

# **Schedule 2**

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### **1 Definitions**

1.1 In this Schedule, the following definitions shall apply:

ACE – Accelerated capability Environment

HO – Home Office (the “Authority”)

PSP – Private Sector partner

### **2 Introduction**

2.1 The Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE) is a public-private innovation delivery capability based within the UK HO. ACE provides government with rapid access to industry, academia and not-for-profit organisations to rapidly identify and develop practical solutions to digital and data challenges. ACE does this through a dynamic and energetic culture rooted in innovation, collaboration, and pace to accelerate mission impact. The ACE public-private partnership brings together the HO ACE Team with a Private Sector Partner (PSP). The PSP is responsible for delivery of the capability, including translating customer challenges into defined ACE commissions, actively managing commissions, and often combining multiple third-party providers into rainbow teams. The PSP works hand in hand with the HO team to set strategic direction for ACE particularly when facilitating engagement opportunities with key stakeholders

2.2 This Schedule sets out the intended scope of the Services to be provided by the Supplier and to provide a description of what each Service entails. Annex 1 (below) includes the Authority Statement of Requirements for the Services of the Private Sector Partner for the Accelerated Capability Environment.

### **3 Services Description**

3.1 Contract Modifications:

- The Authority Provision of dedicated, longer-term Artificial Intelligence (AI) related technology and data science services, potentially through contract-compliant but separate governance processes, that could constitute some, or even all, of the functions of an “AI Lab” environment for specific customer sets.
- Run environments providing access across one or more HMG departments or agencies within government or to the private sector to data or software libraries (e.g. GitHub-style market-places), potentially charging for use.
- Develop and agree joint services with other innovation and technology units and partners across HM government, for example (including but not limited to) NSSIF, DASA and others.
- Support to the Authority in the commercialisation of innovations developed through ACE, under previous and new contracts.
- Support to the Authority in the development and professionalisation of innovation skills and capabilities across the Authority.

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- 3.2 **Operational Services** – The requirements for the Private Sector Partner (PSP) can be found in
- 3.3 **Security Requirements** – ACE currently works typically at Official Sensitive (OS), and all IT systems are accredited to this level. However individual commissions can require up to Developed Vetting (DV). The PSP Supplier will need to be able to manage commissions requiring up to DV, including assurance of delivery of DV activity (where required).
- 3.4 **Social Value Requirements** – Social value will be required as part of the contract deliverables in line with the Public Services (Social value) Act 2012 PPN002. Requirements follow the themes from central government guidance including tackling economic inequality and equal opportunity with a focus on tackling workforce inequality. HO will seek value directly related to this Contract. The invitation to tender documentation includes specific questions that Bidders should respond to as part of their bid response. The Authority will include specific Key Performance Indicator(s) (KPIs) related to social value within the Contract and these shall be monitored as per Schedule 3 (Performance Levels).
- 3.5 **Optional Services** –
- 3.5.1 Provision of dedicated, longer-term Artificial Intelligence (AI) related technology and data science services, potentially through contract-compliant but separate governance processes, that could constitute some, or even all, of the functions of an “AI Lab” environment for specific customer sets.
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  - 3.5.4 Support to the Authority in the commercialisation of innovations developed through ACE, under previous and new contracts.
  - 3.5.5 Support to the Authority in the development and professionalisation of innovation skills and capabilities across the Authority.
  - 3.5.6 The above contract modifications are not currently included in the tender but are current discussions the Authority is having to determine the role that the PSP will play in these circumstances.

**ANNEX 1**

Authority Statement of Requirements:  
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ITT Clarification Questions:  
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