

Invitation to Quote



Invitation to Quote (ITQ) on behalf of Government Office for Science (GO Science)

Subject Proof reading and formatting sought for Government Office for Science

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Section 1 – About UK Shared Business Services

Putting the business into shared services

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) brings a commercial attitude to the public sector; helping Contracting Authorities improve efficiency, generate savings and modernise.

It is our vision to become the leading service provider for Contracting Authorities for of shared business services in the UK public sector, continuously reducing cost and improving quality of business services for Government and the public sector.

Our broad range of expert services is shared by our Contracting Authorities. This allows Contracting Authorities the freedom to focus resources on core activities; innovating and transforming their own organisations.

Core services include Procurement, Finance, Grants Admissions, Human Resources, Payroll, ISS, and Property Asset Management all underpinned by our Service Delivery and Contact Centre teams.

UK SBS is a people rather than task focused business. It's what makes us different to the traditional transactional shared services centre. What is more, being a not-for-profit organisation owned by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), UK SBS' goals are aligned with the public sector and delivering best value for the UK taxpayer.

UK Shared Business Services Ltd changed its name from RCUK Shared Services Centre Ltd in March 2013.

Our Customers

Growing from a foundation of supporting the Research Councils, 2012/13 saw Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) transition their procurement to UK SBS and Crown Commercial Services (CCS – previously Government Procurement Service) agree a Memorandum of Understanding with UK SBS to deliver two major procurement categories (construction and research) across Government.

UK SBS currently manages £700m expenditure for its Contracting Authorities.

Our Contracting Authorities who have access to our services and Contracts are detailed [here](#).

Section 2 – About the Contracting Authority

GO-Science

The Government Office for Science (GO-Science) works with the Department for Business Innovation and Skills. The office ensures that government policies and decisions are informed by the best scientific evidence and strategic long-term thinking

Responsibilities

GO-Science is responsible for:

- giving scientific advice to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet, through a programme of projects that reflect the priorities of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser
- ensuring and improving the quality and use of scientific evidence and advice in government (through advice and projects and by creating and supporting connections between officials and the scientific community)
- providing the best scientific advice in the case of emergencies, through the [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\)](#)
- helping the independent [Council for Science and Technology](#) provide high level advice to the Prime Minister

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/government-office-for-science>

Section 3 - Working with Government Office for Science (GO Science)

In this section you will find details of your Procurement contact point and the timescales relating to this opportunity.

Section 3 – Contact details		
3.1	Contracting Authority Name and address	Government Office for Science (GO-Science) 5 th Floor Spur 2 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET
3.2	Buyer name	Liz Vincent
3.3	Buyer contact details	research@uksbs.co.uk
3.4	Maximum value of the Opportunity	£30,000 excluding VAT
3.5	Process for the submission of clarifications and Bids	All correspondence shall be submitted within the Emptoris e-sourcing tool. Guidance Notes to support the use of Emptoris is available here. Please note submission of a Bid to any email address including the Buyer <u>will</u> result in the Bid <u>not</u> being considered.

Section 3 - Timescales		
3.6	Date of Issue of Contract Advert and location of original Advert	Friday 23 rd February 2018
3.7	Latest date/time ITQ clarification questions shall be received through Emptoris messaging system	Monday 5 th March 2018 14:00
3.8	Latest date/time ITQ clarification answers should be sent to all Bidders by the Buyer through Emptoris	Wednesday 7 th March 2018
3.9	Latest date/time ITQ Bid shall be submitted through Emptoris	Friday 9 th March 2018 12:00
3.10	Anticipated selection and the selections of Bids notification date	Wednesday 14 th March 2018
3.11	Anticipated Award date	Friday 16 th March 2018
3.12	Anticipated Contract Start date	Thurs 22 nd March 2018
3.13	Anticipated Contract End date	Thursday 1 st November 2018
3.14	Bid Validity Period	60 Days

Section 4 – Specification

1. Background

1. Introduction to the Government Office for Science and Foresight

The UK Government Office for Science (GO-Science) supports the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor in ensuring that the Government has access to, and uses, the best science and engineering advice. It is located within the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), but is professionally independent of it.

The Foresight programme sits within GO-Science and develops projects using the latest scientific evidence and futures analysis to address complex issues and provides strategic options for policy. Foresight projects examine public policy issues where science might be part of the solution, or a scientific topic where potential applications and technologies are yet to be realised. This provides Government with evidence to help them think systematically about the future and provides signposts for policymakers in tackling future challenges.

1.1. About Foresight [Future of Mobility]

The Foresight Future of Mobility project is run from within the UK Government Office for Science (GO-Science). The Future of Mobility project was launched to try to understand the broad question '*What benefits/ opportunities could the transport system of the future provide and what are the implications for Government and society?*'

Transport is a key enabler, effecting where people work, their commute modes and times, and the costs of moving people and goods. Mobility choices impact on a broadly on things ranging from individual health and wellbeing, to the economy and the environment. The Department for Transport (DfT) are the key customer for this project, however there is cross Whitehall engagement in the project, including from the Department for Health, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Treasury and the Cabinet Office.

2. Aims and Objectives of the Project

Specification for Proof reading

We are seeking experienced proof reading to work with our team to read through a large range of material (likely around 400,000 words).

Details of task

You will work with a range of material provided by the GO-Science project team. Go-Science project team will give you the relevant material. The material will include peer reviewed research reports.

You will proof read, review and lightly edit the text provided to bring it up to publishable standard (see quality expectations below). Minor rewriting or restructuring may be required (to be agreed in discussion with GO-Science).

The materials provided must also be put into the standard Go-Science Word template (which will be provided). This will include consistency of font, presentation etc. This word document template will be passed to the successful bidder when both parties have signed and agreed the contract.

You will be expected to undertake work in stages, and on a report by report basis with conversations with the GO-Science team to share progress and ensure deadlines are met. Please see the schedule below for key deadlines.

Important information

1. During the proof reading of the material, you should not (or allow others to) publish any of the work given to you, or your work on it, or make it generally available without prior agreement.

2. Suggested Methodology

Quality expectations

Each of the standalone pieces of evidence will be used to inform discussion with policy makers. They will be published on our website, so must not detract from the high quality name and brand associated with the Government Office for Science.

The successful bidder must be able to produce work to the quality requirements below:

Clarity and consistency - The final text should be accurate, free of errors, omissions, inconsistencies, ambiguities and repetition. The final piece of work should be good quality, densely packed with factual information with no obvious errors.

Readable Style - Although the main audience for the report is policy makers, it will be published online and is expected to be widely read by a range of stakeholders with an interest in transport.

Whilst the author's words are generally to be used, where changes are made, the new style should be engaging and readable to a lay audience, using a consistent voice.

The reviews should be written in plain English. You must lightly edit to spot and remove jargon.

You will also need to check that documents are correctly referenced, and accurately formatted. You will need to ensure that identical fonts are used in all of the work, and that documents/ figures are on the correct pages.

Please see a copy of our Author Guidelines (Annex A) for a comprehensive description of the kind of things which we require of commissioned research and how we ask reports to be formatted, the language and writing style, submission requirements etc. This will help to steer the approach to editing.

We do not have a style guide. Examples of previous reports are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/foresight-projects>

There are 13 evidence reviews (longer reviews) varying in length from 10000-25000 words, 14 shorter reviews (all less than 8000 words), and a separate large report (30000 words) and supporting Technical annex (~55000 words). In total this amounts to around 400, 000 words (see list of documents below).

List of Documents:

Source type	Summary of evidence source	Word count
Rapid evidence review	The UK rail system, how and why it is changing?	6530
Rapid evidence review	Last Mile Urban Freight - The Freight Transport System in the UK, how and why it is changing?	6892
Rapid evidence review	Key issues facing rail freight in Great Britain	2291
Rapid evidence review	The maritime freight transport system in the UK, how and why it is changing	2511
Rapid evidence review	The UK private road transport system, how and why is it changing?	7103
Rapid evidence review	The UK public road transport system, how and why it is changing?	4979
Rapid evidence review	Review of the UK domestic air transport system	6003
Rapid evidence review	Walking in the UK, how and why it is changing?	8781
Rapid evidence review	Cycling and other active modes in the UK: how and why are they changing?	7493
Rapid evidence review	The integration of the transport system, how and why it is changing in the UK? (Mobility as a Service)	5017
Rapid evidence review	The Digital System in the UK, how and why it is changing (and what are the implications for transport)?	6000 (est)
Rapid evidence review	The domestic water transport system; how and why it is changing	14732
Rapid evidence review	Review of security and future of mobility	9328
Evidence review	Decision-making in the UK transport system	35144
Evidence review	Understanding the passenger road transport network based on data	15635
Evidence review	Understanding the human factors of exclusive and shared use in the UK transport system	20545
Evidence review	How the UK transport system characterises exclusive use/ sharing of travel modes	15000
Evidence review	Review of accessibility in the UK transport system	15862
Evidence review	Understanding the UK freight transport system	21512

Evidence review	Review of emerging technologies for identification, authentication and traceability of freight	19335
Evidence review	Review of automation in freight transport and handling systems	22569
Evidence review	Trends in manufacturing and global supply chains, and their impact on UK freight	10000 (Est)
Evidence review	Review of options around freight and CO2 sustainability	10000 (Est)
Evidence review	Review of options around freight and broader sustainability	10000 (Est)
Evidence review	Review of freight and the sharing economy	17617
Evidence review	Review of the history of the UK transport system	11137
Detailed Evidence review	Governance of UK transport infrastructures	29146
Technical Annex	Governance of UK transport infrastructures	54079

Total word count

395241

A time table is provided in Section 4 for deliverables

3. Suggested methodology

We are looking for detailed, accurate proof reading and light touch editing to ensure readability. Material will be provided electronically to the successful bidder (likely in Microsoft word format).

The materials provided must be put into the standard Go-Science Word template (which will be provided). This will include consistency of font, presentation etc. This word document template will be passed to the successful bidder when both parties have signed and agreed the contract.

In addition to proof reading, and a light edit, you will need to check the following:

1. The paper includes all required article sections (see **section 4.Key article sections in our Author Guidelines**) – Annex A
2. The language used is accessible and understandable to a non-expert (see **section 3.Language and writing style** in our Author Guidelines) - Annex A
3. The referencing style must be made consistent throughout in the text, and in the references section. Where references are in the wrong style, they will need to be changed.
4. Figures and tables are of a high quality. The text referring to figures/ tables and graphics must be checked to ensure it refers correctly to them, and if necessary the text changed. An example change could be: 'See Figure 2 below' might become 'see Figure 2 overleaf' etc.
5. If there is no contents pages you will be expected to create one.

Please see a copy of our Author Guidelines (Annex A) for a comprehensive description of the required article sections given to authors for this particular article

type, how they were to format their papers, the language and writing style, submission requirements etc.

In terms of proof reading / and light editing, we expect that the successful bidder will use a range of techniques to ensure consistency, and readability.

4. Deliverables

Timeframes for delivery

We believe that the delivery dates outlined below are attainable for the piece of work we are commissioning; however, if you feel that you are unable to meet any of the delivery dates, please let the project team know as soon as possible and we will work with you to create a timetable that meets your schedule. It is also worth noting that the Government office for Science is dependent on receiving much of this material from outside parties, which can introduce delays into the process. We envisage the overwhelming majority of material to be arriving by early-mid April, the end of April a realistic fall back if delays not within our control occur. If there are delays, we will work with the successful bidder on deadlines that work for both parties.

1. Timescales

Stage 1		
1	GO-S provides to initial material to contractor	22/03/18
2	Go-S provides prioritised list of reports, and passes initial material.	22/03/18
3.	First completed review (<8000 words) is passed to Go-Science by the successful bidder. This is to allow for a discussion on quality, methodology etc.	29/03/18
4.	Go-Science gives feedback on work thus far.	02/04/18
5.	An agreed 150,000 word block is completed, with completed work passed to Go-Science for quality checking	23/04/18
6.	On the same date, or before, Go-Science provides a further list of prioritised reports, and more material is passed.	23/04/18
Stage 2		
7	The remainder are completed.	14/06/18
8	Noting that outside parties can be slow to deliver material, it is possible that all material will not be received by the early April date. In which case, reasonable deadlines will be agreed with both parties, which will not stretch past 1 st November 2018.	01/11/18

Terms and Conditions

Bidders are to note that any requested modifications to the Contracting Authority Terms and Conditions on the grounds of statutory and legal matters only, shall be raised as a formal clarification during the permitted clarification period.

Section 5 – Evaluation model

The evaluation model below shall be used for this ITQ, which will be determined to two decimal places.

Where a question is 'for information only' it will not be scored.

The evaluation team may comprise staff from UK SBS, and the Contracting Authority ----- and any specific external stakeholders the Contracting Authority deems required. After evaluation the scores will be finalised by performing a calculation to identify (at question level) the mean average of all evaluators (Example – a question is scored by three evaluators and judged as scoring 5, 5 and 6. These scores will be added together and divided by the number of evaluators to produce the final score of 5.33 ($5+5+6=16 \div 3 = 5.33$))

Pass / fail criteria		
Questionnaire	Q No.	Question subject
Commercial	SEL1.2	Employment breaches/ Equality
Commercial	SEL3.11	Compliance to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act
Commercial	SEL3.12	Cyber Essentials
Commercial	SEL3.13	General Data Protection regulations (GDPR)
Commercial	FOI1.1	Freedom of Information Exemptions
Commercial	AW1.1	Form of Bid
Commercial	AW1.3	Certificate of Bona Fide Bid
Commercial	AW3.1	Validation check
Commercial	AW4.1	Contract Terms
Commercial	AW4.2	Contract Terms - Justification
Commercial	AW6.2	Non-Disclosure agreement
Price	AW5.5	E Invoicing
Price	AW5.6	Implementation of E-Invoicing
Quality	AW6.1	Compliance to the Specification
-	-	Invitation to Quote – received on time within e-sourcing tool

Scoring criteria

Evaluation Justification Statement

In consideration of this particular requirement the Contracting Authority has decided to evaluate Potential Providers by adopting the weightings/scoring mechanism detailed within this ITQ. The Contracting Authority considers these weightings to be in line with existing best practice for a requirement of this type.

Questionnaire	Q No.	Question subject	Maximum Marks
Price	AW5.2	Price	15%
Quality	PROJ1.1	Understanding	10%
Quality	PROJ1.2	Approach	10%
Quality	PROJ1.3	Project Delivery and Risk Management	15%
Quality	PROJ1.4	Project Team and Capability to Deliver	50%

Evaluation of criteria

Non-Price elements

Each question will be judged on a score from 0 to 100, which shall be subjected to a multiplier to reflect the percentage of the evaluation criteria allocated to that question.

Where an evaluation criterion is worth 20% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 20%.

Example if a Bidder scores 60 from the available 100 points this will equate to 12% by using the following calculation:

$$\text{Score} = \{\text{weighting percentage}\} \times \{\text{bidder's score}\} = 20\% \times 60 = 12$$

The same logic will be applied to groups of questions which equate to a single evaluation criterion.

The 0-100 score shall be based on (unless otherwise stated within the question):

0	The Question is not answered or the response is completely unacceptable.
10	Extremely poor response – they have completely missed the point of the question.
20	Very poor response and not wholly acceptable. Requires major revision to the response to make it acceptable. Only partially answers the requirement, with major deficiencies and little relevant detail proposed.
40	Poor response only partially satisfying the selection question requirements with deficiencies apparent. Some useful evidence provided but response falls well short of expectations. Low probability of being a capable supplier.
60	Response is acceptable but remains basic and could have been expanded upon. Response is sufficient but does not inspire.
80	Good response which describes their capabilities in detail which provides high levels of assurance consistent with a quality provider. The response includes a full description of techniques and measurements currently employed.
100	Response is exceptional and clearly demonstrates they are capable of meeting the requirement. No significant weaknesses noted. The response is compelling in its description of techniques and measurements currently employed, providing full assurance consistent with a quality provider.

All questions will be scored based on the above mechanism. Please be aware that the final score returned may be different as there may be multiple evaluators and their individual scores will be averaged (mean) to determine your final score.

Example

Evaluator 1 scored your bid as 60

Evaluator 2 scored your bid as 60

Evaluator 3 scored your bid as 40

Evaluator 4 scored your bid as 40

Your final score will $(60+60+40+40) \div 4 = 50$

Price elements will be judged on the following criteria.

The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score 100.

All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The score is then subject to a multiplier to reflect the percentage value of the price criterion.

For example - Bid 1 £100,000 scores 100.

Bid 2 £120,000 differential of £20,000 or 20% remove 20% from price scores 80

Bid 3 £150,000 differential £50,000 remove 50% from price scores 50.

Bid 4 £175,000 differential £75,000 remove 75% from price scores 25.

Bid 5 £200,000 differential £100,000 remove 100% from price scores 0.

Bid 6 £300,000 differential £200,000 remove 100% from price scores 0.

Where the scoring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-100 score achieved will be multiplied by 50.

In the example if a supplier scores 80 from the available 100 points this will equate to 40% by using the following calculation: Score/Total Points multiplied by 50 ($80/100 \times 50 = 40$)

The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.

Section 6 – Evaluation questionnaire

Bidders should note that the evaluation questionnaire is located within the **e-sourcing questionnaire**.

Guidance on completion of the questionnaire is available at
<http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY

Section 7 – General Information

What makes a good bid – some simple do's 😊

DO:

- 7.1 Do comply with Procurement document instructions. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.
- 7.2 Do provide the Bid on time, and in the required format. Remember that the date/time given for a response is the last date that it can be accepted; we are legally bound to disqualify late submissions. Unless formally requested to do so by UK SBS e.g. Emptoris system failure
- 7.3 Do ensure you have read all the training materials to utilise e-sourcing tool prior to responding to this Bid. If you send your Bid by email or post it will be rejected.
- 7.4 Do use Microsoft Word, PowerPoint Excel 97-03 or compatible formats, or PDF unless agreed in writing by the Buyer. If you use another file format without our written permission we may reject your Bid.
- 7.5 Do ensure you utilise the Emptoris messaging system to raise any clarifications to our ITQ. You should note that we will release the answer to the question to all Bidders and where we suspect the question contains confidential information we may modify the content of the question to protect the anonymity of the Bidder or their proposed solution
- 7.6 Do answer the question, it is not enough simply to cross-reference to a 'policy', web page or another part of your Bid, the evaluation team have limited time to assess bids and if they can't find the answer, they can't score it.
- 7.7 Do consider who the Contracting Authority is and what they want – a generic answer does not necessarily meet every Contracting Authority's needs.
- 7.8 Do reference your documents correctly, specifically where supporting documentation is requested e.g. referencing the question/s they apply to.
- 7.9 Do provide clear, concise and ideally generic contact details; telephone numbers, e-mails and fax details.
- 7.10 Do complete all questions in the questionnaire or we may reject your Bid.
- 7.11 Do check and recheck your Bid before dispatch.

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DO NOT

- 7.12 Do not cut and paste from a previous document and forget to change the previous details such as the previous buyer's name.
- 7.13 Do not attach 'glossy' brochures that have not been requested, they will not be read unless we have asked for them. Only send what has been requested and only send supplementary information if we have offered the opportunity so to do.
- 7.14 Do not share the Procurement documents, they are confidential and should not be shared with anyone without the Buyers written permission.
- 7.15 Do not seek to influence the procurement process by requesting meetings or contacting UK SBS or the Contracting Authority to discuss your Bid. If your Bid requires clarification the Buyer will contact you. All information secured outside of formal Buyer communications shall have no Legal standing or worth and should not be relied upon.
- 7.16 Do not contact any UK SBS staff or the Contracting Authority staff without the Buyers written permission or we may reject your Bid.
- 7.17 Do not collude to fix or adjust the price or withdraw your Bid with another Party as we will reject your Bid.
- 7.18 Do not offer UK SBS or the Contracting Authority staff any inducement or we will reject your Bid.
- 7.19 Do not seek changes to the Bid after responses have been submitted and the deadline for Bids to be submitted has passed.
- 7.20 Do not cross reference answers to external websites or other parts of your Bid, the cross references and website links will not be considered.
- 7.21 Do not exceed word counts, the additional words will not be considered.
- 7.22 Do not make your Bid conditional on acceptance of your own Terms of Contract, as your Bid will be rejected.

Some additional guidance notes

- 7.23 All enquiries with respect to access to the e-sourcing tool and problems with functionality within the tool must be submitted to Crown Commercial Service (previously Government Procurement Service), Telephone 0345 010 3503.
- 7.24 Bidders will be specifically advised where attachments are permissible to support a question response within the e-sourcing tool. Where they are not permissible any attachments submitted will not be considered as part of the evaluation process.
- 7.25 Question numbering is not sequential and all questions which require submission are included in the Section 6 Evaluation Questionnaire.
- 7.26 Any Contract offered may not guarantee any volume of work or any exclusivity of supply.
- 7.27 We do not guarantee to award any Contract as a result of this procurement
- 7.28 All documents issued or received in relation to this procurement shall be the property of the Contracting Authority. / UKSBS.
- 7.29 We can amend any part of the procurement documents at any time prior to the latest date / time Bids shall be submitted through Emptoris.
- 7.30 If you are a Consortium you must provide details of the Consortiums structure.
- 7.31 Bidders will be expected to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or your Bid will be rejected.
- 7.32 Bidders should note the Government's transparency agenda requires your Bid and any Contract entered into to be published on a designated, publicly searchable web site. By submitting a response to this ITQ Bidders are agreeing that their Bid and Contract may be made public
- 7.33 Your bid will be valid for 60 days or your Bid will be rejected.
- 7.34 Bidders may only amend the contract terms during the clarification period only, only if you can demonstrate there is a legal or statutory reason why you cannot accept them. If you request changes to the Contract terms without such grounds and the Contracting Authority fail to accept your legal or statutory reason is reasonably justified we may reject your Bid.
- 7.35 We will let you know the outcome of your Bid evaluation and where requested will provide a written debrief of the relative strengths and weaknesses of your Bid.
- 7.36 If you fail mandatory pass / fail criteria we will reject your Bid.
- 7.37 Bidders are required to use IE8, IE9, Chrome or Firefox in order to access the functionality of the Emptoris e-sourcing tool.
- 7.38 Bidders should note that if they are successful with their proposal the Contracting Authority reserves the right to ask additional compliancy checks prior to the award of

any Contract. In the event of a Bidder failing to meet one of the compliancy checks the Contracting Authority may decline to proceed with the award of the Contract to the successful Bidder.

- 7.39 All timescales are set using a 24 hour clock and are based on British Summer Time or Greenwich Mean Time, depending on which applies at the point when Date and Time Bids shall be submitted through Emptoris.
- 7.40 All Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies are subject to control and reporting within Government. In particular, they report to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury for all expenditure. Further, the Cabinet Office has a cross-Government role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement - including ensuring value for money and related aspects of good procurement practice.

For these purposes, the Contracting Authority may disclose within Government any of the Bidders documentation/information (including any that the Bidder considers to be confidential and/or commercially sensitive such as specific bid information) submitted by the Bidder to the Contracting Authority during this Procurement. The information will not be disclosed outside Government. Bidders taking part in this ITQ consent to these terms as part of the competition process.

- 7.41 The Government is introducing its new Government Security Classifications (GSC) classification scheme on the 2nd April 2014 to replace the current Government Protective Marking System (GPMS). A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All Bidders are encouraged to make themselves aware of the changes and identify any potential impacts in their Bid, as the protective marking and applicable protection of any material passed to, or generated by, you during the procurement process or pursuant to any Contract awarded to you as a result of this tender process will be subject to the new GSC . The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC:

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

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to amend any security related term or condition of the draft contract accompanying this ITQ to reflect any changes introduced by the GSC. In particular where this ITQ is accompanied by any instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter) as a result of any changes stemming from the new GSC, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies or otherwise. This may relate to the instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter) as they apply to the procurement as they apply to the procurement process and/or any contracts awarded to you as a result of the procurement process.

USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS

- [Emptoris Training Guide](#)
- [Emptoris e-sourcing tool](#)
- [Contracts Finder](#)
- [Equalities Act introduction](#)
- [Bribery Act introduction](#)
- [Freedom of information Act](#)