supplier of all Supplier Staff whose will transfer under the Employment Regulations on the Service Transfer Date;
"Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List"	a list prepared and updated by the Supplier of all Supplier Staff who are at the date of the list wholly or mainly engaged in or assigned to the provision of the Services or any relevant part of the Services which it is envisaged as at the date of such list will no longer be provided by the Supplier;
"Term"	the period commencing on the Start Date and ending on the expiry of the Initial Period or any Extension Period or on earlier termination of the relevant Contract;
"Transferring Buyer Employees"	those employees of the Buyer to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date;
"Transferring Former Supplier Employees"	in relation to a Former Supplier, those employees of the Former Supplier to whom the Employment Regulations will apply on the Relevant Transfer Date.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Where a provision in this Schedule imposes any obligation on the Supplier including (without limit) to comply with a requirement or provide an indemnity, undertaking or warranty, the Supplier shall procure that each of its Subcontractors shall comply with such obligation and provide such indemnity, undertaking or warranty to CCS, the Buyer, Former Supplier, Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor, as the case may be and where the Subcontractor fails to satisfy any claims under such indemnities the Supplier will be liable for satisfying any such claim as if it had provided the indemnity itself.
- 2.2 The provisions of Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.6 of Part A, Paragraph 3.1 of Part B, Paragraphs 1.5, 1.7 and 1.9 of Part C, Part D and Paragraphs 1.4, 2.3 and 2.8 of Part E of this Schedule (together "Third Party Provisions") confer benefits on third parties (each such person a "Third Party Beneficiary") and are intended to be enforceable by Third Party Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.
- 2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.2 above, a person who is not a Party to this Call-Off Contract has no right under the CRTPA to enforce any term of this Call-Off Contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.
- 2.4 No Third Party Beneficiary may enforce, or take any step to enforce, any Third Party Provision without the prior written consent of the Buyer, which may, if given, be given on and subject to such terms as the Buyer may determine.

2.5 Any amendments or modifications to this Call-Off Contract may be made, and any rights created under Paragraph 2.2 above may be altered or extinguished, by the Parties without the consent of any Third Party Beneficiary.

### 3. Which parts of this Schedule apply

Only the following parts of this Schedule shall apply to this Call Off Contract:

- Part C (No Staff Transfer on the Start Date)
- Part E (Staff Transfer on Exit)

### Part C: No Staff Transfer on the Start Date

### 1. What happens if there is a staff transfer

- 1.1 The Buyer and the Supplier agree that the commencement of the provision of the Services or of any part of the Services will not be a Relevant Transfer in relation to any employees of the Buyer and/or any Former Supplier.
- 1.2 If any employee of the Buyer and/or a Former Supplier claims, or it is determined in relation to any employee of the Buyer and/or a Former Supplier, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier to the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive then:
  - 1.2.1 the Supplier shall, and shall procure that the relevant Subcontractor shall, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer in writing and, where required by the Buyer, notify the Former Supplier in writing; and
  - 1.2.2 the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier may offer (or may procure that a third party may offer) employment to such person within 15 Working Days of the notification from the Supplier or the Subcontractor (as appropriate) or take such other reasonable steps as the Buyer or Former Supplier (as the case may be) it considers appropriate to deal with the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with applicable Law.
- 1.3 If an offer referred to in Paragraph 1.2.2 is accepted (or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier),, the Supplier shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, immediately release the person from his/her employment or alleged employment.
- 1.4 If by the end of the 15 Working Day period referred to in Paragraph 1.2.2:
  - 1.4.1 no such offer of employment has been made;
  - 1.4.2 such offer has been made but not accepted; or
  - 1.4.3 the situation has not otherwise been resolved;
- the Supplier may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person.
- 1.5 Subject to the Supplier and/or the relevant Subcontractor acting in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 1.2 to 1.4 and in accordance with all applicable employment procedures set out in applicable Law and subject also to Paragraph 1.8 the Buyer shall:
  - 1.5.1 indemnify the Supplier and/or the relevant Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Buyer's employees referred to in Paragraph 1.2 made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1.4 provided that the Supplier takes, or shall procure that the

Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities; and

- 1.5.2 procure that the Former Supplier indemnifies the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of termination of the employment of the employees of the Former Supplier referred to in Paragraph 1.2 made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1.4 provided that the Supplier takes, or shall procure that the relevant Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.
- 1.6 If any such person as is described in Paragraph 1.2 is neither re employed by the Buyer and/or the Former Supplier as appropriate nor dismissed by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor within the 15 Working Day period referred to in Paragraph 1.4 such person shall be treated as having transferred to the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate) and the Supplier shall, or shall procure that the Subcontractor shall, comply with such obligations as may be imposed upon it under Law.
- 1.7 Where any person remains employed by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor pursuant to Paragraph 1.6, all Employee Liabilities in relation to such employee shall remain with the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor and the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier, and shall procure that the Subcontractor shall indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier, against any Employee Liabilities that either of them may incur in respect of any such employees of the Supplier and/or employees of the Subcontractor.
- 1.8 The indemnities in Paragraph 1.5:
  - 1.8.1 shall not apply to:
    - (a) any claim for:
      - discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief; or
      - (ii) equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees,
    - in any case in relation to any alleged act or omission of the Supplier and/or Subcontractor; or
    - (b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure; and
  - 1.8.2 shall apply only where the notification referred to in Paragraph 1.2.1 is made by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor to the Buyer and, if applicable, Former Supplier within 6 months of the Start Date.

1.9 If the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor does not comply with Paragraph 1.2, all Employee Liabilities in relation to such employees shall remain with the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor and the Supplier shall (i) comply with the provisions of Part D: Pensions of this Schedule, and (ii) indemnify the Buyer and any Former Supplier against any Employee Liabilities that either of them may incur in respect of any such employees of the Supplier and/or employees of the Subcontractor.

### 2. Limits on the Former Supplier's obligations

Where in this Part C the Buyer accepts an obligation to procure that a Former Supplier does or does not do something, such obligation shall be limited so that it extends only to the extent that the Buyer's contract with the Former Supplier contains a contractual right in that regard which the Buyer may enforce, or otherwise so that it requires only that the Buyer must use reasonable endeavours to procure that the Former Supplier does or does not act accordingly.

# Part E: Staff Transfer on Exit

### 1. Obligations before a Staff Transfer

- 1.1 The Supplier agrees that within 20 Working Days of the earliest of:
  - 1.1.1 receipt of a notification from the Buyer of a Service Transfer or intended Service Transfer;
  - 1.1.2 receipt of the giving of notice of early termination or any Partial Termination of the relevant Contract;
  - 1.1.3 the date which is 12 Months before the end of the Term; and
  - 1.1.4 receipt of a written request of the Buyer at any time (provided that the Buyer shall only be entitled to make one such request in any 6 Month period),

it shall provide in a suitably anonymised format so as to comply with the Data Protection Legislation, the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List, together with the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List and it shall provide an updated Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List at such intervals as are reasonably requested by the Buyer.

- 1.2 At least 20 Working Days prior to the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide to the Buyer or at the direction of the Buyer to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (i) the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, which shall identify the basis upon which they are Transferring Supplier Employees and (ii) the Staffing Information in relation to the Supplier's Final Supplier Service Supplier Personnel List (insofar as such information has not previously been provided).
- 1.3 The Buyer shall be permitted to use and disclose information provided by the Supplier under Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 for the purpose of informing any prospective Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.
- 1.4 The Supplier warrants, for the benefit of The Buyer, any Replacement Supplier, and any Replacement Subcontractor that all information provided pursuant to Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 shall be true and accurate in all material respects at the time of providing the information.
- 1.5 From the date of the earliest event referred to in Paragraph 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3, the Supplier agrees that it shall not, and agrees to procure that each Subcontractor shall not, assign any person to the provision of the Services who is not listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List and shall not without the approval of the Buyer (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed):
  - 1.5.1 replace or re-deploy any Supplier Staff listed on the Supplier Provisional Supplier Personnel List other than where any replacement is of equivalent grade, skills, experience and

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expertise and is employed on the same terms and conditions of employment as the person he/she replaces

- 1.5.2 make, promise, propose, permit or implement any material changes to the terms and conditions of employment of the Supplier Staff (including pensions and any payments connected with the termination of employment);
- 1.5.3 increase the proportion of working time spent on the Services (or the relevant part of the Services) by any of the Supplier Staff save for fulfilling assignments and projects previously scheduled and agreed;
- 1.5.4 introduce any new contractual or customary practice concerning the making of any lump sum payment on the termination of employment of any employees listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List;
- 1.5.5 increase or reduce the total number of employees so engaged, or deploy any other person to perform the Services (or the relevant part of the Services);
- 1.5.6 terminate or give notice to terminate the employment or contracts of any persons on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List save by due disciplinary process;

and shall promptly notify, and procure that each Subcontractor shall promptly notify, the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and any Replacement Subcontractor of any notice to terminate employment given by the Supplier or relevant Subcontractor or received from any persons listed on the Supplier's Provisional Supplier Personnel List regardless of when such notice takes effect.

- 1.6 On or around each anniversary of the Start Date and up to four times during the last 12 Months of the Term, the Buyer may make written requests to the Supplier for information relating to the manner in which the Services are organised. Within 20 Working Days of receipt of a written request the Supplier shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, to the Buyer such information as the Buyer may reasonably require relating to the manner in which the Services are organised, which shall include:
  - 1.6.1 the numbers of employees engaged in providing the Services;
  - 1.6.2 the percentage of time spent by each employee engaged in providing the Services;
  - 1.6.3 the extent to which each employee qualifies for membership of any of the Statutory Schemes or any Broadly Comparable scheme set up pursuant to the provisions of any of the Annexes to Part D (Pensions) (as appropriate); and
  - 1.6.4 a description of the nature of the work undertaken by each employee by location.
- 1.7 The Supplier shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, all reasonable cooperation and assistance to the Buyer, any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to ensure the Framework Ref: RM6240 Public Sector Legal Services

smooth transfer of the Transferring Supplier Employees on the Service Transfer Date including providing sufficient information in advance of the Service Transfer Date to ensure that all necessary payroll arrangements can be made to enable the Transferring Supplier Employees to be paid as appropriate. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, within 5 Working Days following the Service Transfer Date, the Supplier shall provide, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall provide, to the Buyer or, at the direction of the Buyer, to any Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor (as appropriate), in respect of each person on the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List who is a Transferring Supplier Employee:

- 1.7.1 the most recent month's copy pay slip data;
- 1.7.2 details of cumulative pay for tax and pension purposes;
- 1.7.3 details of cumulative tax paid;
- 1.7.4 tax code;
- 1.7.5 details of any voluntary deductions from pay; and
- 1.7.6 bank/building society account details for payroll purposes.

#### 2. Staff Transfer when the contract ends

- 2.1 The Buyer and the Supplier acknowledge that subsequent to the commencement of the provision of the Services, the identity of the provider of the Services (or any part of the Services) may change (whether as a result of termination or Partial Termination of the relevant Contract or otherwise) resulting in the Services being undertaken by a Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Subcontractor. Such change in the identity of the supplier of such services may constitute a Relevant Transfer to which the Employment Regulations and/or the Acquired Rights Directive will apply. The Buyer and the Supplier agree that, as a result of the operation of the Employment Regulations, where a Relevant Transfer occurs, the contracts of employment between the Supplier and the Transferring Supplier Employees (except in relation to any contract terms disapplied through operation of regulation 10(2) of the Employment Regulations) will have effect on and from the Service Transfer Date as if originally made between the Replacement Supplier and/or a Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) and each such Transferring Supplier Employee.
- 2.2 The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, comply with all its obligations in respect of the Transferring Supplier Employees arising under the Employment Regulations in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date and shall perform and discharge, and procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of all the Transferring Supplier Employees arising in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date (including (without limit) the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements, and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and all such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Schemes which in any case are attributable in whole or in part to the period ending on (and including) the Service Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any

periodic payments shall be made between: (i) the Supplier and/or the Subcontractor (as appropriate); and (ii) the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.

- 2.3 Subject to Paragraph 2.4, the Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
  - 2.3.1 any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee whether occurring before, on or after the Service Transfer Date;
  - 2.3.2 the breach or non-observance by the Supplier or any Subcontractor occurring on or before the Service Transfer Date of:
    - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Supplier Employees; and/or
    - (b) any other custom or practice with a trade union or staff association in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employees which the Supplier or any Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
  - 2.3.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Supplier Employees arising from or connected with any failure by the Supplier or a Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or before the Service Transfer Date;
  - 2.3.4 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
    - (a) in relation to any Transferring Supplier Employee, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on and before the Service Transfer Date; and
    - (b) in relation to any employee who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Supplier to the Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising on or before the Service Transfer Date;
  - 2.3.5 a failure of the Supplier or any Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Supplier Employees in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date);

- 2.3.6 any claim made by or in respect of any person employed or formerly employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor other than a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List for whom it is alleged the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor may be liable by virtue of the relevant Contract and/or the Employment Regulations and/or the Acquired Rights Directive; and
- 2.3.7 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Supplier Employee or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any Transferring Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Supplier or any Subcontractor in relation to its obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations, except to the extent that the liability arises from the failure by the Buyer and/or Replacement Supplier to comply with regulation 13(4) of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.4 The indemnities in Paragraph 2.3 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date including any Employee Liabilities:
  - 2.4.1 arising out of the resignation of any Transferring Supplier Employee before the Service Transfer Date on account of substantial detrimental changes to his/her working conditions proposed by the Replacement Supplier and/or any Replacement Subcontractor to occur in the period on or after the Service Transfer Date); or
  - 2.4.2 arising from the Replacement Supplier's failure, and/or Replacement Subcontractor's failure, to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.
- 2.5 If any person who is not identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Employee List claims, or it is determined in relation to any employees of the Supplier, that his/her contract of employment has been transferred from the Supplier to the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor pursuant to the Employment Regulations or the Acquired Rights Directive, then:
  - 2.5.1 the Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor will, within 5 Working Days of becoming aware of that fact, notify the Buyer and the Supplier in writing; and
  - 2.5.2 the Supplier may offer (or may procure that a Subcontractor may offer) employment to such person, or take such other reasonable steps as it considered appropriate to deal the matter provided always that such steps are in compliance with Law,

within15 Working Days of receipt of notice from the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor.

- 2.6 If such offer of is accepted, or if the situation has otherwise been resolved by the Supplier or a Subcontractor, Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier shall, or procure that the and/or Replacement Subcontractor shall, immediately release or procure the release the person from his/her employment or alleged employment;
- 2.7 If after the 15 Working Day period specified in Paragraph 2.5.2 has elapsed:
  - 2.7.1 no such offer has been made:
  - 2.7.2 such offer has been made but not accepted; or
  - 2.7.3 the situation has not otherwise been resolved

the Buyer shall advise the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor (as appropriate) that it may within 5 Working Days give notice to terminate the employment or alleged employment of such person;

- 2.8 Subject to the Replacement Supplier's and/or Replacement Subcontractor acting in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 2.5 to 2.7 and in accordance with all applicable proper employment procedures set out in applicable Law and subject to Paragraph 2.9 below, the Supplier will indemnify the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor against all Employee Liabilities arising out of the termination of the employment of any of the Supplier's employees pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2.7 provided that the Replacement Supplier takes, or shall procure that the Replacement Subcontractor takes, all reasonable steps to minimise any such Employee Liabilities.
- 2.9 The indemnity in Paragraph 2.8:
  - 2.9.1 shall not apply to:
    - (a) any claim for:
      - discrimination, including on the grounds of sex, race, disability, age, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation, religion or belief; or
      - (ii) equal pay or compensation for less favourable treatment of part-time workers or fixed-term employees,
      - In any case in relation to any alleged act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, or
    - (b) any claim that the termination of employment was unfair because the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor neglected to follow a fair dismissal procedure; and

- 2.9.2 shall apply only where the notification referred to in Paragraph 2.5.1 is made by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to the Supplier within 6 months of the Service Transfer Date..
- 2.10 If any such person as is described in Paragraph 2.5 is neither re-employed by the Supplier or any Subcontractor nor dismissed by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor within the time scales set out in Paragraphs 2.5 to 2.7, such person shall be treated as a Transferring Supplier Employee.
- 2.11 The Supplier shall comply, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall comply, with all its obligations under the Employment Regulations and shall perform and discharge, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall perform and discharge, all its obligations in respect of any person identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List before and on the Service Transfer Date (including the payment of all remuneration, benefits, entitlements and outgoings, all wages, accrued but untaken holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, payments of PAYE, national insurance contributions and pension contributions and such sums due as a result of any Fair Deal Employees' participation in the Schemes and any requirement to set up a broadly comparable pension scheme which in any case are attributable in whole or in part in respect of the period up to (and including) the Service Transfer Date) and any necessary apportionments in respect of any periodic payments shall be made between:
  - (b) the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor; and
  - (c) the Replacement Supplier and/or the Replacement Subcontractor.
- 2.12 The Supplier shall, and shall procure that each Subcontractor shall, promptly provide the Buyer and any Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor, in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Buyer, the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations. The Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Supplier and each Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation as is necessary to enable the Supplier and each Subcontractor in writing such information as is necessary to enable the Supplier and each Subcontractor to carry out their respective duties under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.13 Subject to Paragraph 2.14, the Buyer shall procure that the Replacement Supplier indemnifies the Supplier on its own behalf and on behalf of any Replacement Subcontractor and its Subcontractors against any Employee Liabilities arising from or as a result of:
  - 2.13.1 any act or omission of the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employee in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee;

- 2.13.2 the breach or non-observance by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor on or after the Service Transfer Date of:
  - (a) any collective agreement applicable to the Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List; and/or
  - (b) any custom or practice in respect of any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List which the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor is contractually bound to honour;
- 2.13.3 any claim by any trade union or other body or person representing any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List arising from or connected with any failure by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to comply with any legal obligation to such trade union, body or person arising on or after the Service Transfer Date;
- 2.13.4 any proposal by the Replacement Supplier and/or Replacement Subcontractor to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List on or after their transfer to the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor (as the case may be) on the Service Transfer Date, or to change the terms and conditions of employment or working conditions of any person identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List who would have been a Transferring Supplier Employee but for their resignation (or decision to treat their employment as terminated under regulation 4(9) of the Employment Regulations) before the Service Transfer Date as a result of or for a reason connected to such proposed changes;
- 2.13.5 any statement communicated to or action undertaken by the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to, or in respect of, any Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List on or before the Service Transfer Date regarding the Relevant Transfer which has not been agreed in advance with the Supplier in writing;
- 2.13.6 any proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority in respect of any financial obligation including, but not limited to, PAYE and primary and secondary national insurance contributions:
  - (a) in relation to any Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising after the Service Transfer Date; and

- (b) in relation to any employee who is not a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List, and in respect of whom it is later alleged or determined that the Employment Regulations applied so as to transfer his/her employment from the Supplier or Subcontractor, to the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to the extent that the proceeding, claim or demand by HMRC or other statutory authority relates to financial obligations arising after the Service Transfer Date;
- 2.13.7 a failure of the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor to discharge or procure the discharge of all wages, salaries and all other benefits and all PAYE tax deductions and national insurance contributions relating to the Transferring Supplier Employees identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List in respect of the period from (and including) the Service Transfer Date; and
- 2.13.8 any claim made by or in respect of a Transferring Supplier Employee identified in the Supplier's Final Supplier Personnel List or any appropriate employee representative (as defined in the Employment Regulations) of any such Transferring Supplier Employee relating to any act or omission of the Replacement Supplier or Replacement Subcontractor in relation to obligations under regulation 13 of the Employment Regulations.
- 2.14 The indemnities in Paragraph 2.13 shall not apply to the extent that the Employee Liabilities arise or are attributable to an act or omission of the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) whether occurring or having its origin before, on or after the Service Transfer Date, including any Employee Liabilities arising from the failure by the Supplier and/or any Subcontractor (as applicable) to comply with its obligations under the Employment Regulations.

# Call-Off Schedule 3 (Continuous Improvement)

### 1. Buyer's Rights

1.1 The Buyer and the Supplier recognise that, where specified in Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management), the Buyer may give CCS the right to enforce the Buyer's rights under this Schedule.

### 2. Supplier's Obligations

- 2.1 The Supplier must, throughout the Contract Period, identify new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables with a view to reducing the Buyer's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables and their supply to the Buyer.
- 2.2 The Supplier must adopt a policy of continuous improvement in relation to the Deliverables, which must include regular reviews with the Buyer of the Deliverables and the way it provides them, with a view to reducing the Buyer's costs (including the Charges) and/or improving the quality and efficiency of the Deliverables. The Supplier and the Buyer must provide each other with any information relevant to meeting this objective.
- 2.3 In addition to Paragraph 2.1, the Supplier shall produce at the start of each Contract Year a plan for improving the provision of Deliverables and/or reducing the Charges (without adversely affecting the performance of this Contract) during that Contract Year ("Continuous Improvement Plan") for the Buyer's Approval. The Continuous Improvement Plan must include, as a minimum, proposals:
  - 2.3.1 identifying the emergence of relevant new and evolving technologies;
  - 2.3.2 changes in business processes of the Supplier or the Buyer and ways of working that would provide cost savings and/or enhanced benefits to the Buyer (such as methods of interaction, supply chain efficiencies, reduction in energy consumption and methods of sale);
  - 2.3.3 new or potential improvements to the provision of the Deliverables including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Deliverables; and
  - 2.3.4 measuring and reducing the sustainability impacts of the Supplier's operations and supply-chains relating to the Deliverables, and identifying opportunities to assist the Buyer in meeting their sustainability objectives.
- 2.4 The initial Continuous Improvement Plan for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Contract Year shall be submitted by the Supplier to the Buyer for Approval within one hundred (100) Working Days of the first Order or six (6) Months following the Start Date, whichever is earlier.

- 2.5 The Buyer shall notify the Supplier of its Approval or rejection of the proposed Continuous Improvement Plan or any updates to it within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt. If it is rejected then the Supplier shall, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of notice of rejection, submit a revised Continuous Improvement Plan reflecting the changes required. Once Approved, it becomes the Continuous Improvement Plan for the purposes of this Contract.
- 2.6 The Supplier must provide sufficient information with each suggested improvement to enable a decision on whether to implement it. The Supplier shall provide any further information as requested.
- 2.7 If the Buyer wishes to incorporate any improvement into this Contract, it must request a Variation in accordance with the Variation Procedure and the Supplier must implement such Variation at no additional cost to the Buyer or CCS.
- 2.8Once the first Continuous Improvement Plan has been Approved in accordance with Paragraph 2.5:
  - 2.8.1 the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to implement any agreed deliverables in accordance with the Continuous Improvement Plan; and
  - 2.8.2 the Parties agree to meet as soon as reasonably possible following the start of each quarter (or as otherwise agreed between the Parties) to review the Supplier's progress against the Continuous Improvement Plan.
- 2.9The Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan as and when required but at least once every Contract Year (after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Contract Year) in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in Paragraph 2.3.
- 2.10 All costs relating to the compilation or updating of the Continuous Improvement Plan and the costs arising from any improvement made pursuant to it and the costs of implementing any improvement, shall have no effect on and are included in the Charges.
- 2.11 Should the Supplier's costs in providing the Deliverables to the Buyer be reduced as a result of any changes implemented, all of the cost savings shall be passed on to the Buyer by way of a consequential and immediate reduction in the Charges for the Deliverables.
- 2.12 At any time during the Contract Period of the Call-Off Contract, the Supplier may make a proposal for gainshare. If the Buyer deems gainshare to be applicable then the Supplier shall update the Continuous Improvement Plan so as to include details of the way in which the proposal shall be implemented in accordance with an agreed gainshare ratio.

### Call-Off Schedule 10 (Exit Management)

### 1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (Definitions):

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"Exclusive Assets"	1 Supplier Assets used exclusively by the Supplier in the provision of the Deliverables;
"Exit Information"	2 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule;
"Exit Manager"	3 the person appointed by each Party to manage their respective obligations under this Schedule;
"Exit Plan"	4 the plan produced and updated by the Supplier during the Initial Period in accordance with Paragraph 4 of this Schedule;
"Net Book Value"	5 the current net book value of the relevant Supplier Asset(s) calculated in accordance with the Framework Tender or Call-Off Tender (if stated) or (if not stated) the depreciation policy of the Supplier (which the Supplier shall ensure is in accordance with Good Industry Practice);
"Non-Exclusive Assets"	6 those Supplier Assets used by the Supplier in connection with the Deliverables but which are also used by the Supplier for other purposes;
"Registers"	7 the register and configuration database referred to in Paragraph 2.2 of this Schedule;
"Replacement Goods"	8 any goods which are substantially similar to any of the Goods and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Goods following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;
"Replacement Services"	9 any services which are substantially similar to any of the Services and which the Buyer receives in substitution for any of the Services following the End Date, whether those goods are provided by the Buyer internally and/or by any third party;

"Termination Assistance"	10 the activities to be performed by the Supplier pursuant to the Exit Plan, and other assistance required by the Buyer pursuant to the Termination Assistance Notice;
"Termination Assistance Notice"	11 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 5.1 of this Schedule;
"Termination Assistance Period"	12 the period specified in a Termination Assistance Notice for which the Supplier is required to provide the Termination Assistance as such period may be extended pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 of this Schedule;
"Transferable Assets"	13 Exclusive Assets which are capable of legal transfer to the Buyer;
"Transferable Contracts"	14 Sub-Contracts, licences for Supplier's Software, licences for Third Party Software or other agreements which are necessary to enable the Buyer or any Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services, including in relation to licences all relevant Documentation;
"Transferring Assets"	15 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.1 of this Schedule;
"Transferring Contracts"	16 has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 8.2.3 of this Schedule.

### 2. Supplier must always be prepared for contract exit

- 2.1 The Supplier shall within 30 days from the Start Date provide to the Buyer a copy of its depreciation policy to be used for the purposes of calculating Net Book Value.
- 2.2 During the Contract Period, the Supplier shall promptly:
- 2.2.1 create and maintain a detailed register of all Supplier Assets (including description, condition, location and details of ownership and status as either Exclusive Assets or Non-Exclusive Assets and Net Book Value) and Subcontracts and other relevant agreements required in connection with the Deliverables; and
- 2.2.2create and maintain a configuration database detailing the technical infrastructure and operating procedures through which the Supplier provides the Deliverables

### ("Registers").

### 2.3The Supplier shall:

- 2.3.1 ensure that all Exclusive Assets listed in the Registers are clearly physically identified as such; and
- 2.3.2procure that all licences for Third Party Software and all Sub-Contracts shall be assignable and/or capable of novation (at no cost or restriction to the Buyer) at the request of the Buyer to the Buyer (and/or its nominee) and/or any Replacement Supplier upon the Supplier ceasing to provide the Deliverables (or part of them) and if the Supplier is unable to do so then the Supplier shall promptly notify the Buyer and the Buyer may require the Supplier to procure an alternative Subcontractor or provider of Deliverables.
  - 2.4 Each Party shall appoint an Exit Manager within three (3) Months of the Start Date. The Parties' Exit Managers will liaise with one another in relation to all issues relevant to the expiry or termination of this Contract.

### 3. Assisting re-competition for Deliverables

- 3.1 The Supplier shall, on reasonable notice, provide to the Buyer and/or its potential Replacement Suppliers (subject to the potential Replacement Suppliers entering into reasonable written confidentiality undertakings), such information (including any access) as the Buyer shall reasonably require in order to facilitate the preparation by the Buyer of any invitation to tender and/or to facilitate any potential Replacement Suppliers undertaking due diligence (the "Exit Information").
- 3.2 The Supplier acknowledges that the Buyer may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information (excluding the Supplier's or its Subcontractors' prices or costs) to an actual or prospective Replacement Supplier to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with such engagement.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall provide complete updates of the Exit Information on an as-requested basis as soon as reasonably practicable and notify the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of any material change to the Exit Information which may adversely impact upon the provision of any Deliverables (and shall consult the Buyer in relation to any such changes).
- 3.4 The Exit Information shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall be sufficient to enable a third party to prepare an informed offer for those Deliverables; and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Supplier.

### 4. Exit Plan

- 4.1 The Supplier shall, within three (3) Months after the Start Date, deliver to the Buyer an Exit Plan which complies with the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.3 of this Schedule and is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer.
- 4.2 The Parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the contents of the Exit Plan. If the Parties are unable to agree the contents of the Exit Plan within twenty (20) Working Days of the latest date for its submission

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pursuant to Paragraph 4.1, then such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

- 4.3 The Exit Plan shall set out, as a minimum:
- 4.3.1a detailed description of both the transfer and cessation processes, including a timetable;
- 4.3.2how the Deliverables will transfer to the Replacement Supplier and/or the Buyer;
- 4.3.3details of any contracts which will be available for transfer to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier upon the Expiry Date together with any reasonable costs required to effect such transfer;
- 4.3.4proposals for the training of key members of the Replacement Supplier's staff in connection with the continuation of the provision of the Deliverables following the Expiry Date;
- 4.3.5proposals for providing the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier copies of all documentation relating to the use and operation of the Deliverables and required for their continued use;
- 4.3.6proposals for the assignment or novation of all services utilised by the Supplier in connection with the supply of the Deliverables;
- 4.3.7proposals for the identification and return of all Buyer Property in the possession of and/or control of the Supplier or any third party;
- 4.3.8 proposals for the disposal of any redundant Deliverables and materials;
- 4.3.9how the Supplier will ensure that there is no disruption to or degradation of the Deliverables during the Termination Assistance Period; and
- 4.3.10any other information or assistance reasonably required by the Buyer or a Replacement Supplier.
  - 4.4 The Supplier shall:
- 4.4.1 maintain and update the Exit Plan (and risk management plan) no less frequently than:
  - (a) annually throughout the Contract Period; and
  - (b) no later than 20 Working Days after a request from the Buyer for an up-to-date copy of the Exit Plan;
  - (c) as soon as reasonably possible following a Termination Assistance Notice, and in any event no later than 10 Working Days after the date of the Termination Assistance Notice;
  - (d) as soon as reasonably possible following, and in any event no later than 20 Working Days following, any material change to the Deliverables (including all changes under the Variation Procedure); and
- 4.4.2 jointly review and verify the Exit Plan if required by the Buyer and promptly correct any identified failures.

- 4.5Only if (by notification to the Supplier in writing) the Buyer agrees with a draft Exit Plan provided by the Supplier under Paragraph 4.2 or 4.4 (as the context requires), shall that draft become the Exit Plan for this Contract.
- 4.6A version of an Exit Plan agreed between the parties shall not be superseded by any draft submitted by the Supplier.

### 5. Termination Assistance

- 5.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to require the provision of Termination Assistance at any time during the Contract Period by giving written notice to the Supplier (a **"Termination Assistance Notice"**) at least four (4) Months prior to the Expiry Date or as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event, not later than one (1) Month) following the service by either Party of a Termination Notice. The Termination Assistance Notice shall specify:
- 5.1.1 the nature of the Termination Assistance required; and
- 5.1.2the start date and initial period during which it is anticipated that Termination Assistance will be required, which shall continue no longer than twelve (12) Months after the End Date.
  - 5.2 The Buyer shall have an option to extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the initial period specified in the Termination Assistance Notice in one or more extensions, in each case provided that:
- 5.2.1no such extension shall extend the Termination Assistance Period beyond the date twelve (12) Months after the End Date; and
- 5.2.2the Buyer shall notify the Supplier of any such extension no later than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the date on which the Termination Assistance Period is otherwise due to expire.
  - 5.3 The Buyer shall have the right to terminate its requirement for Termination Assistance by serving not less than (20) Working Days' written notice upon the Supplier.
  - 5.4 In the event that Termination Assistance is required by the Buyer but at the relevant time the parties are still agreeing an update to the Exit Plan pursuant to Paragraph 4, the Supplier will provide the Termination Assistance in good faith and in accordance with the principles in this Schedule and the last Buyer approved version of the Exit Plan (insofar as it still applies).

### 6. Termination Assistance Period

- 6.1 Throughout the Termination Assistance Period the Supplier shall:
- 6.1.1 continue to provide the Deliverables (as applicable) and otherwise perform its obligations under this Contract and, if required by the Buyer, provide the Termination Assistance;
- 6.1.2provide to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier any reasonable assistance and/or access requested by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier including assistance and/or access to facilitate the orderly transfer of

responsibility for and conduct of the Deliverables to the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier;

- 6.1.3use all reasonable endeavours to reallocate resources to provide such assistance without additional costs to the Buyer;
- 6.1.4 subject to Paragraph 6.3, provide the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance at no detriment to the Performance Indicators (PI's) or Service Levels, the provision of the Management Information or any other reports nor to any other of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract;
- 6.1.5at the Buyer's request and on reasonable notice, deliver up-to-date Registers to the Buyer;
- 6.1.6seek the Buyer's prior written consent to access any Buyer Premises from which the de-installation or removal of Supplier Assets is required.
  - 6.2 If it is not possible for the Supplier to reallocate resources to provide such assistance as is referred to in Paragraph 6.1.2 without additional costs to the Buyer, any additional costs incurred by the Supplier in providing such reasonable assistance shall be subject to the Variation Procedure.
  - 6.3 If the Supplier demonstrates to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that the provision of the Termination Assistance will have a material, unavoidable adverse effect on the Supplier's ability to meet one or more particular Service Levels, the Parties shall vary the relevant Service Levels and/or the applicable Service Credits accordingly.

### 7. Obligations when the contract is terminated

- 7.1 The Supplier shall comply with all of its obligations contained in the Exit Plan.
- 7.2 Upon termination or expiry or at the end of the Termination Assistance Period (or earlier if this does not adversely affect the Supplier's performance of the Deliverables and the Termination Assistance), the Supplier shall:
- 7.2.1 vacate any Buyer Premises;
- 7.2.2remove the Supplier Equipment together with any other materials used by the Supplier to supply the Deliverables and shall leave the Sites in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Supplier is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Sites or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Supplier;
- 7.2.3provide access during normal working hours to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for up to twelve (12) Months after expiry or termination to:
  - (a) such information relating to the Deliverables as remains in the possession or control of the Supplier; and
  - (b) such members of the Supplier Staff as have been involved in the design, development and provision of the Deliverables and who are still employed by the Supplier, provided that the Buyer and/or the

Replacement Supplier shall pay the reasonable costs of the Supplier actually incurred in responding to such requests for access.

7.3Except where this Contract provides otherwise, all licences, leases and authorisations granted by the Buyer to the Supplier in relation to the Deliverables shall be terminated with effect from the end of the Termination Assistance Period.

### 8. Assets, Sub-contracts and Software

- 8.1 Following notice of termination of this Contract and during the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall not, without the Buyer's prior written consent:
- 8.1.1 terminate, enter into or vary any Sub-contract or licence for any software in connection with the Deliverables; or
- 8.1.2(subject to normal maintenance requirements) make material modifications to, or dispose of, any existing Supplier Assets or acquire any new Supplier Assets.
  - 8.2 Within twenty (20) Working Days of receipt of the up-to-date Registers provided by the Supplier, the Buyer shall notify the Supplier setting out:
- 8.2.1 which, if any, of the Transferable Assets the Buyer requires to be transferred to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier ("**Transferring Assets**");
- 8.2.2 which, if any, of:
- (a) the Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets; and
- (b) the Non-Exclusive Assets,

the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier requires the continued use of; and

- 8.2.3 which, if any, of Transferable Contracts the Buyer requires to be assigned or novated to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier (the "Transferring Contracts"),
  - in order for the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier to provide the Deliverables from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period. The Supplier shall provide all reasonable assistance required by the Buyer and/or its Replacement Supplier to enable it to determine which Transferable Assets and Transferable Contracts are required to provide the Deliverables or the Replacement Goods and/or Replacement Services.
  - 8.3With effect from the expiry of the Termination Assistance Period, the Supplier shall sell the Transferring Assets to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier for their Net Book Value less any amount already paid for them through the Charges.
  - 8.4 Risk in the Transferring Assets shall pass to the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier (as appropriate) at the end of the Termination Assistance Period and title shall pass on payment for them.

- 8.5Where the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier requires continued use of any Exclusive Assets that are not Transferable Assets or any Non-Exclusive Assets, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable:
- 8.5.1 procure a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free licence for the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier to use such assets (with a right of sub-licence or assignment on the same terms); or failing which
- 8.5.2procure a suitable alternative to such assets, the Buyer or the Replacement Supplier to bear the reasonable proven costs of procuring the same.
  - 8.6 The Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable assign or procure the novation of the Transferring Contracts to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier. The Supplier shall execute such documents and provide such other assistance as the Buyer reasonably requires to effect this novation or assignment.
  - 8.7 The Buyer shall:
- 8.7.1 accept assignments from the Supplier or join with the Supplier in procuring a novation of each Transferring Contract; and
- 8.7.2once a Transferring Contract is novated or assigned to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier, discharge all the obligations and liabilities created by or arising under that Transferring Contract and exercise its rights arising under that Transferring Contract, or as applicable, procure that the Replacement Supplier does the same.
  - 8.8 The Supplier shall hold any Transferring Contracts on trust for the Buyer until the transfer of the relevant Transferring Contract to the Buyer and/or the Replacement Supplier has taken place.
  - 8.9 The Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer (and/or the Replacement Supplier, as applicable) against each loss, liability and cost arising out of any claims made by a counterparty to a Transferring Contract which is assigned or novated to the Buyer (and/or Replacement Supplier) pursuant to Paragraph 8.6 in relation to any matters arising prior to the date of assignment or novation of such Transferring Contract. Clause 19 (Other people's rights in this contract) shall not apply to this Paragraph 8.9 which is intended to be enforceable by Third Parties Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.

### 9. No charges

9.1 Unless otherwise stated, the Buyer shall not be obliged to pay for costs incurred by the Supplier in relation to its compliance with this Schedule.

### 10. Dividing the bills

- 10.1 All outgoings, expenses, rents, royalties and other periodical payments receivable in respect of the Transferring Assets and Transferring Contracts shall be apportioned between the Buyer and/or the Replacement and the Supplier as follows:
- 10.1.1 the amounts shall be annualised and divided by 365 to reach a daily rate;

- 10.1.2the Buyer or Replacement Supplier (as applicable) shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) that part of the value of the invoice pro rata to the number of complete days following the transfer, multiplied by the daily rate; and
- 10.1.3 the Supplier shall be responsible for or entitled to (as the case may be) the rest of the invoice.

# Call-Off Schedule 20 (Call-Off Specification)

This Schedule sets out the characteristics of the Deliverables that the Supplier will be required to make to the Buyers under this Call-Off Contract

The information is taken from the Request For Information and Supplier Response received on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the following documents are included:

- Appendix 1: Request for Information issued by Buyer
- Appendix 2: Supplier Response to Request for Information

Appendix One: Request for Information:

# **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

Provision of Legal Services for Contracts & Public Procurement activities

**REF NO:** TIS0718

# 1. Introduction

Customer: The Insolvency Service

Contract Award Date and Onboarding: 20th May 2024

Contract Effective Date: 24th May 2024

Date response required: 12:00 (Midday) 17th May 2024

Dear Supplier,

## 2. Overview of Request for Information (RFI)

- 2.1. We would like to notify you of our intention to direct award provision for legal services in respect of Contracts and Public Procurement under the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework RM6240 Public Sector Legal Services. Prior to utilising the Direct Award approach under the Framework, we are keen to understand and ensure you can meet our requirements as detailed in this RFI.
- 2.2. This Request for Information (RFI) seeks information relating to your provision of Contract and Public Procurement legal services, in particular your ability to meet Insolvency Service needs as set out section 3, 4 and 5 of this RFI. The requirement for legal services is for The Insolvency Service (Authority), specifically the Commercial team which is part of the Finance, Commercial, Sustainability and Property Directorate (FCSP).
- 2.3. The Authority requires information about the feasibility of legal services being provided to assess Commercial projects (sourcing requirements), variations to existing contracts, novel and/or contentious Commercial projects or contractual issues which are required to be approved by the Authority's parent organisation or as required by the Authority. The assessments will predominantly be required to consider and detail any risks or issues with the sourcing approach or planned Commercial action to be undertaken.
- 2.4. This information you provide will assist the Authority in understanding whether you can deliver our requirements, whether the proposed approach is workable and provide further consideration of indicative costs and your approach to actioning.
- 2.5. You are asked to confirm you are interested in delivering the services requested. If you are not interested, it is requested that you inform the Authority and provide a reason(s) why.

# 3. Scope

- 3.1. The Authority requires a 12-month contract, with an option to extend for up to another 12 months (1 plus 1). The call-off contract will be a draw down contract for the Authority to utilise as required to meet its need for legal services in respect of Commercial activity.
- 3.2. It is anticipated that there will be no more then 10 referrals for legal services annually based on existing requirements. **Please Note**, this is subject to change.
- 3.3. As a draw down contract, the Authority expects pricing and payment to be on hours used to review and action requirements under the referral and hourly rates aligned to the Framework Rate card RM RM6240 Public Sector Legal Services.
- 3.4. Legal Services required under this contract have been identified as Contract and Public Procurement as set under Framework Lot 1A. Legal Services will specifically relate to these areas of legal services only and will only be used by the Commercial team within the Authority or as directed by the Commercial team.

# 4. Background to the Authority

- 4.1. <u>Insolvency Service</u> is an executive agency of the <u>Department for Business and Trade</u> (DBT), Formally the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (<u>BEIS</u>).
- 4.2. Our purpose is delivering economic confidence. We do this by supporting those in financial distress, tackling financial wrongdoing and maximising returns to creditors.
- 4.3. We maintain the standards that help make Britain one of the best places in the world to do business. We are proud to provide an insolvency regime which is highly regarded globally. We authorise and regulate the insolvency profession. We deliver insolvency services, often when there is no private sector practitioner. Where legislation needs improving, we advise on the changes required.
- 4.4. The Commercial team sits with the Finance, Commercial, Sustainability and Property Directorate. The Commercial Team provides a professional service to the Authority for procurement of goods and services, and management of our contracts and suppliers. We have three main aims:
  - Customers giving you the support you need through the whole commercial lifecycle and delivering against your requirements.
  - Cost delivering value for money and driving savings.
  - Compliance ensuring the Insolvency Service is compliant with all relevant regulations and governance requirements.
- 4.5. The Commercial team is separated into 4 category teams covering different types of procurement and contract management activity, the category teams are:
  - Commercial Governance & Policy
  - Commercial Operations & Corporate Services
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- Commercial Enterprise Technology & Licensing
- Commercial Digital & Operational IT

# Background to the Requirement

#### 5.1. Services Required

- 5.1.1. The Authority requires legal reviews of Commercial activity that is planned to be undertaken, is at the point of contract award or requires a contract change (variation) to be actioned that reaches a financial threshold (£10m) or is considered novel or contentious.
- 5.1.2. Commercial activity meeting this criteria is subject to endorsement/approval by <u>Department for Business and Trade</u> (DBT) through their Commercial Approvals and Assurance Group (CAAG).
- 5.1.3. Confirmation has to be provided for any submission to CAAG that a legal review has been undertaken considering any risks or issues associated with the approach and application of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR), specifically CAAG require information related to the following:
  - Any legal issues which have not been resolved prior to presentation at CAAG. Please outline the issues raised by legal and provide a brief explanation on why the legal issues have not yet been resolved.
  - Provide a summary of issues which had been raised by legal and have since been resolved, with an explanation as to how the issues were addressed.
  - If Legal are satisfied that there are no outstanding issues to resolve, please provide confirmation.
- 5.1.4. As a result of the above, Commercial will require a legal review of Commercial documentation prepared by the Authority's Commercial team in respect of the activity to be undertaken/being undertaken (procurement, contract change (variation) or novel or contentious issue), with consideration given to the risk and possible issues that will need to be addressed in respect of compliance with PCR regulations.
- 5.1.5. The Authority's Commercial team will provide required documents and information required to undertake this review and will provide additional information to ensure the legal review can be undertaken and full consideration of the risks and potential issues to resolve can be considered and advised on.
- 5.1.6. For reference, a suite of potential template documents has been provided to support with understanding that types of documents that maybe provided to enable the legal review to be undertaken. These are listed and Shared via Appendix 2.

- 5.1.7. The consideration of risk and issues with the activity being undertaken must be considered against the Public Contract Regulations (PCR 2015) but will also need to consider the Procurement Act 2023 and the transforming public procurement regulations coming into force from October 2024.
- 5.1.8. There may also be requirements for legal advice to be requested for specific contractual issues, requests of this nature will be detailed as required by the Authority's Commercial team.

## 5.2. Process For Requesting Services

- 5.2.1. The Commercial team has developed a form to be used to request the legal services (see Appendix 3) which will be submitted as required for requesting services.
- 5.2.2. The form should be submitted to an agreed email address.
- 5.2.3. The form is designed to capture required information and supporting documentation.
- 5.2.4. On receiving the form, the provider of legal services should:
  - Provide acknowledgement of receiving the request
  - Confirm a named legal representative who will be undertaking the review.
  - Undertake the review and provide a response back considering any risks or issues that need to be mitigated or further considered.

## 5.3. Timelines for Responding

- 5.3.1. It is requested that on acknowledging a request for legal review that action is completed within 10 working days, if a review is going to require a longer timescale, please advise the Authority as soon as possible.
- 5.3.2. It is requested that acknowledgment of receiving the request is made within 2 working days of the request being sent.

# 6. Information Requested

- 6.1. The Authority requests that you submit responses to questions listed in Appendix 1
- 6.2. The questions include:
  - Confirmation that you are interested in and are able to provide the services required.
  - Indicative time required for a legal review of requirements and estimated costs for circa 10 submissions annually. If possible, please include details of which level/role will undertake the review (e.g., Associate Solicitor, Senior Solicitor Associate).
  - Potential additional information you would require to be able to undertake the legal reviews.

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- Confirmation of the timeline for responding to requests and if these are not possible/suitable, potential revised timescales and reasons why these are required.
- Confirmation that you aware of changes being made to Public Procurement regulations and that you will have the required knowledge to consider risks against the new regulations (Transforming Public Procurement) from October 2024 onwards.
- Any risks with the Authority's approach being proposed.

# 7. Timetable

7.1. Please see the RFI timetable below:

ACTIVITY	DATE
ISSUE OF RFI	12:00 (Midday) 13 May 2024
REQUEST DATE FOR	12:00 (Midday) on the 17 May
SUBMISSION OF A RFI	2024
RESPONSE	
REVIEW OF RFI RESPONSE	17 May 2024
ISSUE OF CONTRACT	20 May 2024

7.2. Please Note: We have a requirement waiting to be legally reviewed and will be looking to have this actioned as soon as possible post the consideration of requirements and responses to the RFI and the contract being signed.

# 8. Costs

8.1. The Authority will not reimburse any costs incurred in connection with the preparation and / or submission of the supplier RFI response.

# 9. Notice to Suppliers

- 9.1. This RFI and any related documents referred to have been prepared by the Authority for confirmation of service offerings under Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework RM6240 Public Sector Legal Services.
- 9.2. Nothing in the RFI documents is, or should be, relied upon as a promise or a representation as to the Authority's ultimate decisions in relation to the RFI.
- 9.3. The publication of the RFI documents in no way commits the Authority to award any contract.

# 10. Confidentiality

- 10.1. Subject to the exceptions referred to in paragraph 9.2, the contents of the RFI are being made available by the Authority on the conditions that the supplier:
- 10.1.1. Treats the RFI as confidential at all times, unless the information is already in the public domain.

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- 10.1.2. Does not disclose, copy, reproduce, distribute or pass any of the Information to any other person at any time or allow any of these things to happen, except where, and to the extent that, the Information has been publicised in accordance with paragraph 9 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
- 10.1.3. Only uses the Information for the purposes of preparing a response (or deciding whether to respond); and
- 10.1.4. Does not undertake any promotional or similar activity related to this Request for Information within any section of the media.
- 10.2. The supplier may disclose, distribute or pass any of the Information to its members of its Group of Economic Operators (if acting as a Lead Contact), Sub-Contractors, advisers or to any other person provided that:
- 10.2.1. This is done for the sole purpose of enabling the supplier to submit its response and the person receiving the information undertakes in writing RFI Provision of Legal Service for Contract & Public Procurement (such written undertaking to be made available to the Authority on the Authority's request) to keep the information confidential.
- 10.2.2. It obtains the Authority's prior written consent in relation to such disclosure, distribution or passing of Information; or
- 10.2.3. The disclosure is made for the sole purpose of obtaining legal advice from external lawyers in relation to this RFI.
- 10.2.4. The supplier is legally required to make such a disclosure; or
- 10.2.5. The information has been published in accordance with paragraph 10 (Freedom of Information).
- 10.3. The Authority may disclose information submitted by suppliers during this RFI to its officers, employees, agents or advisers or other government departments who are stakeholders in this RFI.

# 11. Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

- 11.1. In accordance with the obligations and duties placed upon public authorities by the FOIA and the EIR (Environmental Information Regulations 2004) and in accordance with any Government Code of Practice on the discharge of public authorities' functions under the FOIA all information submitted to the Authority may be disclosed under a request for information made pursuant to the FOIA and the EIR.
- 11.2. Suppliers should note that the information disclosed pursuant to a FOI or EIR request may include, but is not limited to, the disclosure of its RFI response (including any attachments or embedded documents).

- 11.3. If the supplier considers any part of its response or any other information it submits to be confidential or commercially sensitive, the supplier should:
- 11.3.1. Clearly identify such information as confidential or commercially sensitive.
- 11.3.2. Explain the potential implications of disclosure of such information taking into account and specifically addressing the public interest test as set out in the FOIA; and
- 11.3.3. Provide an estimate of the period of time during which it believes that such information will remain confidential or commercially sensitive.
- 11.4. If the supplier identifies that part of its response or other information it submits is confidential or commercially sensitive, the Authority in its sole discretion will consider whether or not to withhold such information from publication. Suppliers should note that, even where information is identified as confidential or commercially sensitive, the Authority may be required to disclose such information in accordance with the FOIA or the EIR.
- 11.5. The Authority is required to form an independent judgement of whether the supplier information referred to in paragraph 10.4 is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA or the EIR and whether the public interest favours disclosure or not. The Authority cannot guarantee that any information indicated as being confidential or commercially sensitive by the supplier will be withheld from publication.
- 11.6. If the supplier receives a request for information under the FOIA or the EIR during and in relation to this RFI, it should be immediately referred to the Authority.

## **12. Contact Information**

12.1 All communication to be transmitted via the Authority will be by:

# REDACTED

Appendix 2: Supplier Response

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

# Provision of Legal Services for Contracts & Public Procurement activities

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#### Framework Schedule 6 (Order Form Template and Call-Off Schedules)

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#### Appendix One: Questions to Answer

#### **Request For Information**

Please complete the below form providing answers to the questions and return to the Authority's point of contact: James Leadbeater (james.leadbeater@insolvency.gov.uk). Please note: if required and preferred, please provide any additional supplementary documentation.

#### Supplier Name: Brabners LLP

Question	Supplier General Comments/Notes on Section
Please can you provide detail around indicative timelines	Indicative timelines
for undertaking a legal review, how many hours do you	Timelines for a legal review will naturally vary depending on the needs of the
think will be (in general) required to undertake a review	review, any novel or contentious issues, the length and detail of the contract,
and provide a response.	the issues to report on and amount of ancillary documentation. We would
Linked to this, please can you provide what an estimated cost would be for up to 10 reviews per year detailing the	endeavour to confirm the estimated cost of each instruction upon receipt of each instruction, including fixed fees where possible.
level of role required to undertake the review. Please	We would and a your to turn around local timelines on average within five
ensure these costs align with the rate card for the CCS Framework.	We would endeavour to turn around legal timelines on average within five working days of instruction, but in any event in line with the requirements of paragraph 5.3 of your RFI.
	Hours per review
	On the assumption that the average requirement is the review of a contract was circa 40 – 50 pages with a reasonable amount of drafting and a reasonable level of feedback in commentary format – we would suggest approximately 10 hours per review on average.
	Estimate Fees
	On that basis, using the CCS Framework rate card, we would be giving an estimated cost of <b>REDACTED</b> VAT per year based on ten reviews. This is based on our senior solicitor rate, we would however seek to utilise appropriate resource depending upon the complexity of work, including junior or partner resource where appropriate. All resource is appropriately supervised.

Please detail any additional information you may require undertaking the legal services review, this will support the Authority in considering and working towards being able to provide relevant required detail.	<ul> <li>Any additional information The information required depends on the nature of the query. We note the legal instruction request template guides requesters into providing comprehensive information and would cover off most requirements. </li> <li>Additional information that is likely to be required is any general background and (in the case of variations or award queries) relevant history. While this may be covered off in the description box, it may be useful to include a prompt in the form. We would also appreciate at the outset a clear list (or description) of those people able to instruct us on behalf of The Insolvency Service, so we know instructions are valid.</li></ul>
Please can you confirm that you can support the timelines detailed at para 5.3. in respect of acknowledging and responding to requests for Commercial services. If this is not possible/suitable, please can you provide potential revised timescales and reasons for the proposed changes.	We can confirm that the timelines in paragraph 5.3 can be met. As noted above, we would endeavour to complete the review earlier than this deadline, subject to complexity and capacity.
Are you able to confirm and set out what steps you are taking to ensuring you can provide necessary legal services (reviews) following the introduction and application of the new procurement regulations (Transforming Public Procurement).	The team has been closely monitoring the passage of the Procurement Act 2023 and its underlying secondary legislation since the original Green Paper that preceded the Procurement Bill. We have and are monitoring and advising upon the changes to public procurement law coming into effect on 28th October 2024 through the Act.
	<ul> <li>This is being achieved by:</li> <li>Utilising our knowledge from our affiliation with the Procurement Lawyers' Association (the senior members of our team are members of the PLA).</li> </ul>
	• Ensuring we are on mailing lists that ensure we receive information at the earliest opportunity, for example receiving confirmation of the revised National Procurement Policy Statement earlier this week.

	<ul> <li>Undertaking the UK Government's knowledge drops and reading each piece of guidance that comes out.</li> </ul>
	Attending leading training provided through the Whitepaper Company.
	• Reading the Act, the Procurement Regulations 2024 and related articles and summaries and seminars designed to ensure we not only receive official guidance but can also monitor how senior thought leaders in the public procurement world are interpreting the developments.
	<ul> <li>Providing our own articles and training to clients and third parties.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensuring our junior resource is fully involved in this process.</li> </ul>
Please can you provide details of any proposed risks or	Risks & mitigation
issues associated with the Authority's approach for requesting the legal services. Any risks or issues, please can you suggest any possible options for mitigating.	We consider overall the approach is a good one and we are happy to engage upon it. There are three areas for your consideration:
	• The biggest risk is any delay in seeking advice, particularly in matters that are more related to the application of public procurement law rather than the commercial contract side. Our concern is that an officer may instruct at award when they should have instructed at the outset. We would urge that, where possible, instructing officers instruct us as early as possible to mitigate risk.
	• A risk of disparate instructions from across The Insolvency Service, as we have seen in some other clients. To help mitigate this, we would seek to engage with you to see if we can bring added value, such as training on the current procurement regime, the new Procurement Act or general contract law and hints or tips to assist with joined up approaches. We would seek to agree a central point of contact who we could also escalate matters where we considered there was an urgent or overriding risk or concern about instruction.
	• Ensuring transparency and consistency of budget spend. We would mitigate this by seeking to agree a list or class of officers who can instruct us, and ensuring we have a central point of contact to check matters with. We would also agree a suitable file structure (e.g.

	individual files for each instruction) and any reporting requirements to ensure you have full financial transparency.
Additional Information Please add any further detail you think might be useful for the Authority to consider.	Our Procurement Team is headed up by Michael Winder and consists of two partners (one partner dealing with contentious matters only), a legal director, a solicitor and a graduate solicitor apprentice. The senior members of the team have significant experience in all manner of public procurement matters. The team has experience of inhouse working in contracting authorities and time in secondment at Crown Commercial Services. We are a sub-team within the wider Commercial and IP Team in Brabners, with the team having commercial contract experience as well as procurement expertise. The team can also draw upon the wider resource of the general commercial team and the remainder of the firm for capacity, support and expertise that may be useful to you.

#### Are you interested in the opportunity?

[Please state Yes or No]

Yes

If no, please advise what changes to the requirements would be required for you to be interested in the opportunity.

# Call-Off Schedule 26 (Ethical Walls Agreement Template)

The Insolvency Service

#### And

**Brabners LLP** 

ETHICAL WALLS AGREEMENT

#### This Agreement is dated 24th May 2024

#### Between

- (1) The Insolvency Service (the "Buyer") of 16th Floor, 1 Westfield Avenue, Stratford, London, E20 1HZ and
- (2) Brabners LLP a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales under registered number OC309501 whose registered office is at Horton House, Exchange Flags, Liverpool, L2 3YL (the "Supplier").

together the "Parties" and each a "Party".

## BACKGROUND

- The Buyer is obliged to ensure transparency, fairness, non-discrimination and equal Α. treatment in relation to its procurement process pursuant to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (the PCR). The purpose of this document ("Agreement") is to define the protocols to be followed to prevent, identify and remedy any conflict of interest (whether actual, potential or perceived) in the context of the Further Competition Procedure.
- The Buyer is conducting a Further Procurement Procedure for the supply of Digital Β. Outcomes and Specialists 5 Deliverables under a Call-Off Contract (the "Purpose").
- C. The Buyer has an obligation to deal with conflicts of interest as set out in Regulation 24 (1) of the PCR. The concept of conflict of interest is wide. In the PCR it is described as covering at least "any situation where relevant staff members have, directly or indirectly, a financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the context of the procurement procedure" (Regulation 24(2)). "Staff members" refers to staff members of the Buyer or of a procurement service provider acting on behalf of the Buyer who are involved in the conduct of the procurement procedure or may influence the outcome of that procedure. "Procurement service provider" refers to a public or private body which offers ancillary purchasing activities on the market.
- D. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the PCR, the Buyer is under an obligation to ensure that competition is not distorted by the participation of any Framework Contract supplier Framework Ref: RM6240 Public Sector Legal Services Call-Off Reference: TIS0718 53

acting as a bidder in a further competition procedure. Accordingly, the Buyer has identified that a potential distortion of competition could arise as a consequence of a bidder wishing to submit a Tender for this Further Competition Procedure, where it has also performed services for the Buyer under existing contractual arrangements or as a subcontractor under those same arrangements.

E. The Parties wish to enter into this Agreement to ensure that a set of management processes, barriers and disciplines are put in place to ensure that conflicts of interest do not arise, and that the Supplier does not obtain an unfair competitive advantage over Other Bidders.

# IT IS AGREED:

# 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the following meanings in this agreement and its recitals:

"Affiliate" means in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control of that body corporate from time to time;

"Agreement" means this ethical walls agreement duly executed by the Parties;

"Bid Team" means any Supplier, Affiliate, connected to the preparation of an FCP Response;

"**Central Government Body**" means a body listed in one of the following subcategories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics:

- a) Government Department;
- b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);
- c) Non-Ministerial Department; or
- d) Executive Agency.

"**Conflicted Personnel**" means any Supplier, Affiliate, staff or agents of the Supplier or an Affiliate who, because of the Supplier's relationship with the Buyer under any Contract have or have had access to information which creates or may create a conflict of interest;

"**Contract**" means the TIS0718 contract for Provision of Legal Services for Contracts & Public Procurement activities" dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 between the Buyer and the Supplier and/or an Affiliate;

"**Control**" means the beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the issued share capital of a company or the legal power to direct or cause the direction of the management of the company and "**Controls**" and "**Controlled**" shall be interpreted accordingly;

"Effective Date" means the date of this Agreement as set out above;

"Further Competition Procedure" or "FCP" means an invitation to submit tenders issued by the Buyer as part of an FCP Process;

"FCP Process" means, with regard to the Purpose, the relevant procedure provided for in Framework Schedule 7 (Call-Off Award Procedure) of RM1043.7 Framework Contract which the Buyer has elected to use to select a contractor, together with all relevant information, correspondence and/or documents issued by the Buyer as part of that procurement exercise, all information, correspondence and/or documents issued by the bidders in response together with any resulting contract;

"**FCP Response**" means the tender submitted or to be submitted by the Supplier or an Affiliate [(or, where relevant, by another Bidder)] in response to an FCP;

"Other Affiliate" any person who is a subsidiary, subsidiary undertaking or holding company of any Other Bidder;

"Other Bidder" means any other bidder or potential bidder that is not the Supplier or any Affiliate that has or is taking part in the FCP Process;

"Parties" means the Buyer and the Supplier;

"**Professional Advisor**" means a supplier, subcontractor, advisor or consultant engaged by the Supplier under the auspices of compiling its FCP Response;

"Purpose" has the meaning given to it in recital B to this Agreement;

"**Representative**" refers to a person's officers, directors, employees, advisers and agents and, where the context admits, providers or potential providers of finance to the Supplier or any Affiliate in connection with the FCP Process and the representatives of such providers or potential providers of finance; and

**"Third Party**" means any person who is not a Party and includes Other Affiliates and Other Bidders.

- 1.1.2 Reference to the disclosure of information includes any communication or making available information and includes both direct and indirect disclosure.
- 1.1.3 Reference to the disclosure of information, or provision of access, by or to the Buyer or the Supplier includes disclosure, or provision of access, by or to the representatives of the Buyer or Representatives of the Supplier (as the case may be).
- 1.1.4 Reference to persons includes legal and natural persons.
- 1.1.5 Reference to any enactment is to that enactment as amended, supplemented, reenacted or replaced from time to time.
- 1.1.6 Reference to clauses and recitals is to clauses of and recitals to this Agreement.
- 1.1.7 Reference to any gender includes any other.
- 1.1.8 Reference to writing includes email.
- 1.1.9 The terms "associate", "holding company", "subsidiary", "subsidiary undertaking" and "wholly owned subsidiary" have the meanings attributed to them in the Companies Act 2006, except that for the purposes of section 1159(1)(a) of that Act, the words 'holds a majority of the voting rights' shall be changed to 'holds 30% or more of the voting rights', and other expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- 1.1.10 The words "include" and "including" are to be construed without limitation.
- 1.1.11 The singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- 1.1.12 The headings contained in this Agreement shall not affect its construction or interpretation.

#### 2 ETHICAL WALLS

- 1.2.1 In consideration of the sum of £1 payable by the Buyer to the Supplier, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Supplier:
  - 1.2.1.1 shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that neither the Supplier nor its Affiliates and/or Representatives are in a position where, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier or its Affiliates or Representatives and the duties owed to the Buyer under the Contract or pursuant to an fair and transparent FCP Process;
  - 1.2.1.2 acknowledges and agrees that a conflict of interest may arise in situations where the Supplier or an Affiliate intends to take part in the FCP Process and, because of the Supplier's relationship with the Buyer under any Contract, the Supplier, its Affiliates and/or Representatives have or have had access to information which could provide the Supplier and/or its Affiliates with an advantage and render unfair an otherwise genuine and fair competitive FCP Process; and
  - 1.2.1.3 where there is or is likely to be a conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict of interest of any kind in relation to the FCP Process, shall comply with Clause 2.2.

1.2.2 The Supplier shall:

- 1.2.2.1 Not assign any of the Conflicted Personnel to the Bid Team at any time;
- 1.2.2.2 Provide to the Buyer a complete and up to date list of the Conflicted Personnel and the Bid Team and reissue such list upon any change to it;
- 1.2.2.3 Ensure that by no act or omission by itself, its staff, agents and/or Affiliates results in information of any kind or in any format and however so stored:
  - (a) about the Contract, its performance, operation and all matters connected or ancillary to it becoming available to the Bid Team; and/or
  - (b) which would or could in the opinion of the Buyer confer an unfair advantage on the Supplier in relation to its participation in the FCP Process becoming available to the Bid Team;

- 1.2.2.4 Ensure that by no act or omission by itself, its staff, agents and/or Affiliates and in particular the Bid Team results in information of any kind or in any format and however so stored about the FCP Process, its operation and all matters connected or ancillary to it becoming available to the Conflicted Personnel;
- 1.2.2.5 Ensure that confidentiality agreements which flow down the Supplier's obligations in this Agreement are entered into as necessary between the Buyer and the Supplier, its Affiliates, its staff, agents, any Conflicted Personnel, and between any other parties necessary in a form to be prescribed by the Buyer;
- 1.2.2.6 physically separate the Conflicted Personnel and the Bid Team, either in separate buildings or in areas with restricted access;
- 1.2.2.7 provide regular training to its staff, agents and its Affiliates to ensure it is complying with this Agreement;
- 1.2.2.8 monitor Conflicted Personnel movements within restricted areas (both physical and electronic online areas) to ensure it is complying with this Agreement and to ensure adherence to the ethical wall arrangements;
- 1.2.2.9 ensure that the Conflicted Personnel and the Bid Team are line managed and report independently of each other; and
- 1.2.2.10 comply with any other action as the Buyer, acting reasonably, may direct.
- 1.2.3 In addition to the obligations set out in Clause 2.1.1 and 2.1.3, the Supplier shall:
  - 1.2.3.1 notify the Buyer immediately of all perceived, potential and/or actual conflicts of interest that arise;
  - 1.2.3.2 submit in writing to the Buyer full details of the nature of the conflict including (without limitation) full details of the risk assessments undertaken, the impact or potential impact of the conflict, the measures and arrangements that have been established and/or are due to be established to eliminate the conflict and the Supplier's plans to prevent future conflicts of interests from arising; and
  - 1.2.3.3 seek the Buyer's approval thereto,
    - which the Buyer shall have the right to grant, grant conditionally or deny (if the Buyer denies its approval the Supplier shall repeat the process set out in clause 2.3

until such time as the Buyer grants approval or the Supplier withdraws from the FCP Process).

- 1.2.4 Any breach of Clause 2.1, Clause 2.2 or Clause 2.3 shall entitle the Buyer to exclude the Supplier or any Affiliate or Representative from the FCP Process, and the Buyer may, in addition to the right to exclude, take such other steps as it deems necessary where, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer there has been a breach of Clause 2.1, Clause 2.2 or Clause 2.3.
- 1.2.5 The Supplier will provide, on demand, any and all information in relation to its adherence with its obligations set out under Clauses 2.1 and 2.2 as reasonably requested by the Buyer.
- 1.2.6 The Buyer reserves the right to require the Supplier to demonstrate the measures put in place by the Supplier under Clauses 2.1.3 and 2.2.
- 1.2.7 The Supplier acknowledges that any provision of information or demonstration of measures, in accordance with Clauses 2.5 and 2.6, does not constitute acceptance by the Buyer of the adequacy of such measures and does not discharge the Supplier of its obligations or liability under this Agreement.
- 1.2.8 The actions of the Buyer pursuant to Clause 2.4 shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to the Buyer.
- 1.2.9 In no event shall the Buyer be liable for any bid costs incurred by:
  - 1.2.9.1 the Supplier or any Affiliate or Representative; or
  - 1.2.9.2 any Other Bidder, Other Affiliate or Other Representative,
- as a result of any breach by the Supplier, Affiliate or Representative of this Agreement, including, without limitation, where the Supplier or any Affiliate or Representative, or any Other Bidder, Other Affiliate or Other Representative are excluded from the FCP Process.
  - 1.2.10 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that:
    - 1.2.10.1 neither damages nor specific performance are adequate remedies in the event of its breach of the obligations in Clause 2; and

1.2.10.2 in the event of such breach by the Supplier of any of its obligations in Clause 2 which cannot be effectively remedied, the Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the Supplier's participation in the FCP Process.

#### 3 SOLE RESPONSIBILITY

1.3.1 It is the sole responsibility of the Supplier to comply with the terms of this Agreement. No approval by the Buyer of any procedures, agreements or arrangements provided by the Supplier or any Affiliate or Representative to the Buyer shall discharge the Supplier's obligations.

#### 4 WAIVER AND INVALIDITY

- 1.4.1 No failure or delay by any Party in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right, power or privilege, nor shall it restrict the further exercise of that or any other right, power or privilege. No single or partial exercise of such right, power or privilege shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right, power or privilege.
- 1.4.2 If any provision of this Agreement is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction in relation to any Party, such prohibition or unenforceability will not invalidate the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affect the validity or enforceability of the provisions of this Agreement in relation to any other Party or any other jurisdiction.

## 5 ASSIGNMENT AND NOVATION

- 1.5.1 Subject to Clause 5.2 the Parties shall not assign, novate or otherwise dispose of or create any trust in relation to any or all of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Buyer.
- 1.5.2 The Buyer may assign, novate or otherwise dispose of any or all of its rights, obligations and liabilities under this Agreement and/or any associated licences to:
  - 1.5.2.1 any Central Government Body; or
  - 1.5.2.2 to a body other than a Central Government Body (including any private sector body) which performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by the Authority; and

- 1.5.2.3 the Supplier shall, at the Buyer's request, enter into a novation agreement in such form as the Buyer reasonably specify in order to enable the Buyer to exercise its rights pursuant to this Clause 5.
- 1.5.3 A change in the legal status of the Buyer such that it ceases to be a Central Government Body shall not affect the validity of this Agreement and this Agreement shall be binding on any successor body to the Buyer.

# 6 CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

1.6.1 A person who is not a Party to this Agreement has no right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (as amended, updated or replaced from time to time) to enforce any term of this Agreement but this does not affect any right remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.

# 7 TRANSPARENCY

1.7.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Buyer is under a legal duty pursuant to the PCR to run transparent and fair procurement processes. Accordingly, the Buyer may disclose the contents of this Agreement to potential bidders in the FCP Process, for the purposes of transparency and in order to evidence that a fair procurement process has been followed.

# 8 NOTICES

- 1.8.1 Any notices sent under this Agreement must be in writing.
- 1.8.2 The following table sets out the method by which notices may be served under this Agreement and the respective deemed time and proof of service:

Manner of Delivery	Deemed time of	Proof of service
	service	
Email	9.00am on the first	Dispatched as a pdf
	Working Day after	attachment to an email to the
	sending	correct email address without
		any error message.
Personal delivery	On delivery, provided	Properly addressed and
	delivery is between	delivered as evidenced by
	9.00am and 5.00pm on	

	a Working Day.	signature of a delivery
	Otherwise, delivery will	receipt.
	occur at 9.00am on the	
	next Working Day.	
Prepaid, Royal Mail	At the time recorded by	Properly addressed, prepaid
Signed For™ 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	the delivery service,	and delivered as evidenced
or other prepaid, next	provided that delivery is	by signature of a delivery
working day service	between 9.00am and	receipt.
providing proof of	5.00pm on a Working	
delivery.	Day. Otherwise,	
	delivery will occur at	
	9.00am on the same	
	Working Day (if delivery	
	before 9.00am) or on	
	the next Working Day (if	
	after 5.00pm).	

1.8.3 Notices shall be sent to the addresses set out below or at such other address as the relevant Party may give notice to the other Party for the purpose of service of notices under this Agreement:

	Supplier	Buyer
Contact	REDACTED	REDACTED
Address	REDACTED	REDACTED
Email	REDACTED	REDACTED

1.8.4 This Clause 8 does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or other method of dispute resolution.

# 9 WAIVER AND CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

1.9.1 The rights and remedies under this Agreement may be waived only by notice and in a manner that expressly states that a waiver is intended and what is waived. A failure or delay by a Party in ascertaining or exercising a right or remedy provided under this

Agreement or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

1.9.2 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, rights and remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and do not exclude any rights or remedies provided by law, in equity or otherwise.

## 10 **TERM**

1.10.1 Each Party's obligations under this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for a period of 24 months from the Effective Date.

# 11 GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 1.11.1 This Agreement and any issues, disputes or claims (whether contractual or noncontractual) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.
- 1.11.2 The Parties agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (whether contractual or non-contractual) that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation.

Signed by the Buyer	Name: REDACTED
	Signature: REDACTED
	Position in Buyer: <b>REDACTED</b>

Signed by the Supplier	Name: REDACTED
	Signature: REDACTED
	Position in Supplier: <b>REDACTED</b>