

**7. Business continuity and disaster recovery**

7.1 The Supplier will ensure a disaster recovery approach is captured in a clear disaster recovery plan contained within their service descriptions where appropriate and required by the Buyer.

**8. Payment terms and VAT**

8.1 The Buyer will pay the Supplier within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice submitted by the Supplier in accordance with this Call-Off Contract.

8.2 The Call-Off Contract Charges are deemed to include all Charges for payment processing. All Invoices submitted to the Buyer for the Services shall be exclusive of any Management Charge.

8.3 All charges payable by the Buyer to the Supplier shall include VAT at the appropriate rate.

8.4 The Supplier will add VAT to the charges at the appropriate rate.

8.5 Where specified within the Order Form, the Supplier will accept payment for G-Cloud Services by the Government Procurement Card (GPC). The Supplier will be liable to pay any merchant fee levied for using the GPC and shall not recover this charge from the Buyer.

8.6 The Supplier will ensure that each invoice contains all appropriate references and a detailed breakdown of the G-Cloud Services supplied. The Buyer may request the Supplier provides further documentation to substantiate the invoice.

8.7 Supplier Sub-Contracts must oblige the Supplier to make payments to its Sub-Contractor within 30 calendar days from the receipt of a valid invoice.

8.8 The Supplier shall indemnify the Buyer on demand against any liability arising from the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any VAT on payments made to the Supplier under this Call-Off Contract. The Supplier shall pay all monies pursuant to this indemnity to the Buyer not less than 5 UK working days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Buyer.

8.9 The Supplier shall not suspend the supply of the G-Cloud Services for Buyer's failure to pay undisputed sums of money unless the Supplier is entitled to suspend or terminate this Call-Off Contract. Interest shall be payable by the Buyer on the late payment of any undisputed sums of money properly invoiced in accordance with the

Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 (as amended from time to time).

8.10 In the event of a disputed invoice, the Buyer shall make payment in respect of any undisputed amount in accordance with the provisions of this Call-Off Contract and return the invoice to the Supplier within 10 UK working days of receipt with a covering statement proposing amendments to the invoice and/or the reason for any non-payment. The Supplier shall respond within 10 UK working days of receipt of the returned invoice stating whether or not the Supplier accepts the Buyer's proposed amendments. If it does then the Supplier shall supply with the response a replacement valid invoice.

**9. Recovery of sums due and right of set-off**

9.1 If a Supplier owes money to the Buyer, the Buyer may deduct that sum from the Call-Off Contract Charges due.

**10. Insurance**

The Supplier will maintain the insurances required by the Buyer including those set out in this clause.

**10.1 Subcontractors**

10.1.1 The Supplier will ensure that, during this Call-Off Contract, Subcontractors hold third-party public and products liability insurance of the same amounts that the Supplier would be legally liable to pay as damages, including claimant's costs and expenses, for accidental death or bodily injury and loss of or damage to Property, to a minimum of £1,000,000.

**10.2 Agents and professional consultants**

10.2.1 The Supplier will also ensure that all agents and professional consultants involved in the supply of Services hold professional indemnity insurance to a minimum indemnity of £1,000,000 for each individual claim during the Call-Off Contract, and for 6 years after the termination or expiry date to this Call-Off Contract to which the insurance relates.

10.2.2 The Supplier will also ensure that all agents and professional consultants involved in the supply of Services hold employers liability insurance to a minimum indemnity of £5,000,000 for each individual claim during the Call-Off Contract, and for 6 years after the termination or expiry date to this Call-Off Contract to which the insurance relates.

### 10.3 Additional or extended insurance

10.3.1 If requested by the Buyer, the Supplier will obtain additional insurance policies, or extend existing insurance policies procured under the Framework Agreement.

10.3.2 The Supplier will provide CCS and the Buyer with the following evidence that they have complied with clause 10.3.1 above:

- a broker's verification of insurance; or
- receipts in respect of the insurance premium; or
- other evidence of payment of the latest premiums due.

### 10.4 Supplier liabilities

10.4.1 Insurance will not relieve the Supplier of any liabilities under the Framework Agreement or this Call-Off Contract.

10.4.2 The Supplier will:

- take all risk control measures relating to the Services as it would be reasonable to expect of a contractor acting in accordance with Good Industry Practice, including the investigation and reports of claims to insurers;
- promptly notify the insurers in writing of any relevant material fact under any insurances of which the Supplier is, or becomes, aware; and
- hold all insurance policies and require any broker arranging the insurance to hold any insurance slips and other evidence of placing cover representing any of the insurance to which it is a Party.

10.4.3 The Supplier will not do or omit to do anything, which would vitiate any of the insurances.

### 10.5 Indemnity to principals

10.5.1 Where specifically outlined in this Call-Off Contract, the Supplier will ensure that the third-party public and products liability policy will contain an 'indemnity to principals' clause under which the Buyer will be compensated for both of the following claims against the Buyer:

- death or bodily injury; and
- third-party Property damage arising from connection with the Services and for which the Supplier is legally liable.

## 10.6 Cancelled, suspended, terminated or unrenewed policies

10.6.1 The Supplier will notify CCS and any Buyers as soon as possible if the Supplier becomes aware that any of the insurance policies have been, or are due to be, cancelled, suspended, terminated or not renewed.

## 10.7 Premium, excess and deductible payments

10.7.1 Where any insurance requires payment of a premium, the Supplier will:

- be liable for the premium; and
- pay such premium promptly.

10.7.2 Where any insurance is subject to an excess or deductible below the Supplier will be liable for it. The Supplier will not be entitled to recover any sum paid for insurance excess or any deductible from CCS or the Buyer.

## 11. Confidentiality

11.1 Except where disclosure is clearly permitted by this Call-Off Contract, neither Party will disclose the other Party's Confidential Information without the relevant Party's prior written consent.

11.2 Disclosure of Confidential Information is permitted where information:

- must be disclosed to comply with legal obligations placed on the Party making the disclosure
- belongs to the Party making the disclosure (who is not under any obligation of confidentiality) before its disclosure by the information owner
- was obtained from a third party who is not under any obligation of confidentiality, before receiving it from the disclosing Party
- is, or becomes, public knowledge, other than by breach of this clause or Call-Off Contract
- is independently developed without access to the other Party's Confidential Information
- is disclosed to obtain confidential legal professional advice.

11.3 The Buyer may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information:

- to any central government body on the basis that the information may only be further disclosed to central government bodies;
- to the UK Parliament, Scottish Parliament or Welsh or Northern Ireland Assemblies, including their committees;

- if the Buyer (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate while carrying out its public functions;
- on a confidential basis to exercise its rights or comply with its obligations under this Call-Off Contract; or
- On a confidential basis to a proposed transferee, assignee or novatee of, or successor in title to, the Buyer.

11.4 References to disclosure on a confidential basis will mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing the same terms as those placed on the Buyer under this clause.

11.5 The Supplier may only disclose the Buyer's Confidential Information to Supplier Staff who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information to provide the Services. The Supplier will ensure that its Supplier Staff will comply with these obligations.

11.6 Either Party may use techniques, ideas or knowledge gained during this Call-Off Contract unless the use of these things results in them disclosing the other Party's Confidential Information where such disclosure is not permitted by the Framework Agreement, or is an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

11.7 Information about orders placed by a Buyer (including pricing information and the terms of any Call-Off Contract) may be published by CCS and may be shared with other Buyers. Where Confidential Information is shared with other Buyers, CCS will notify the recipient of the information that its contents are confidential.

## **12. Conflict of Interest**

12.1 The Supplier will take all appropriate steps to ensure that Supplier Staff are not in a position where there is or may be an actual conflict between the financial or personal interests of the Supplier Staff and another Supplier where both are providing the Services to the Buyer under any Call-Off Contract in accordance with the Framework Agreement.

12.2 Any breach of this clause will be deemed to be a Material Breach.

12.3 A conflict of interest may arise in situations including where a member of the Supplier Staff:

- is related to someone in another Supplier team who both form part of the same team performing the Services under the Framework Agreement

- has a business interest in another Supplier who is part of the same team performing the Services under the Framework Agreement
- has been provided with, or had access to, information which would give the Supplier or an affiliated company an unfair advantage in the Tender process.

12.4 Where the Supplier identifies a risk of a conflict or potential conflict, they will (before starting work under this Call-Off Contract, unless otherwise agreed with the Buyer ) inform the Buyer of such conflicts of interest and how they plan to mitigate the risk. Details of such mitigation arrangements are to be sent to the Buyer as soon as possible. On receiving this notification, the Buyer will, at its sole discretion, notify the Supplier if the mitigation arrangements are acceptable or whether the risk or conflict remains a Material Breach.

### **13. Intellectual Property Rights**

13.1 The Supplier will have no rights to use any of the Buyer's names, logos or trademarks without the Buyer's prior written approval.

### **14. Data Protection and Disclosure**

14.1 The Supplier shall comply with any notification requirements under the DPA and both Parties will duly observe all their obligations under the DPA which arise in connection with the Framework Agreement or under this Call-Off Contract.

14.2 Where the Supplier is processing Buyer Data or Other Contracting Bodies' Personal Data, the Supplier shall ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the Authority and Other Contracting Bodies' Personal Data (and to guard against unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction of or damage to the Buyer Data and the Other Contracting Bodies' Personal Data.

14.3 The Supplier shall provide the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body with such information as the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body may reasonably request to satisfy itself that the Supplier is complying with its obligations under the DPA including;

- to promptly notify the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body of any breach of the security measures to be put in place pursuant to this Clause; and
- to ensure that it does not knowingly or negligently do or omit to do anything which places the Buyer and/or Other Contracting Body in breach of its obligations under the DPA and
- not to cause or permit to be processed, stored, accessed or otherwise transferred outside the European Economic Area any Buyer Data or Other

Contracting Body Personal Data supplied to it by the Buyer or Other Contracting Body without approval.

## **15. Buyer Data**

- 15.1 The Supplier will not remove any proprietary notices relating to the Buyer Data.
- 15.2 The Supplier will not store or use Buyer Data except where necessary to fulfill its obligations.
- 15.3 If Buyer Data is processed by the Supplier, the Supplier will supply the data to the Buyer as requested and in the format specified by the Buyer.
- 15.4 The Supplier will preserve the integrity of Buyer Data processed by the Supplier and prevent its corruption and loss.
- 15.5 The Supplier will ensure that any system which holds any Buyer Data complies with the security requirements prescribed by the Buyer.
- 15.6 The Supplier will ensure that any system on which the Supplier holds any protectively marked Buyer Data will be accredited as specific to the Buyer and will comply with:
  - the government security policy framework and information assurance policy;
  - guidance issued by the Centre for Protection of National Infrastructure on Risk Management and Accreditation of Information Systems; and
  - the relevant government information assurance standard(s).
- 15.7 Where the duration of this Call-Off Contract exceeds one year, the Supplier will review the accreditation status at least once a year to assess whether material changes have occurred which could alter the original accreditation decision in relation to Buyer Data. If any changes have occurred then the Supplier will re-submit such system for accreditation.
- 15.8 If at any time the Supplier suspects that the Buyer Data has or may become corrupted, lost, breached or significantly degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier will notify the Buyer immediately and will (at its own cost where such corruption, loss, breach or degradation of the Buyer Data was caused by the action or omission of the Supplier or its representatives) comply with any remedial action proposed by the Buyer.
- 15.9 The Supplier will provide at the request of CCS or the Buyer, any information relating to the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection

Act (to the extent arising under and/or in connection with the Framework Agreement and this Call-Off Contract). The Supplier will also ensure that it does not knowingly or negligently fail to do something that places CCS or any Buyer in breach of its obligations of the Data Protection Act. This is an absolute obligation and is not qualified by any other provision of this Call-Off Contract.

- 15.10 The Supplier agrees to use the appropriate organisational, operational and technological processes and procedures to keep the Buyer Data safe from unauthorised use or access, loss, destruction, theft or disclosure.
- 15.11 The provisions of this Clause 15 shall apply during the term of this Call-Off Contract and for such time as the Supplier holds the Buyer's Data.

#### **16. Records and audit access**

- 16.1 The Supplier will allow CCS (and CCS's external auditor) to access its information and conduct audits of the Services provided under this Call-Off Contract and the provision of Management Information.

#### **17. Freedom of Information (FOI) requests**

- 17.1 The Supplier will transfer any Request for Information to the Buyer within 2 UK working days of receipt.
- 17.2 The Supplier will provide all necessary help reasonably requested by the Buyer to enable the Buyer to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act or Regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.
- 17.3 To the extent it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so, CCS will make reasonable efforts to notify the Supplier when it receives a relevant FOIA or EIR request so that the Supplier may make appropriate representations.

#### **18. Standards and quality**

- 18.1 The Supplier will comply with any standards in this Call-Off Contract and Section 4 (How Services will be delivered) of the Framework Agreement.

#### **19. Security**

- 19.1 The Supplier will use software and the most up-to-date antivirus definitions available from an industry accepted antivirus software vendor to minimise the impact of Malicious Software.

- 19.2 If Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Buyer Data, the Supplier will help the Buyer to mitigate any losses and will restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Any costs arising from the actions of the Buyer or Supplier taken in compliance with the provisions of the above clause, will be dealt with by the Buyer and the Supplier as follows:
- by the Supplier, where the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier software or the Buyer Data while the Buyer Data was under the control of the Supplier, unless the Supplier can demonstrate that such Malicious Software was present and not quarantined or otherwise identified by the Buyer when provided to the Supplier.
  - by the Buyer if the Malicious Software originates from the Buyer software or the Buyer Data, while the Buyer Data was under the control of the Buyer.
- 19.4 The Supplier will immediately notify CCS of any breach of security in relation to CCS's Confidential Information (and the Buyer in relation to any breach regarding Buyer Confidential Information). The Supplier will recover such CCS and Buyer Confidential Information however it may be recorded.
- 19.5 Any system development by the Supplier must also comply with the government's '10 Steps to Cyber Security' guidance, available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-risk-management-a-board-level-responsibility/10-steps-summary>
- 20. Guarantee**
- 20.1 Where the Buyer has specified in the Order Form that this Call-Off Contract shall be conditional upon receipt of a Guarantee from the guarantor, the Supplier shall deliver to the Buyer a completed Guarantee in the form attached, on or prior to the Commencement Date; and deliver to the Buyer a certified copy of the passed resolution and/or board minutes of its guarantor approving the execution of the Guarantee.
- 21. Incorporation of terms**
- 21.1 Upon the execution of an Order, the terms and conditions agreed in the Order Form will be incorporated into this Call-Off Contract.
- 22. Managing disputes**
- 22.1 When either Party notifies the other of a dispute, both Parties will attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement as soon as possible.

- 22.2 Nothing in this procedure will prevent a Party from seeking any interim order restraining the other Party from doing any act or compelling the other Party to do any act.
- 22.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved, either Party will be entitled to refer it to mediation in accordance with the procedures below, unless:
- the Buyer considers that the dispute is not suitable for resolution by mediation,
  - the Supplier does not agree to mediation.
- 22.4 The procedure for mediation is as follows:
- A neutral adviser or mediator will be chosen by agreement between the Parties. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator within 10 UK working days after a request by one Party to the other, either Party will as soon as possible, apply to the mediation provider or to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) to appoint a mediator. This application to CEDR must take place within 12 UK working days from the date of the proposal to appoint a mediator, or within 3 UK working days of notice from the mediator to either Party that they are unable or unwilling to act.
  - The Parties will meet with the mediator within 10 UK working days of the mediator's appointment to agree a programme for the exchange of all relevant information and the structure for negotiations to be held. The Parties may at any stage seek help from the mediation provider specified in this clause to provide guidance on a suitable procedure.
  - Unless otherwise agreed, all negotiations connected with the dispute and any settlement agreement relating to it will be conducted in confidence and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties in any future proceedings.
  - If the Parties reach agreement on the resolution of the dispute, the agreement will be reduced to writing and will be binding on the Parties once it is signed by their duly authorised representatives.
  - Failing agreement, either Party may invite the mediator to provide a non-binding but informative opinion in writing. Such an opinion will be provided without prejudice and will not be used in evidence in any proceedings relating to this Call-Off Contract without the prior written consent of both Parties.
  - If the Parties fail to reach agreement in the structured negotiations within 60 UK working days of the mediator being appointed, or such longer period as may be agreed by the Parties, then any dispute or difference between them may be referred to the courts.

- 22.5 Either Party may request by written notice that the dispute is referred to expert determination if the dispute relates to:
- any technical aspect of the delivery of the digital services;
  - the underlying technology; or
  - otherwise is of a financial or technical nature.
- 22.6 An expert will be appointed by written agreement between the Parties, but if there is a failure to agree within 10 UK working days, or if the person appointed is unable or unwilling to act, the expert will be appointed on the instructions of the President of the British Computer Society (or any other association that has replaced the British Computer Society).
- 22.7 The expert will act on the following basis:
- they will act as an expert and not as an arbitrator and will act fairly and impartially;
  - the expert's determination will (in the absence of a material failure to follow the agreed procedures) be final and binding on the Parties;
  - the expert will decide the procedure to be followed in the determination and will be requested to make their determination within 30 UK working days of their appointment or as soon as reasonably practicable and the Parties will help and provide the documentation that the expert needs for the determination;
  - any amount payable by one Party to another as a result of the expert's determination will be due and payable within 20 UK working days of the expert's determination being notified to the Parties
  - the process will be conducted in private and will be confidential;
  - the expert will determine how and by whom the costs of the determination, including their fees and expenses, are to be paid.
- 22.8 Without prejudice to any other rights of the Buyer under this Call-Off Contract, the obligations of the Parties under this Call-Off Contract will not be suspended, ceased or delayed by the reference of a dispute submitted to mediation or expert determination and the Supplier and the Supplier Staff will comply fully with the Requirements of this Call-Off Contract at all times.

### **23. Termination**

- 23.1 The Buyer will have the right to terminate this Call-Off Contract at any time by giving the notice to the Supplier specified in Part A, the Order Form. The Supplier's obligation to provide the Services will end on the date set out in the Buyer's notice.

23.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that:

- the Buyer's right to terminate under this clause is reasonable in view of the subject matter of this Call-Off Contract and the nature of the Service being provided.
- the Call-Off Contract Charges paid during the notice period given by the Buyer in accordance with this clause are a reasonable form of compensation and are deemed to fully cover any avoidable costs or losses incurred by the Supplier which may arise either directly or indirectly as a result of the Buyer exercising the right to terminate under this clause without cause.
- Subject to clause 31 (Liability), if the Buyer terminates this Call-Off Contract without cause, they will indemnify the Supplier against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which result in any unavoidable Loss by the Supplier, provided that the Supplier takes all reasonable steps to mitigate such Loss. If the Supplier holds insurance, the Supplier will reduce its unavoidable costs by any insurance sums available. The Supplier will submit a fully itemised and costed list of such Loss, with supporting evidence of unavoidable Losses incurred by the Supplier as a result of termination.
- Either Party will have the right to terminate this Call-Off Contract where clause 29.2 applies.

23.3 The Buyer will have the right to terminate this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier if:

- the Supplier commits a Supplier Default and if the Supplier Default cannot, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, be remedied, or
- the Supplier commits any fraud.

23.4 Either Party may terminate this Call-Off Contract at any time with immediate effect by written notice (of not more than 30 UK working days) if the other Party commits a Material Breach of any term of this Call-Off Contract (other than failure to pay any amounts due under this Call-Off Contract) and, if such breach is remediable, fails to remedy that breach within a period of 15 UK working days of being notified in writing to do so.

23.5 If an Insolvency Event of either Party occurs, or the other Party ceases or threatens to cease to carry on the whole or any material part of its business, the other Party is entitled to terminate this Call-Off Contract with immediate effect.

23.5 If the Buyer fails to pay the Supplier undisputed sums of money when due, the Supplier shall notify the Buyer in writing of such failure to pay and allow the Buyer five (5) calendar days to settle the undisputed invoice. If the Buyer fails to pay such