Ministry of Defence

Contract Number: DGM/1880

Schedule 6: Technical Requirements and Quality Standards

For:
Next Generation Munitions Solution (NGMS) Programme

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1 Quality Assurance

1.1 The Contractor shall:

(a) provide a Deliverable Quality Plan to the Authority's Quality Representative in accordance with Paragraph **{** REF _Ref50576793 \r \h **}** below and shall maintain the Quality Plan;

(b) hold and maintain a Quality Management System (as defined by BS EN ISO 9001:2015) certified as conforming to a recognised national or international standard by a third-party organisation recognised by the UK Accreditation Service (**UKAS**);

(c) demonstrate to the Authority as reasonably required that it has the appropriate certification and scope of registration to fulfil its obligations under this Contract; and

(d) hold and maintain appropriate quality certification and scope for each design, production, storage, support and supply facility.

1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the quality of the Articles and Services and shall ensure that all Articles supplied under this Contract comply with the standards and specifications listed in Tables 1.9.1 to 1.9.8 below.

1.3 Where the Contractor sub-contracts any work in connection with this Contract:

(a) where practical the Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to contract with Sub-Contractors that hold and maintain a Quality Management System (as defined by BS EN ISO 9001:2015) certified as conforming to a recognised national or international standard by a third-party organisation recognised by UKAS; or

(b) where it is not possible or it is impracticable for the Contractor to use a Sub-Contractor having a Quality Management System (as defined by BS EN ISO 9001:2015) to a UKAS recognised national or international standard, the Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the contract between the Contractor and its Sub-Contractor contains appropriate quality provisions in respect of the work to be performed under that sub-contract.

1.4 The Authority shall be entitled to carry out Quality Assurance Surveillance (**QAS**) of the Contractor’s performance of its obligations. The relevant Government Quality Assurance Representatives (**GQARs**) shall deal with all quality related matters between the Contractor and the Authority’s Quality Representative. The Contractor shall provide access to its facilities to the GQARs. The Authority shall have responsibility for tasking any Government Quality Assurance (**GQA**) activity within the Contractor’s supply chain and shall notify the Contractor prior to conducting any such activity.

1.5 The Contractor shall comply with the Quality Assurance Procedural Requirements and other control documents (set out in Tables 1.9.1 to 1.9.8 below), as amended or updated from time to time in agreement with the Contractor.

1.6 The Contractor shall provide the Deliverable Quality Plan to the Authority for review within 6 (six) weeks of the Effective Date and the Parties shall seek to agree the Deliverable Quality Plan within 1 (one) calendar month of receipt by the Authority. The Contractor shall subsequently update the Quality Plan on an annual basis in accordance with Paragraph 5 (Reporting and Deliverables) of Schedule 17 (Governance and Contract Management).

1.7 The standards listed in Tables 1.9.1 to 1.9.8 shall form part of the annual Deliverable Quality Plan review requirement and, following each annual review, any updates required to this Schedule 6 shall be agreed between the Parties in accordance with the Change Procedure. Any exceptions to compliance with the standards listed in this Schedule 6 shall be documented in an annex to the Deliverable Quality Plan.

1.8 Any standards listed in Tables 1.9.1 to 1.9.8 below which are withdrawn and no longer available shall be considered by the Contractor to be for reference purposes only.

1.9 The Parties acknowledge that some of the standards listed in Tables 1.9.1 to 1.9.8 below are applicable to the overall business operating arrangements and some are product specific. Standards related to design features that are issued after the date of certification of a munition design (as declared on the relevant munition Certificate of Design) shall not be applied retrospectively, unless the Parties agree to adopt the newer standard via the Configuration Management Plan and the Change Procedure.

Table 1.9.1 – QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS
REDACTED

Table 1.9.2 – EXPLOSIVE STORAGE & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (ESTC) STANDARDS
REDACTED

Table 1.9.3 – ESTC GUIDANCE NOTES
REDACTED

Table 1.9.4 – OTHER STANDARDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS
REDACTED

Table 1.9.5 – NATO STANDARDISATION AGREEMENTS
REDACTED

Table 1.9.6 – AMMUNITION PACKAGING
REDACTED

Table 1.9.7 – MARKING OF AMMUNITION AND ASSOCIATED PACKAGES
REDACTED

Table 1.9.8 – LOTTING AND BATCHING OF AMMUNITION
REDACTED