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Contract Terms

This Contract is made on the Monday, 28th September 2020

between:

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy with offices at 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET ("the **Customer**"); and

AMION Consulting Limited, Winslow House, Rumford Court, 16 Rumford Place, Liverpool, United Kingdom, L3 9DG ("the **Supplier**"),

Both the Customer and the Supplier can be referred to as a "**Party**" or together the "**Parties**".

INTRODUCTION

(1) The Supplier is one of a number of organisations appointed by Crown Commercial Service (**CCS**) to the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and is therefore able to enter into this Contract to provide the Project(s) to the Customer.

(2) This Contract, made between the Customer and the Supplier, sets out the terms of the Supplier's appointment as a provider of the Project to the Customer. The Project will be delivered according to the terms of this Contract, any agreed Statement of Work, and the DPS Agreement.

(3) The Supplier's appointment has been confirmed in the Letter of Appointment.

(4) The Parties agree that the Project and associated Deliverables shall be supplied in accordance with the terms of the DPS Agreement and this Contract.

1. APPOINTMENT & STATEMENTS OF WORK

1.1. Throughout the Term of this Contract, the Supplier will perform Projects in accordance with agreed Statements of Work.

1.2. Subject to Clause 1.4 the Parties may agree new Projects to be delivered under this Contract by agreeing a new Statement of Work. This must be done in writing and using the form set out at Schedule 2 (Statement of Work). Once both Parties have signed a Statement of Work, it shall form part of this Contract.

1.3. Any schedule attached to a Statement of Work will describe in detail the different types of Services to be provided under that Statement of Work. A schedule attached to a Statement of Work only applies to the relevant Project to be delivered under that Statement of Work, and not to any other Statement of Work, or to the provision of the Project as a whole.

1.4. Where a Customer requires changes to the Project being provided this shall be dealt with as a proposed Variation to this Contract in accordance with the Variation procedure set out in Clause 9.

2. TERM

2.1. This Contract starts on the **Effective Date** and ends on the **Expiry Date,** as stated in the Letter of Appointment unless changed in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

2.2. The Customer may extend this Contract for any period up to the Extension Expiry Date by giving the Supplier notice in writing before the Expiry Date. The minimum notice which must be given in order to amend the Expiry Date is specified in the Letter of Appointment.

2.3. The revised date the contract will end (the **New Expiry Date)** will be set out in the notice given under Clause 2.2 above.

2.4. The terms and conditions of this Contract will apply throughout any extended period.

2.5. Each Project starts on the Project Commencement Date and ends on the Project Completion Date, unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with Clause 23.

3. CONTRACT GUARANTEE

3.1. Where the Customer has stated in the Letter of Appointment that this Contract is conditional on receipt of a Guarantee, then, on or prior to the Effective Date (or on any other date specified by the Customer), the Supplier must provide:

3.1.1. an executed Guarantee from a Guarantor; and

3.1.2. a certified copy extract of the board minutes and/or resolution of the Guarantor approving the execution of the Guarantee.

3.2. The Customer may at any time agree to waive compliance with the requirement in Clause 3.1 by giving the Supplier notice in writing.

4. CUSTOMER'S OBLIGATIONS

4.1. The Customer will give the Supplier instructions as to its requirements for the Project. These will be included in a Statement of Work and may include start and end dates for each stage of the proposed Project.

5. SERVICE DELAY, DELIVERY & RECTIFICATION

Service Delivery

5.1. The Supplier will give the Customer full and clear instructions as to what, if any, Customer Materials it reasonably requires to perform the Project.

5.1.1 comply with all Law;

5.1.2 use all reasonable and proper skill and care in its performance of Project;

5.1.3 comply with all reasonable Customer instructions regarding the Project, as long as these instructions do not materially amend the Statement of Work (unless the amendment has been agreed in accordance with Clause 9.1);

5.1.4 keep Customer Materials under its control safe and secure and in accordance with any security policy provided by the Customer; and

5.1.5 provide all Deliverables by any dates set out in the applicable Statement of Work or any other date(s) agreed by the parties in writing.

Delay

5.2. If the Customer materially breaches its obligations in connection with this Contract (including its payment obligations), and consequently delays or prevents the Supplier from performing any of the agreed Services or providing any of the agreed Deliverables this will be a "**Customer Cause**". In the event of a Customer Cause, the Supplier will be granted an appropriate extension of time (to be approved by the Customer, acting reasonably) to perform the agreed Services or provide the agreed Deliverables. The Supplier will not be liable for any Losses incurred by the Customer as a result of Customer Cause, provided the Supplier complies with its obligations set out at Clause 5.4.

5.3. The Supplier must notify the Customer within two (2) Working Days of the Supplier becoming aware that the Customer has breached, or is likely to breach, its obligations in connection with this Contract. This notice must detail:

5.3.1 the Customer Cause and its actual or potential effect on the Supplier's ability to meet its obligations under this Contract, and

5.3.2 any steps which the Customer can take to eliminate or mitigate the consequences and impact of such Customer Cause.

5.4. The Supplier must use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences and impact of a Customer Cause. The Supplier must try to mitigate against any Losses that the Customer or the Supplier may incur, and the duration and consequences of any delay or anticipated delay.

5.5. If at any time the Supplier becomes aware that it may not be able to deliver the Project by any date set out in the applicable Statement of Work (or any other deadline agreed by the Parties in writing), this will constitute a Default and the Supplier will immediately notify the Customer of the Default and the reasons for the Default.

5.6. If the Default described in Clause 5.5 above is in the Customer's opinion capable of remedy the Customer may, up to 10 Working Days from being notified of the Default, instruct the Supplier to comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

Rectification Plan Process

5.7. If instructed to comply with the Rectification Plan Process by the Customer under Clause 5.6 above, the Supplier will submit a draft Rectification Plan to the Customer to review as soon as possible and in any event within ten (10) Working Days (or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties) from being instructed to do so. The Supplier shall submit a draft Rectification Plan even if the Supplier does not agree that the Default is capable of remedy.

5.8. The draft Rectification Plan shall set out:

5.8.1 full details of the Default that has occurred, including the underlying reasons for it;

5.8.2 the actual or anticipated effect of the Default; and

5.8.3 the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify or mitigate the Default and to prevent any recurrence of the Default, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Default (where applicable).

5.9. The Supplier shall promptly provide to the Customer any further documentation that the Customer requires to assess the Supplier's reasoning behind the default. If the Parties do not agree on the root cause set out in the draft Rectification Plan, either Party may refer the matter to be determined in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 (Dispute Resolution Procedure).

5.10 The Customer may reject the draft Rectification Plan by notice to the Supplier if, acting reasonably, it considers that the draft Rectification Plan is inadequate. An example of an inadequate draft Rectification Plan is one which:

5.10.1 is insufficiently detailed to be capable of proper evaluation;

5.10.2 will take too long to complete;

5.10.3 will not prevent reoccurrence of the Default;

5.10.4 will rectify the Default but in a manner which is unacceptable to the Customer; or

5.10.5 will not rectify the Default.

5.11 The Customer will tell the Supplier as soon as reasonably practicable if it agrees to or rejects the draft Rectification Plan.

5.12 If the customer rejects the draft Rectification Plan, the customer will give reasons for its decision in its rejection notice. The Supplier must take these reasons into account in the preparation of a revised Rectification Plan. The Supplier shall submit a revised draft of the Rectification Plan to the Customer for review within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as agreed between the Parties) of the Customer's rejection notice.

5.13 If the Customer agrees the draft Rectification Plan, or any revised draft Rectification Plan, the Supplier shall immediately start work on the actions set out in the Rectification Plan.

6. SUPPLIER: OTHER APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Adverse public perception could have a detrimental impact on the Customers desired outcomes for the Project. To minimise this risk, the Supplier must not, without the Customer's Approval (not to be unreasonably withheld), provide research services to a third party during the Term of this Contract where the provision of such services (in the reasonable opinion of the Customer):

6.1.1 has the potential to adversely affect the Customer's desired outcome of the Project or diminish the trust that the public places in the Customer; or

6.1.2 is likely to cause embarrassment to the Customer or bring the Customer into disrepute or may result in a conflict of interest for the Customer.

6.2 Where the Supplier is already providing research services to a third party in the situations set out in 6.1 prior to the Effective Date, the Supplier warrants that it has informed the Customer of this before entering into this Contract.

6.3 If the Supplier becomes aware of a breach, or potential breach, of its obligations under Clause 6.1, the Supplier must notify the Customer immediately, providing full details of the nature of the breach and the likely impact on any Projects

6.4 If the Supplier breaches Clause 6.1, the Customer may terminate this Contract, a Project, or any part of a Project with immediate effect in accordance with Clause 23.3.

7. CUSTOMER: OTHER APPOINTMENTS

7.1 Subject to Clause 6 the relationship between the Parties is non-exclusive. The Customer is entitled to appoint any other Supplier to perform the Project which are the same or similar to the Project.

8. PERSONNEL

8.1 The Supplier must ensure that Supplier personnel who provide the Project:

8.1.1 are appropriately experienced, qualified and trained to provide the Project in accordance with this Contract;

8.1.2 apply all reasonable skill, care and diligence in providing the Project;

8.1.3 obey all lawful instructions and reasonable directions of the Customer and provide the Project to the reasonable satisfaction of the Customer, and

8.1.4 are vetted in accordance with Good Industry Practice and where applicable, the security requirements of the Customer and the

Standards.

8.2 The Supplier will be liable for all acts or omissions of the Supplier personnel. Any act or omission of a member of any Supplier personnel which results in a breach of this Contract is a breach by the Supplier.

8.3 The Customer acknowledges and agrees that it may be necessary for the Supplier to replace the personnel providing the Project with alternative personnel with similar levels of seniority and experience.

8.4 The Supplier will seek to ensure that any Key Individual responsible for the provision of the Project will remain involved in the Project. If any Key Individual leaves the Supplier, or ceases to be involved in the provision of the Project for any reason (for example, if they are promoted to a different role within the Supplier), the Supplier will consult with the Customer and, subject to the Customer 's Approval, appoint a suitable replacement.

8.5 If the Customer reasonably believes that any of the Supplier personnel are unsuitable to undertake work on this Contract, it will notify the Supplier who will then end the person's involvement in providing the Project.

9. VARIATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

9.1 Either Party may request a change to this Contract, a Project or a Statement of Work. Any requested change must not amount to a material change of this Contract (within the meaning of the Regulations and the Law). A change, once implemented, is called a **"Variation"**.

9.2 A Party may request a Variation by completing, signing and sending the Variation Form to the other Party. The requesting Party must give sufficient information for the receiving Party to assess the extent of the proposed Variation and any additional cost that may be incurred by it.

9.3 Subject to Clause 9.5, the receiving Party must respond to the request within the time limits specified in the Variation Form. The time limits shall be reasonable and ultimately at the discretion of the Customer, having regard to the nature of the Project and the proposed Variation.

9.4 If the Supplier requests a Variation, the Customer can ask the Supplier to carry out an assessment of the effects of the proposed Variation (an **Impact Assessment**). The Impact Assessment must consider:

9.4.1 the impact of the proposed Variation on the Project and Supplier's ability to meet its other obligations under this Contract (including in relation to other Statements of Work);

9.4.2 the initial cost of implementing the proposed Variation and any ongoing costs post- implementation;

9.4.3 any increase or decrease in the Contract Charges, any alteration in the resources or expenditure required by either Party and any alteration to the working practices of either Party;

9.4.4 a timetable for the implementation, together with any proposals for the testing of the Variation; and

9.4.5 any other information the Customer reasonably asks for in response to the Variation request.

9.5 The Parties may agree to adjust the time limits specified in the Variation Form so the Impact Assessment can be carried out.

9.6 If the Parties agree the Variation, the Supplier will implement it, and be bound by it as if it was part of this Contract.

9.7 Until a Variation is agreed, the Supplier must continue to perform and be paid for the Project as originally agreed, unless otherwise notified by the Customer.

9.8 Subject to Clauses 9.9 and 23.1 the Customer can require the Supplier to suspend or cancel any Project or Statement of Work, or any part of a Project, including any plans, schedules or work in progress at any time, regardless of whether a Variation has been requested. Any request shall be made by an Authorised Customer Approver in writing. The Supplier will take all reasonable steps to comply with any such request as soon as possible.

9.9 In the event of any cancellation under Clause 9.8, the Customer will pay the Supplier all Contract Charges reasonably and properly incurred by the Supplier during the Project Notice Period, provided that the Supplier uses all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any charges or expenses.

10. APPROVALS AND AUTHORITY

10.1 For the purposes of this Contract, any reference to Customer Approval means written approval in one of the following ways:

10.1.1 the Customer issuing a purchase order bearing the signature of an Authorised Customer Approver, or

10.1.2 e-mail from the individual business e-mail address of an Authorised Customer Approver, or

10.1.3 the signature of an Authorised Customer Approver on the Supplier's documentation

10.2 Any reference to Supplier Approval means written approval in one of the following ways:

10.2.1 e-mail from the individual business e-mail address of an Authorised Supplier Approver, or

10.2.2 the signature of an Authorised Supplier Approver on the Customer's documentation

10.3 The Supplier will seek the Customer's Approval of:

10.3.1 any estimates or quotations for any costs to be paid by the Customer that are not agreed in a Statement of Work.

10.4 The Supplier will seek the Customer's Approval of any draft Deliverables. The Customer's Approval will be the Supplier's authority to proceed with the use of the relevant Deliverables.

10.5 If the Customer does not approve of any matter requiring Approval, it must notify the Supplier of its reasons for disapproval within fourteen (14) days of the Supplier's request.

10.6 If the Customer delays giving Approval or notifying the Supplier as to its disapproval, the Supplier will not be liable for any resulting delays or adverse impact caused to the delivery of the Project.

11. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

11.1 During the Term of this Contract, the Supplier will:

11.1.1 keep the Customer fully informed as to the progress and status of all Services and Deliverables, by preparing and submitting written reports at such intervals and in such format as is agreed by the Parties.

11.1.2 promptly inform the Customer of any actual or anticipated problems relating to provision of the Deliverables.

11.2 During the Term, the Parties' respective project managers will arrange and attend meetings to review the status and progress of the Project(s) and to seek to resolve any issues that have arisen. These meetings will be held at locations and intervals as agreed by the parties.

11.3 Unless otherwise agreed in the Statement of Work, the Supplier will produce contact reports providing each Party with a written record of matters of substance discussed at meetings or in telephone conversations between the parties within three (3) Working Days of such discussions. If the Customer does not question any of the subject matter of a contact report within seven (7) Working Days of its receipt, it will be taken to be a correct record of the meeting or telephone conversation.

12. FEES AND INVOICING

12.1. The Contract Charges for the Project will be the full and exclusive remuneration of the Supplier for supplying the Project. Unless expressly agreed in writing by the Customer in the Statements of Work, the Contract Charges will include every cost and expense of the Supplier directly or indirectly incurred in connection with the performance of the Project.

12.2. All amounts stated are exclusive of VAT which will be charged at the prevailing rate. The Customer shall, following the receipt of a valid VAT invoice, pay to the Supplier a sum equal to the VAT chargeable in respect of the Project.

12.3. The Supplier will invoice the Customer in accordance with the payment profile agreed in the Statements of Work. Each invoice will include all supporting information required by the Customer to verify the accuracy of the invoice, including the relevant Purchase Order Number and a breakdown of the Project supplied in the invoice period.

12.4. The Customer will pay the Supplier the invoiced amounts no later than thirty (30) days after verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed and includes a valid Purchase Order Number. The Customer may, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies under this Contract, withhold or reduce payments in the event of unsatisfactory performance.

12.5. If the Customer does not pay an undisputed amount properly invoiced by the due date, the Supplier has the right to charge interest on the overdue amount at the interest rate specified in the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

12.6. The Customer is entitled to deduct from any sum due any money that the Supplier owes the Customer. This includes any sum which the Supplier is liable to pay to the Customer in respect of breach of this Contract. In these circumstances, the Supplier may not assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Customer.

12.7. The Supplier will indemnify the Customer on a continuing basis against any liability (to include any interest, penalties or costs incurred, levied, demanded or assessed) on the Customer at any time in respect of the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any VAT on payments made to the Supplier under this Contract. Any amounts due under Clause 12.2 will be paid by the Supplier to the Customer not less than five (5) Working Days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Customer.

12.8. If there is a dispute between the Parties about an amount invoiced, the Customer will pay the undisputed amount by the due date. The Supplier will not suspend the supply of the Project in any Project, unless the Supplier is entitled to terminate that Project for a failure to pay undisputed sums in accordance with Clause 23.7.7.

13. THIRD PARTY AGENCIES: ASSIGNMENT AND SUB-

CONTRACTING Assignment and Sub-Contracting

13.1. Other than where a Sub-Contractor is agreed in the Letter of Appointment or a Statement of Work, the Supplier will not, without the Approval of the Customer, assign, sub-contract, novate or in any way dispose of the benefit or the burden of this Contract or any part of it.

13.2. In requesting Approval to sub-contract, the Supplier will:

13.2.1 use reasonable care and skill in the selection of proposed Sub-Contractors;

13.2.2 if the Customer requests, the Supplier will obtain more than one quote for a particular sub-contracted service; and

13.2.3 provide the Customer with a business case for sub-contracting all or part of the Project, identifying the reasons for the Supplier to sub-contract to its proposed Sub-Contractor. The Customer may reject the Supplier's request to appoint a proposed Sub-Contractor if it considers the proposed Sub-Contractor does not provide value for money.

13.3. If the Customer consents to the Supplier's proposed Sub-Contractor, it shall be a Sub- Contractor as the term is defined in Schedule 1 (Definitions).

13.4. In granting consent to any assignment, novation sub-contracting or disposal, the Customer may set additional terms and conditions it considers necessary.

13.5. The Supplier shall ensure that its Sub-Contractor does not further sub-contract all or part of the Project or Deliverables without the Customer's Approval.

13.6. Any contracts the Supplier enters into with third party suppliers for Services and Deliverables ("**Sub-Contracts**") must be on terms that are in line with the Supplier's standard contractual terms and conditions, must not permit further sub-contracting, and must not conflict with the terms of this Contract.

13.7. Provided that the Supplier has notified the Customer of any significant restrictions or contract terms contained in any Sub-Contracts, the Customer hereby acknowledges that:

13.7.1. its right to use or otherwise benefit from any Services or Deliverables acquired under Sub-Contracts will be as set out in the Sub-Contracts; and

13.7.2. it will be responsible for any reasonable and proper charges or liabilities (including cancellation payments) that the Supplier is directly liable for under Sub-Contracts only to the extent that that these are caused by an act or omission of the Customer or its Affiliates.

13.8. The Supplier will promptly provide the Customer with a copy of any Sub-Contract if requested to do so.

13.9. The Supplier will be responsible for the acts and omissions of its sub-contractors as though those acts and omissions were its own.

13.10. The Supplier will obtain the Customer's Approval before commissioning services from any Supplier Affiliate.

Supply Chain Protection

13.11. The Supplier will ensure that all Sub-Contracts contain provisions:

13.11.1 Requiring the Supplier to pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to the Sub-Contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the receipt of a Valid Invoice;

13.11.2. requiring the Supplier to verify any invoices submitted by a Sub-Contractor in a timely manner;

13.11.3. giving the Customer the right to publish the Supplier's compliance with its obligation to pay undisputed invoices to the Sub-Contractor within the specified payment period;

13.11.4. giving the Supplier a right to terminate the Sub-Contract if the Sub-Contractor fails to comply with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law; and

13.11.5. requiring the Sub-Contractor to include in any Sub-Contract which it in turn awards provisions to the same effect as those required by this Clause 13.11.

14. DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

14.1. The Supplier will disclose to the Customer any commission, discount or rebate earned by the Supplier arising in respect of third party costs directly related to the Projects. The Customer will receive the full benefit of such commission, discount or rebate.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY, TRANSPARENCY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

CONFIDENTIALITY

15.1. For the purposes of the Clauses below, a Party which receives or obtains, directly or indirectly, Confidential Information is a "**Recipient**". A Party which discloses or makes available Confidential Information is a "**Disclosing Party**".

15.2. Unless a Recipient has express permission to disclose Confidential Information, it must:

15.2.1. treat the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information as confidential and store it securely;

15.2.2. not disclose the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information to any other person except as expressly set out in this Contract or with the owner's prior written consent;

15.2.3. not use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in any way except for the purposes anticipated under this Contract, and

15.2.4. immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects or becomes aware of any unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure in any form of any of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information.

15.3 A Recipient is entitled to disclose Confidential Information if:

15.3.1. where disclosure is required by applicable Law or by a court with the required jurisdiction if the Recipient Party notifies the Disclosing Party of the

full circumstances, the affected Confidential Information Contract and extent of the disclosure;

15.3.2. if the Recipient already had the information without obligation of confidentiality before it was disclosed by the Disclosing Party;

15.3.3. if the information was given to it by a third party without obligation of confidentiality;

15.3.4. if the information was in the public domain at the time of the disclosure;

15.3.5. if the information was independently developed without access to the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information;

15.3.6. to its auditors or for the purposes of regulatory requirements;

15.3.7. on a confidential basis, to its professional advisers on a need-to-know basis; and/or

15.3.8. to the Serious Fraud Office where the Recipient has reasonable grounds to believe that the Disclosing Party is involved in activity that may be a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010.

15.4 If the Recipient is required by Law to disclose Confidential Information, it should notify the Disclosing Party as soon as reasonably practicable and to the extent permitted by Law. It may advise the Disclosing Party of what Law or regulatory body requires such disclosure and what Confidential Information it will be required to disclose.

15.5 Subject to Clauses 15.3 the Supplier may disclose Confidential Information, on a confidential basis, to:

15.5.1. Supplier personnel or Sub-Contractors who are directly involved in the provision of the Project and need to know the Confidential Information to enable performance under this Contract, and

15.5.2. its professional advisers for the purposes of obtaining advice in relation to this Contract.

15.6 Where the Supplier discloses Confidential Information in such circumstances, it remains responsible for ensuring the persons to whom the information was disclosed comply with the confidentiality obligations set out in this Contract.

15.7 The Customer may disclose the Confidential Information of the Supplier:

15.7.1. to any Central Government Body, on the basis that the information may only be further disclosed to Central Government Bodies

15.7.2. to Parliament, including any Parliamentary committees, or if required by any British Parliamentary reporting requirement

15.7.3. if disclosure is necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions

15.7.4. on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, supplier or other person engaged by a Central Government Body or Contracting Body (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Contract

15.7.5. on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under this Contract, or

15.7.6. to a proposed successor in title (transferee, assignee or novatee) of the Customer.

15.8 Any references to disclosure on a confidential basis means disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Customer under this clause 15.

15.9 Nothing in this Clause 15 will prevent a Recipient from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of this Contract in the course of its normal business, as long as this use does not result in a disclosure of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

15.10 If the Supplier fails to comply with this Clause 15, the Customer can terminate this Contract.

TRANSPARENCY

15.11 Except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of this Contract (and any Transparency Reports submitted by the Supplier under it) is not Confidential Information. This will be made available in accordance with the procurement policy note 13/15 www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/458554/Procureme nt Policy Note 13 15.pdf and the Transparency Principles referred to therein.

15.12 The Customer will determine whether any of the content of this Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA. The Customer may consult with the Supplier to inform its decision regarding any redactions but will have absolute discretion over the final decision.

15.13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the Supplier consents to the Customer publishing this Contract in its entirety (including any agreed changes). Any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA will be redacted).

15.14 The Supplier will cooperate with the Customer to enable publication of this Contract.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

15.15 The Customer is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the EIRs. The Supplier will:

15.15.1. provide all necessary assistance to the Customer to enable it to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.

15.15.2. send all Requests for Information it receives relating to this Contract to the Customer as soon as practicable and within a maximum of two (2) Working Days from receipt.

15.15.3. provide the Customer with a copy of all Information belonging to the Customer requested in the Request for Information which is in its possession or control in the form that the Customer requires within five (5) Working Days of the Customer's request.

15.16 The Supplier must not respond directly to a Request for Information without the Customer's Approval.

15.17 The Customer may be required under the FOIA and EIRs to disclose Information (including Commercially Sensitive Information) without consulting or obtaining consent from the Supplier. The Customer will take reasonable steps to notify the Supplier of a Request for Information where it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so. However, the Customer will be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other information are exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and/or the EIRs.

16. SUPPLIER WARRANTIES

16.1. The Supplier warrants that:

16.1.1 it has full capacity and authority to enter into this Contract and that by doing so it will not be in breach of any obligation to a third party;

16.1.2 the personnel who perform the Project are competent and suitable do so;

16.2. The Supplier undertakes that:

16.2.1. the use of the Deliverables by the Customer in accordance with this Contract and for the purposes set out in the Statement of Work will not infringe the copyright of any third party; and

16.2.2. as at the date they are delivered, the Deliverables of this Contract may be used for the purposes set out in the Statement of Work and comply with all relevant regulations and standards stipulated within the Statement of Work.

16.3. The Supplier hereby indemnifies the Customer against any Losses incurred by the Customer as a result of breach by the Supplier of its warranty and undertaking in Clauses 16.1 and 16.2.

17. CUSTOMER WARRANTIES

17.1. The Customer warrants that:

17.1.1 it has full capacity and authority to enter into this Contract and that by doing so it will not be in breach of any obligation to a third party; and

17.1.2 the Customer Materials will not, when used in accordance with this Contract and any written instructions given by the Customer, infringe third party copyright.

18. LIABILITY

18.1. Nothing in this Contract will exclude or in any way limit either Party's liability for fraud, death or personal injury caused by its negligence.

18.2. Subject always to Clauses 18.1 and 18.3, the maximum amount the Supplier can be liable for in respect of all Defaults shall in no event exceed:

18.2.1. in relation to any Defaults occurring from the Effective Date to the end of the first Contract Year, the higher of the figure specified in the Letter of Appointment or a sum equal to 125% of the Contract Charges estimated

by the Customer for the first Contract Year;

18.2.2. in relation to any Defaults occurring in each subsequent Contract Year that commences during the remainder of the Term, the higher of the figure specified in the Letter of Appointment or a sum equal to 125% of the Contract Charges payable to the Supplier under this Contract in the previous Contract Year; and

18.2.3. in relation to any Defaults occurring in each Contract year that commences after the end of the Initial Term, the higher of the figure specified in the Letter of Appointment or a sum equal to 125% of the Contract charges payable to the Supplier under this Contract in the last Contract Year commencing during the Term.

18.3. Subject to Clause 18.1 and except for any claims arising under Clause 20.12, neither Party will be liable to the other in any situation for any:

18.3.1. loss of profits

18.3.2. loss of goodwill or reputation

18.3.3. loss of revenue

18.3.4. loss of savings whether anticipated or otherwise; or

18.3.5. indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind

18.4. Without prejudice to its obligation to pay the undisputed Contract Charges as and when they fall due for payment, the Customer's total aggregate liability in respect of all defaults, claims, losses or damages howsoever caused will in no event exceed the figure specified in the Letter of Appointment.

19. INSURANCE

19.1. The Supplier will hold insurance policies to the value sufficient to meet its liabilities in connection with this Contract (including any specific insurance requirements as are set out in the Statements of Work). The Supplier will provide the Customer with evidence that such insurance is in place at the Customer's request.

19.2. The Supplier will effect and maintain the policy or policies of insurance as stipulated in the Letter of Appointment.

19.3. If, for whatever reason, the Supplier fails to comply with the provisions of this Clause 19 the Customer may make alternative arrangements to protect its interests. If the Customer does so, it may recover the premium and other costs of such arrangements as a debt due from the Supplier.

19.4. Any insurance effected by the Supplier will not relieve it of any liability under this Contract. It is the Supplier's responsibility to determine the amount of insurance cover that will be adequate to enable the Supplier to satisfy any liability in relation to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

19.5. The Supplier must ensure that the policies of insurance it holds pursuant to this Clause 19 are not cancelled, suspended or vitiated. The Supplier will use all reasonable endeavours to notify the Customer (subject to third party confidentiality

obligations) as soon as practicable when it becomes aware of any circumstance whereby the relevant insurer could give notice to cancel, rescind, suspend or void any insurance, or any cover or claim under any insurance in whole or in part.

20. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR)

20.1. The Supplier acknowledges that the Customer retains ownership of Customer Materials and all Intellectual Property Rights in them. This includes any modifications or adaptations of Customer Materials produced by the Supplier in the course of delivering the Project. The Customer hereby grants to the Supplier a non-exclusive license to use the Customer Materials during the applicable Project Term solely for the purposes of delivering the Project.

20.2. The Supplier hereby:

20.2.1. assigns to the Customer all of the Intellectual Property Rights other than copyright and database rights in the Supplier Materials which are capable of being assigned, together with the right to sue for past infringement of such Intellectual Property Rights in the Supplier Materials; and

20.2.2. assigns to the Crown all of the copyright and database rights in the Supplier Materials which are capable of being assigned, together with the right to sue for past infringement of such copyright and database rights in the Supplier Materials.

20.3. All Intellectual Property Rights in the Supplier Proprietary Materials remain the property of the Supplier. The Supplier grants to the Customer a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use any Supplier Proprietary Materials as are included in the Deliverables, in the Territory, for the period of time and for the purposes set out in the Statement of Work.

20.4. All Intellectual Property Rights in Project Specific Materials shall be owned by the Customer and the Customer hereby grants a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use any Project Specific Materials for the purposes of providing the Project throughout the Term.

20.5. Prior to delivery of the Deliverables to the Customer, the Supplier will obtain all licenses or consents in respect of Third Party Materials that are required so the Customer can use these Third Party Materials for the purposes set out in the Statement of Work. The Supplier will notify the Customer of any restrictions on usage and any other contractual restrictions arising in respect of such Third Party Materials.

20.6. The Supplier agrees:

20.6.1. at the Customer 's request and expense, to take all such actions and execute all such documents as are necessary (in the Customer 's reasonable opinion) to enable the Customer to obtain, defend or enforce its rights in the Supplier Materials and Deliverables; and

20.6.2. neither to do nor fail to do any act which would or might prejudice the

Customer's rights under this Clause 20.

20.7. To the extent permitted by law, the Supplier shall ensure that all Moral Rights in the Supplier Materials are waived. Where it is not lawfully possible to waive Moral Rights, the Supplier agrees not to assert any Moral Rights in respect of the Supplier Materials.

20.8. The Supplier will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that all Moral Rights in Third Party Materials are waived. Where it is not lawfully possible to waive Moral Rights, the Supplier will work with the owner or creator of the Third Party Materials to procure that Moral Rights are not asserted in respect of Third Party Materials. If the Supplier cannot obtain such waiver of (or agreement not to assert) such Moral Rights in respect of any Third Party Materials, the Supplier will notify the Customer and will obtain the Customer 's Approval prior to incorporating such Third Party Materials into the Deliverables.

20.9. During the Term, if the Supplier is asked to take part in a competitive pitch or other similar process for the Customer, then notwithstanding any of the previous provisions of this Clause 20, the Supplier will retain ownership of all Intellectual Property Rights in any Materials forming part of the pitch process. If the Supplier is successful in such pitch and the Parties agree that such Materials will be used in a Project the Supplier will assign all such Intellectual Property Rights to the Customer.

20.10. The Supplier is not liable in connection with this Contract for any modifications, adaptations or amendments to any Deliverables made by the Customer or by a third party on the Customer's behalf after the Supplier has handed them over. The Supplier is also not liable if any fault, error, destruction or other degradation in the quality and/or quantity of the Deliverables arises due to the acts or omissions of the Customer or its Affiliates.

20.11. The terms of and obligations imposed by this Clause 20 continue after the termination of this Contract.

20.12. The Supplier will indemnify the Customer in full against all Losses (whether direct or indirect) in connection with any claim made against the Customer for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's intellectual property rights in connection with the supply or use of the Project, if the claim is attributable to the acts or omission of the Supplier any of its Associates. This indemnity extends to any interest, penalties, and reasonable legal and other professional fees awarded against or incurred or paid by the Customer.

21. AUDIT

21.1. The Supplier will keep and maintain full and accurate records and accounts of the operation of this Contract, the Project provided under it, any Sub-Contracts and the amounts paid by the Customer for at least seven (7) years after the Expiry Date or New Expiry Date, or such longer period as the Parties agree.

21.2. The Supplier will:

21.2.1. keep the records and accounts referred to in Clause 21.1 in accordance with Good Industry Practice and Law, and

21.2.2. afford any Auditor access to the records and accounts referred to in Clause 21.1 at the Supplier's premises and/or provide records and accounts (including copies of the Supplier's published accounts) or copies of the same to Auditors throughout the Term and the period specified in Clause 21.1. This is so the Auditor(s) can assess compliance by the Supplier and/or its Sub-Contractors with the Supplier's obligations under this Contract, and in particular to:

a) verify the accuracy of the Contract Charges and any other amounts payable by the Customer under this Contract (and proposed or actual variations to them in accordance with this Contract);

b) verify the costs of the Supplier (including the costs of all Sub-Contractors and any third party suppliers) in connection with the provision of the Project;

c) verify the Supplier's and each Sub-Contractor's compliance with the applicable Laws;

d) identify or investigate an actual or suspected act of fraud or bribery, impropriety or accounting mistakes or any breach or threatened breach of security. In these circumstances, the Customer is not obliged to inform the Supplier of the purpose or objective of its investigations;

e) identify or investigate any circumstances which may impact upon the financial stability of the Supplier or any Sub-Contractors or their ability to perform the Project;

f) obtain such information as is necessary to fulfil the Customer's obligations to supply information for parliamentary, ministerial, judicial or administrative purposes, including the supply of information to the Comptroller and Auditor General;

g) review any books of account and the internal contract management accounts kept by the Supplier in connection with this Contract;

h) carry out the Customer's internal and statutory audits and to

prepare, examine and/or certify the Customer's annual and interim reports and accounts

i) enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination under Section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983;

j) review any records relating to the Supplier's performance of the provision of the Project and to verify that these reflect the Supplier's own internal reports and records;

k) verify the accuracy and completeness of any information delivered or required by this Contract;

l) inspect the Customer Materials, including the Customer 's Intellectual Property Rights, equipment and facilities, for the purposes of ensuring that the Customer Materials are secure; and

m) review the integrity, confidentiality and security of any Customer data.

21.2.3. audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Supplier or delay the provision of the Project (although the Supplier accepts and acknowledges that control over the conduct of audits carried out by the Auditor(s) is outside of the control of the Customer.)

21.3. Subject to the Supplier's rights in respect of Confidential Information, the Supplier will on demand, provide the Auditor(s) with all reasonable co-operation and assistance in providing:

21.3.1. all reasonable information requested by the Customer within the scope of the audit;

21.3.2. reasonable access to sites controlled by the Supplier and to any equipment used in the provision of the Project; and

21.3.3. access to the Supplier personnel.

21.4. The Parties agree that they will bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred during any Audit, unless the Audit reveals a default by the Supplier, whereby the Supplier will reimburse the Customer for the Customer's reasonable costs incurred in relation to the Audit.

21.5. If an Audit reveals that the Customer has been overcharged, the Supplier will reimburse to the Customer the amount of the overcharge within thirty (30) days. If an Audit reveals the Supplier has been underpaid, the Customer shall pay to the Supplier the amount of the underpayment within thirty (30) days.

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23. TERMINATION

Customer Rights of Termination

23.1. The Customer may, by giving no less than three (3) month's written notice to the

Supplier, terminate this Contract without cause.

23.2. The Customer may terminate or cancel a Project at any time subject to Clause 9.8 and payment of all Contract Charges specifically set out at Clause 9.9 of Clause 9 (Variations and Cancellations).

23.3. The Customer may terminate this Contract or a Project by written notice to the Supplier with immediate effect if the Supplier:

23.3.1. commits a material Default which cannot be remedied;

23.3.2. repeatedly breaches any of the terms and conditions of this Contract in such a manner as to indicate that it does not have the intention or ability to adhere to the terms and conditions;

23.3.3. commits a Default, including a material Default, which in the opinion of the Customer is remediable but has not remedied such Default to the satisfaction of the Customer within thirty (30) days of receiving notice specifying the Default and requiring it to be remedied or in accordance with the Rectification Plan Process;

23.3.4. breaches any of the provisions of Clauses 6.1 (Supplier: Other Appointments), 10 (Approvals and Authority), 15 (Confidentiality, Transparency and Freedom of Information), and 32 (Prevention of Fraud and Bribery);

23.3.5. is subject to an Insolvency Event; or

23.3.6. fails to comply with legal obligations.

23.4. The Supplier must notify the Customer as soon as practicable of any Change of Control or any potential Change of Control.

23.5. The Customer may terminate this Contract with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier within six (6) Months of:

23.5.1. being notified in writing that a Change of Control is anticipated or in contemplation or has occurred; or

23.5.2. where no notification has been made, the date that the Customer becomes aware that a Change of Control is anticipated or is in contemplation or has occurred,

but shall not be permitted to terminate where an Approval was granted prior to the Change of Control.

23.6. The Customer may terminate this Contract or a Project by giving the Supplier at least fourteen (14) days' notice if:

23.6.1. the DPS Agreement is terminated for any reason;

23.6.2. the Parties fail to agree a Variation under Clause 9; or

23.6.3. the Supplier fails to implement an agreed Variation.

23.7. Where this Contract is conditional upon them Supplier procuring a Guarantee pursuant to Clause 3 (Contract Guarantee), the Customer may terminate this Contract by issuing a notice of termination Notice to the Supplier where:

23.7.1. the Guarantor withdraws the Guarantee for any reason;

23.7.2. the Guarantor is in breach or anticipatory breach of Guarantee;

23.7.3. an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Guarantor; or

23.7.4. the Guarantee becomes invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever,

23.7.5. and in each case the Guarantee (as applicable) is not replaced by an alternative guarantee agreement acceptable to the Customer; or

23.7.6. the Supplier fails to provide the documentation required by Clause 3.1 by the date so specified by the Customer.

Supplier Rights to Terminate

23.8. The Supplier may terminate a Project by written notice to the Customer if:

23.9. the Customer has not paid any undisputed amounts falling due under that Project, and

23.10. the undisputed sum due remains outstanding for forty (40) Working Days after the Customer has received a written notice of non-payment from the Supplier specifying:

a) the Customer's failure to pay;

b) the correct overdue and undisputed sum;

c) the reasons why the undisputed sum is due; and

d) the requirement on the Customer to remedy the failure to pay

This right of termination does not apply where the failure to pay is due to the Customer exercising its rights under this Contract (including the right to set off under Clause 29). This Contract shall then terminate on the date specified in the Termination Notice (which shall not be less than twenty (20) Working Days from the date of the issue of the Termination Notice), save that such right of termination shall not apply where the failure to pay is due to the Customer exercising its rights under this Contract including Clause 30 (Retention and Set off).

23.11. The Supplier shall not suspend the supply of the Goods and/or Services for failure of the Customer to pay undisputed sums of money (whether in whole or in part).

24. CONSEQUENCES OF TERMINATION

24.1. Termination of a Project in accordance with the terms of this Contract by either Party shall not serve to terminate this Contract, which will continue in full force and effect.

24.2. If this Contract is terminated, all ongoing and outstanding Projects will also terminate on the same date as this Contract.

24.3. Upon termination of this Contract or a Project for any reason:

24.3.1. the Expiry Date or New Expiry Date shall be the date this Contract terminates;

24.3.2. the Customer will pay the Supplier all Contract Charges falling properly due and payable to the Supplier prior to the date of termination (including in accordance with Clause 9 where relevant);

24.3.3. each Party will, following a reasonable request by the other Party, promptly deliver or dispose of any and all materials and property belonging or relating to the other Party (including all Confidential Information) and all copies of the same, which are then in its possession, custody or control and which relate to all affected Projects. On the request of the other Party, each will certify in writing that the same has been done; and

24.3.4. the Supplier and its staff will vacate any premises of the Customer occupied for any purpose of providing the Project or Deliverables.

24.4. Any provisions of this Contract which are to continue after termination will remain in full force and effect after this Contract is terminated. Such provisions may include (but are not limited to):

24.4.1. Clause 15 (Confidentiality, Transparency and Freedom of Information)
24.4.2. Clause 16 (Supplier warranties)Clause 17 (Customer warranties)

24.4.3. Clause 18 (Liability)

24.4.4. Clause 19 (Insurance)

24.4.5. Clause 20 (Intellectual Property Rights)

24.4.6. Clause 21 (Audit)

24.4.7. Clause 23 (Termination)

24.4.8. Clause 26 (Notices)

24.4.9. Clause 27 (Staff Transfer)

24.4.10. Clause 28 (Third Party Rights)

24.4.11. Clause 29 (GDPR, Security & Publicity)

24.4.12. Clause 32 (General) and

24.4.13. Clause 34 (Governing law and jurisdiction)

24.4.14. Contract Schedule 1 (Definitions and Interpretation), Contract Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer), Contract Schedule 4 (Dispute Resolution Procedure).

25. FORCE MAJEURE

25.1. Neither Party will have any liability under or be in breach of this Contract for any delays or failures in performance which result from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Party seeking to claim relief (a **Force Majeure Event** and the **Affected Party**).

25.2. Following a Force Majeure Event, the Affected Party must promptly notify the other Party in writing, both when the event causes a delay or failure in performance, and when the event has ended. If a Force Majeure Event continues for sixty (60) consecutive Working Days, the Party not affected by the Force Majeure Event can suspend or terminate this DPS Agreement. They must do so in writing, and state the date from which the suspension or termination will come into effect.

25.3. If a Force Majeure event occurs, the Parties will use all reasonable endeavours to prevent and mitigate the impact, and continue to perform their obligations under this Contract as far as is possible. Where the Supplier is the Affected Party, it will take all steps in accordance with Good Industry Practice to overcome or minimise the consequences of the Force Majeure Event.

26. NOTICES

26.1. Any notices sent under this Contract must be in writing and sent by hand, by post or by email. The table below sets out deemed time of delivery and proof of service for each.

Notice delivered	Deemed time of delivery	Proof of service
In person	At the time of delivery	Proof that delivery was made (e.g. a signature is obtained)
By first class post, special delivery or other recorded delivery	2 Working Days from the date of posting	Proof that the envelope was addressed and delivered into the custody of the postal authorities
Email	09:00 hours on the first Working Day after sending	Dispatched in an emailed pdf to the correct email address without any error message

26.2. The address and email address of each Party will be:

26.2.1. Supplier:

26.2.2. Customer:

26.3. For the purpose of this Clause and calculating receipt all references to time are to local time in the place of receipt.

27. STAFF TRANSFER

27.1. The Parties agree that

27.1.1. if providing the Project means staff must be transferred from the Customer to the Supplier, where the commencement of the provision of the Project or any part of the Project results in one or more Relevant Transfers, Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) will apply as follows:

a) where the Relevant Transfer involves the transfer of Transferring Customer Employees, Part A of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) will apply

b) where the Relevant Transfer involves the transfer of Transferring Former Supplier Employees, Part B of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) will apply

c) where the Relevant Transfer involves the transfer of Transferring Customer Employees and Transferring Former Supplier Employees, Parts A and B of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) will apply, and

d) Part C of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) will not apply

27.2. Where providing the Project does not result in a Relevant Transfer, Part C of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer)) will apply and Parts A and B of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) shall not apply; and

27.3. Part D of Schedule 3 (Staff Transfer) will apply on the expiry or termination of the Services or any part of the Project.

27.4. Both during and after the Term, the Supplier will indemnify the Customer against all Employee Liabilities that may arise as a result of any claims brought against the Customer due to any act or omission of the Supplier or any Supplier personnel.

28. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

28.1. Except for CCS and the persons that the provisions of Schedule 3 of this Contract confer benefits on, a person who is not a Party to this Contract has no right to enforce any of its provisions which, expressly or by implication, confer a benefit on him, without the prior written agreement of the Parties.

29. DATA PROTECTION, SECURITY AND PUBLICITY

29.1. In addition to its general security obligations under this Contract, the Supplier shall comply with any security requirements specifically set out in the Statement of Work.

Data Protection

29.2. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Customer is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor. The only processing that the Supplier is authorised to do is listed in Contract Schedule 7 (Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects) by the Customer and may not be determined by the Supplier.

29.3. The Supplier shall notify the Customer immediately if it considers that any of the Customer's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.

29.4. The Supplier shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Customer in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Customer, include:

29.4.1. a systematic description of the envisaged processing operations and the purpose of the processing;

29.4.2. an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Project;

29.4.3. an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and

29.4.4. the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.

29.5. The Supplier shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with its obligations under this Agreement:

29.5.1. process that Personal Data only in accordance with Schedule 7 (Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects), unless the Supplier is required to do otherwise by Law. If it is so required the Supplier shall promptly notify the Customer before processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law;