

Invitation to Quote (ITQ) on behalf of Innovate UK
Subject Innovate UK North West sub-regional innovation and productivity

Sourcing reference number UK SBS BLOJEU-CR17156INN

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 SEQUENCIALLY

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

SEL1.1	Please state the full legal name and address and contact details of the organisation tendering (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted).
Bidder guidance	The information should be based on the details of the organisation bidding (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted). This is the legal entity with whom we will Contract if successful.
Scoring criteria	For information only
Bidder response	Table Bidders full legal name Address line 1 Address line 2 Address line 3 Address line 4 Town / City Country Post code (or equivalent) Bidder contact Telephone No. Email

SEL1.2	In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or; In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Fail No – Pass *If you have answered "yes" please provide, as an attachment to this question, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date. If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring. You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

SEL3.11	If you are Commercial organisation with a minimum financial turnover of £36M, please confirm that you are compliant with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall choose from the following options; A. N/A – our turnover is less than £36M B. Yes – information attached
	C. No (with justification) – we are not compliant but will be prior to commencement of a contract
	D. No – we are not and will not be compliant at the time of award of the contract
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail
Bidder response	Selection

SEL3.12	Cyber Essentials is mandatory for central government contracts advertised after 1 October 2014 which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials for those contracts featuring any of the characteristics set out below in bidders' guidance. Cyber Essentials is for all organisations, of all sizes, and in all sectors. This is not limited to companies in the private sector, but is also applicable to universities, charities, and public sector organisations. Further details are available at: https://www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials/
Bidder guidance	Any of the following characteristics will necessitate the mandatory requirement for bidders to have an up to date Cyber Essentials Certificate:
	i) Where personal information of citizens, such as home addresses, bank details, or payment information is handled by a supplier.
	 ii) Where personal information of Government employees, Ministers and Special Advisors such as payroll, travel booking or expenses information is handled by a supplier.
	iii) Where ICT systems and services are supplied which are designed to store, or process, data at the OFFICIAL level of the Government Protective Marking scheme.
	Bidders can answer
	Yes – the Cyber Essential Certificate is currently in place
	No – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we have no intention of having it in place for commencement of the contract
	Intend – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we intend to have it in place for commencement of the contract.
	A response of 'Yes' or 'Intend' will result in a pass and a response of 'No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No/Intend

CEI 2 42	Canaral Data Protection Degulations (CDDD)
SEL3.13	General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
	The GDPR is mandatory requirement for all contracts or agreements both in the contracting authority and the private sectors that involves the transfer and processing of personal data and comes into force on the 25th May 2018. It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they will be able to meet the
	technical requirements and obligations prescribed by the GDPR, even if the contract or agreement is concluded prior to it coming into force, so as the contract is future proofed and complies with all aspects with the GDPR, this is mutually beneficial to both parties and saves the Contracting Authority and the bidder the additional burden of amending the contract or agreement once the GDPR comes into force. All contracts or agreements that are awarded by the Contracting Authority (the data controller) shall contain terms and conditions that oblige the successful bidder and any bidder supply chain (data processor) to comply with the GDPR and indemnify the Contracting Authority (data controller).
	Further information and guidance relating to the GDPR is available from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) at:
	https://ico.org.uk/
Bidder guidance	Bidders can answer
	Yes – We will are able to demonstrate compliance as is required by the GDPR now
	No – We will not be compliant prior to any award and we have no intention of being compliant
	Intend – We are not compliant with the GDPR but we confirm that we will be compliant prior to commencement of the contract.
	A response of 'Yes' or 'Intend' will result in a pass and a response of 'No' will result in a fail against this question
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No / Intend

FOI1.1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR
	ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)
	Information provided in the course of the procurement process may be
	disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental
	Information Regulations 2004 if requested under an FOI request or EIR
	request.
	Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under
	the FOI Act exemptions and EIR Exceptions. More information on applying

	the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website http://ico.org.uk Please confirm you have been informed that information provided under this Bid may be disclosed under the FOI Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and agree to it being published irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) EXEMPTIONS			
	Please complete this section on	ly if you have agreed for your		
		er the FOI Act or EIR in Question		
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		nformation to be disclosed under the .1 please complete a field 'N/A' (Not		
	If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or			
		formation and why? If you are not eceptions please complete each field		
Bidder	The Bidder shall provide details of	The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in		
guidance	the table below.	ting a guessasful or unausassasful Did		
		ting a successful or unsuccessful Bid) uthority believes that the suggested		
		ot been applied properly as per the Act or		
	Regulation, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting			
		Authority.		
	Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'Yes' you have agreed for UK SBS to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004,			
	therefore you will not be approached for consent.			
Scoring criteria	For information only			
Bidder response	Confidential Information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act		
	Commercially sensitive information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act		

A1A/4 4	FORM OF RID
AW1.1	FORM OF BID I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in this ITQ are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to bid for the Contracting Authority's requirement and I am signing on behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Contracting Authority may reject this ITQ if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false/misleading information. I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that sourcing documents, including ITQ templates such as this, are published on a designated, publicly searchable web site, and, that the same applies to other sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority, including the ITQ, and any contract entered into by the Contracting Authority or its customers with its preferred supplier once the procurement is complete. By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree that our participation may be made public. I understand that the answers given in this response will not be published on the web site (but may fall to be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004). By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept the justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria. By submitting a response to this ITQ I agreed and accept that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change without notice the procedure for awarding the Contract, to reject any or all bids for the Contract, to stop the process and not award the Contract (in whole or in part) at any time without any liability on its part. By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept that nothing in this process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between the Parties unless and until a Contract is awarded. The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs resulting from cancellation of this process nor any costs incurred by Bidders taking part in thi
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

AW1.3	CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID
	The essence of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide competitive
	Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a
	bona fide bid, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of bid by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other
	person.
	We also certify that we have not done and we undertake that we will not do at any time

	before the hour and date specified for the return of this bid any of the following:
	(a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these
	bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed bid, except
	where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of
	the bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for
	the preparation of the bid;
	(b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that
	he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any bid to be
	submitted;
	(c) Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable
	consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having
	done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other
	bid or proposed bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of
	the sort described above.
	In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and any body or
	association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement"
	includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.
	We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract
	and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we
	or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced
	collusion in Bidding for this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority or shall employ any corrupt or illegal practices either in the obtaining or
	execution of this contract or any other contract with the Contracting Authority.
	We agree that the Contracting Authority may disclose the Bidders
	information/documentation (submitted to the Contracting Authority during this
	Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective
	cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related
	purposes.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass
guidance	
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
criteria	
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

AW3.1	In the event of a Bidder successfully providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority against a procurement requirement, the Bidder is expected to provide an answer to the attached questions as a validation check prior to the award of any Contract. If the Bidder fails to meet the Contracting Authority's expectations we reserve the right to not award the Contract to the relevant Bidder and either award to the Bidder with the second most advantageous response or run a new procurement.`
Bidder guidance	The Bidder is not required to complete the validation check at this stage but will be required to respond to the questions in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority's against a procurement requirement. Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes I have understood that I need to complete the validation check in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority

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AW4.1	Please confirm your acceptance of the attached Contract Terms. BLOJEU-CR17156IN N - Services purchas
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes , No with justification or No Yes – Pass No with justification – Pass. See question AW4.2 for details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu - Yes, No with justification, No

AW4.2	Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with 'no with justification' they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause.
Bidder guidance	A justification for not accepting a specific clause or series of clauses from the attached Contract Terms is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with that clause or series of clauses (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation). Where the Bidder has answered question AW4.1 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide a Contract mark-up utilising track changes detailing the relevant clause, the proposed changes to the clause and the justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied: • the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Contract Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and • the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the Contracting Authority and are reasonably necessary and proportionate to ensure the Bidder complies with the legal requirements and statutory regulations. Where a Bidder has answered Question AW4.1 with 'Yes' or 'No' it must answer 'not applicable' to achieve a Pass to question AW4.2 (noting that an answer of 'No' to question AW4.1 has already resulted in a fail). In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu 'N/A'

'I have answered AW4.1 'No with justification' and attach modifications / requested / justification'.

PRICE QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.1	Maximum Budget
	As stated within the tender documents, the maximum budget for this requirement will be £25,000.00 ex VAT. This should include all costs relating to the projects as well as Travel, Subsistence and Overhead costs.
	Please confirm that your final price submitted within AW5.2 will fall within this budget.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
ganaanse	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
criteria	
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

AW5.2	Bidders are required to complete the Excel Pricing Schedule attached in the Bidder Response section.		
	All prices shall be exclusive of VAT.		
	All costs appearing elsewhere in the Bid but not mentioned in this Pricing Schedule shall be presumed waived.		
	BLOJEU-CR17156IN N - AW5.2 Price Sche		
Bidder guidance	Bidders shall confirm they have completed the Pricing Schedule. The scoring methodology for this question shall be: 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.		
	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 x 50 = 40)		
	The lowest score possible is 0 even if the price submitted is more than 100% greater than the lowest price.		
	The lowest price for a response which meets the pass criteria shall score		

	lowest price.	100. All other bids shall be scored on a pro rata basis in relation to the lowest price. The lowest score possible is 0.			
	For example, a	For example, assuming the lowest bid is £100,000.			
	Score				
£100,000 0		0	100		
	£120,000	20%	80		
	£140,000	40%	60		
	£150,000	50%	50		
	£175,000	75%	25		
	£200,000	100%	0		
	£300,000	200%	0		
Scoring criteria	Maximum Mar	ks 20.00 %	<u>.</u>		
Bidder response	Yes				

QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

AW6.1	Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

SEL1.2	Capability of Staff		
	Please provide CV's of all the key members of the project team.		
Bidder guidance	Bidders should attach their answer as a pdf to this question.		
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	The Bidder shall make a declaration that they have provided the requested information in the form and content as required.		
Scoring criteria	For Information Only		
Bidder Response	[Selection] - I have attached resource details / I have not attached resource details		

PROJ1.1	<u>Approach</u>
	Please clearly explain and give reasoning for your proposed methodology and approach to achieving the objectives and delivering the outputs highlighted in the specification.
	As a minimum your response should include:
	 Methodological Challenges Give a detailed description of the methods to be used in undertaking the project, indicating the resources that will be utilised, outlining a clear justification as to why your chosen methodology will provide the best outcome; Set out how your methods meet the project objectives; Please include a recommendation for the size and composition of the analysis and justification for your approach, along with any risks.
	 Dissemination Provide details of how you would propose to work with Innovate UK to disseminate emerging and final findings to stimulate policy debate.

Bidder guidance	An attachment is allowed for this question
	Please attach your answer as a pdf document limited to six sides of A4 – Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 15.00%
Bidder response	[Selection] Yes, I have attached my answer as a pdf.

PROJ1.2	Project Team and Capability to Deliver
	Please demonstrate your knowledge of the skills and expertise that are essential to the successful delivery of this project. Please provide your methodology as to how you will maintain your ability to deliver these through the lifetime of the project.
Bidder	Bidders are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of the skills and expertise
guidance	that are essential to the successful delivery of this project. Within your response please provide a methodology as to how you will maintain your ability to deliver these through the lifetime of the project.
	As a minimum we require your response to contain the following information: • Within your appointment decisions please identify the appropriate expertise that your key members would bring to this project • Cover for staff absence • Dissemination of information / amendments • Procedures and practises
	An attachment is allowed for this question
	Please attach your answer as a pdf document limited to two sides of A4 – Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
Scoring	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
criteria	Maximum Mark: 25.00%
Bidder response	[Selection] I confirm I have uploaded my response as a pdf document.

PROJ1.3	<u>Understanding</u>	

	Please demonstrate that you have a clear and thorough understanding of the requirements and environment detailing outputs of this specification including the broader context for meeting these.
Bidder guidance	Bidders are asked to demonstrate that they have a clear and thorough understanding of the requirements and environment, detailing outputs of the specification including the broader context for meeting these. An attachment is allowed for this question. Please attach your answer as a pdf document limited to four sides of A4 – Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology. Maximum Mark: 25.00%
Bidder response	[Selection] I confirm I have uploaded my response as a pdf document.

PROJ1.4	Risk Management
Bidder guidance	Please identify key risks to the project and how these risks will be mitigated.
	Bidders should include how the project will be monitored to ensure it is delivered in terms of quality, timeliness and cost.
	Bidders are asked to identify the key risks to this project and how you would plan to mitigated against these. Your response should include how the project will be monitored to ensure it is delivered in terms of quality, timeliness and cost.
	An attachment is allowed for this question.
	Please attach your answer as a pdf document limited to one side of A4 – Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
Scoring criteria	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
	Maximum Mark: 15.00%
Bidder response	[Selection] I confirm I have uploaded my response as a pdf document.