

17 September 2025

Dear Sir / Madam

Invitation to Tender Reference 715386451

1. Royal Navy, as part of Ministry of Defence are running a tender competition for Provision of Training for Assault IEDD (AIEDD) Including Human Performance Optimisation (HPO). You are invited to tender in accordance with the attached documentation.
2. The [Statement of Requirements](#) details what is required.
3. The [Schedule of Requirements](#) details what prices are required. The total budget is £600,000.00 (excluding VAT).
£150,000.00 in each of the 2 years to cover the Core requirement.
£150,000.00 in each of the 2 years to cover the Optional requirement.
4. Tenders will be evaluated in accordance with the [Tender Evaluation Criteria](#). This details how tenders will be assessed and scored for the Commercial, Financial and Technical responses in submitted tenders.
5. The resulting contract will be signed in accordance with Ministry of Defence standard [Terms & Conditions](#). As this is not a negotiated procurement, the Terms & Conditions cannot be amended following contract award.
6. The tender will be run through the [Defence Sourcing Portal](#), in accordance with the processes detailed in this document. This includes the following stages:
 - Invitation to Tender is issued
 - Tenderers prepare and submit their tenders
 - Tender submissions are evaluated
 - The Winning Tenderer is selected
 - All Tenderers are notified of the outcome of the competition
 - The contract is awarded to the Winning Tenderer
7. You may raise questions about the tender and the requirement via the Defence Sourcing Portal. The deadline for asking questions is 10:00 on 1 October 2025. Please note that any questions raised, and the answers provided, may be shared with other interested suppliers.
8. Any questions about the Terms & Conditions must be raised during the questions period. Any proposed changes or any additional terms/documents that tenderers are

requesting to include, must be identified in advance for Authority consideration and to ensure all tenderers are tendering on an equal basis.

9. You must submit your Tender via the Defence Sourcing Portal by 10:00 on 13 October 2025. You should allow sufficient time for submission as late tenders will not be accepted. Tender responses should answer all evaluation questions, include all completed documents and provide all requested prices.
10. Tenderers are required to complete three sections in the Defence Sourcing Portal:
 - Qualification Envelope – This allows tenderers to provide information about themselves and their tender, by completing and uploading a Tenderers Response Form (this is provided separately in the Defence Sourcing Portal).
 - Technical Envelope – This allows tenderers to provide details on what they are offering, by answering to each of the technical criteria.
 - Commercial Envelope – This allows tenderers to provide their pricing, by entering prices for each item.
11. Tenderers will also be required to be registered in the [Central Digital Platform](#) in order to provide the relevant information from that portal.
12. The anticipated date for the contract award decision is 10 November 2025. Please note that this is an indicative date and may change.

Yours faithfully

Gary Cornish
Commercial Manager

Contents

This invitation to tender (“ITT”) sets out the procurement process including general terms governing the procurement, notices on the conduct of Tenderers, and the response requirements that Tenderers must meet to submit a compliant Tender. It also contains the draft contract, further related documents and forms.

This invitation consists of the following documentation:

- a. DEFFORM 47 – Invitation To Tender. For ease it is broken into:
 - o Section A – Introduction
 - o Section B – Key Tendering Activities
 - o Section C – Instructions on Preparing Tenders
 - o Section D – Tender Evaluation
 - o Section E – Instructions on Submitting Tenders
 - o Section F – Conditions of Tendering
 - o DEFFORM 47 Annex A – Tender Submission Document (Offer)
 - Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer) – Information on Mandatory Declarations
- b. Draft Contract Documents
 - o including the Schedule of Requirements and any additional Schedules, Annexes and/or Appendices
- c. DEFFORM 111 – Appendix to Contract - Addresses and Other Information
- d. DEFFORM 539A – Tenderer’s Sensitive Information
- e. Any other relevant Tender documentation

Section A – Introduction

DEFFORM 47 Definitions

In this ITT the following words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them below:

- A1. “The Authority” means the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, acting as part of the Crown.
- A2. “Compliance Regime” is a legally enforceable set of rules, procedures, physical barriers and controls that, together, control the flow of sensitive or protected information to parties to whom it may give an unfair advantage.
- A3. “Conditions of Tendering” including those set out in Section F, means the conditions set out in this DEFFORM 47 that govern the competition.
- A4. A “Consortium Arrangement” means two or more economic operators who have come together specifically for the purpose of bidding for this Contract and who establish a consortium agreement or special purpose vehicle to contract with the Authority.
- A5. “Contract” means the contract entered into between the successful Tenderer or consortium members and the Authority, should the Authority award a contract as a result of this competition.
- A6. “Draft Contract” means the draft contract including any schedules, annexes and appendices issued to Tenderers by the Authority as part of this ITT.
- A7. “Contractor Deliverables” means the works, goods and/or the services, including packaging (and Certificate(s) of Conformity and supplied in accordance with any Quality Assurance (QA) requirements if specified) which the Contractor is required to provide under the Contract.
- A8. “Cyber Security Model” means the model defined in DEFCON 658.
- A9. “Defence Sourcing Portal” means the electronic platform in which Tenders are submitted to the Authority.
- A10. “Government Furnished Information” means information or data issued or made available to the Tenderer in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority.
- A11. “ITT Documentation” means this ITT and any information in any medium or form (for example drawings, handbooks, manuals, instructions, specifications and notes of pre-tender clarification meetings), issued to you, or to which you have been granted access by the Authority, for the purposes of responding to this ITT.
- A12. “ITT Material” means any other material (including patterns and samples), equipment or software, in any medium or form issued to you, or to which you have been granted access, by the Authority for the purposes of responding to this ITT.
- A13. “Schedule of Requirements” (Section 1 in Terms and Conditions, Schedule 2 in Standardised Contracting Template 1B (SC1B) or Schedule 2 in Standardised Contracting Template 2 (SC2)) means that part of the Contract which identifies, either directly or by reference, the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied or carried out, the quantities involved and the price or pricing terms in relation to each Contractor Deliverable.
- A14. The “Statement of Requirement” means that part of the Contract which details the technical requirements and acceptance criteria of the Contractor Deliverables.
- A15. A ‘Sub-Contractor’ means any party engaged or intended to be engaged by the Contractor at any level of sub-contracting to provide the Contractor Deliverables.

A16. A “Sub-Contracting Arrangement” means a group of suppliers who have come together specifically for the purpose of bidding for this Contract, where one of their number will be the party to the Contract, and the remaining members of that group will be Sub-Contractors.

A17. A “Tender” is the written offer (including any supporting Tender documents where permitted) that you are making to the Authority in response to this ITT.

A18. “Tenderer” means the supplier submitting a response to this Invitation to Tender. Where “you” is used this means an action on you the Tenderer.

A19. A “Third Party” is any person (including a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body), other than the Authority, the Tenderer or their respective employees.

Purpose

A20. The purpose of this ITT is to invite you to submit a Tender, in accordance with the instructions set out in this ITT, to propose a solution and best price to meet the Authority’s requirement. This documentation provides:

- a. the timetable for the next stages of the procurement;
- b. the instructions, terms and processes that govern this procurement;
- c. information you must include in your Tender and the required format;
- d. the arrangements for the receipt and evaluation of Tenders;
- e. the criteria and methodology for the evaluation of Tenders;
- f. the draft Contract; and
- g. sufficient information for Tenderers to submit a compliant Tender.

A21. The sections in this ITT and associated documents are structured in line with a generic tendering process and do not indicate importance and/or precedence.

A22. This requirement was advertised by the Authority in Find A Tender dated 17 September 2025 under the following reference 715386451.

A23. This ITT is subject to the Procurement Act 2023. Tenderers established outside the UK, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories do not have legal rights under the Procurement Act 2023 to participate in government procurements for defence and security contracts covered by section 7(1)(a) to (f) of the Procurement Act 2023 and in respect of Authority procurements which are not for non-sensitive goods within the scope of the Free Trade Agreements listed in Schedule 9 to the Procurement Act 2023 (as amended from time to time). Please note that should the Authority open this procurement to tenderers established outside the UK, the Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, the rights and remedies under the Procurement Act are under no circumstances, whether expressly or impliedly, extended to such tenderers.

A24. This ITT has been advertised on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) under the open procedure.

A25. Funding has been approved for this requirement.

ITT Documentation and ITT Material

A26. ITT Documentation, ITT Material and any intellectual property rights (IPR) in them shall remain the property of the Authority (where relevant) or other Third-Party owners and is released solely for the purposes of enabling you to submit a Tender. You must:

- a. take responsibility for the safe custody of the ITT Documentation and ITT Material and for all loss and damage sustained to it while in your care;

- b. treat the ITT Documentation and ITT Material as confidential and not copy, reproduce, distribute, pass on or disclose the ITT Documentation or ITT Material to anyone other than the bid team involved in preparing your Tender, and not use it except for the purpose of responding to this ITT;
- c. seek written approval from the Authority if you need to provide access to any ITT Documentation or ITT Material to any Third Party;
- d. if required in writing by the Authority under sub-paragraph A26.c, obtain undertakings from those to whom ITT Documentation and ITT Material is disclosed that they will keep the ITT Documentation and ITT Material confidential;
- e. abide by any reasonable conditions imposed by the Authority in giving its approval under sub-paragraph A26.c, which as a minimum will require you to ensure any disclosure to a Third Party is made by you in confidence. Alternatively, due to IPR issues for example, the disclosure may be made, in confidence, directly by the Authority;
- f. accept that any further disclosure of ITT Documentation or ITT Material (or use beyond the original purpose), or further use of ITT Documentation or ITT Material, without the Authority's written approval may make you liable for a claim for breach of confidence and/or infringement of IPR, a remedy which may involve a claim for compensation;
- g. inform the named Commercial Officer if you decide not to submit a Tender;
- h. subject to any legal requirement to retain ITT Documentation or ITT Material for the purposes of complying with any statutory obligation and/or for the purposes of the conduct of legal proceedings which have commenced or are reasonably anticipated, immediately confirm destruction of (or in the case of software, that it is beyond use) all ITT Documentation, ITT Material and derived information of an unmarked nature, should you decide not to respond to this ITT, or you are notified by the Authority that your Tender has been unsuccessful or that you have been disqualified from this procurement; and
- i. consult the named Commercial Officer to agree the appropriate destruction process if you are in receipt of ITT Documentation and ITT Material marked 'OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE' or 'SECRET'.

A27. Some or all the ITT Documentation and ITT Material may be subject to one or more confidentiality agreements made between you and either the Authority or a Third Party, for example a confidentiality agreement established in the form of DEFFORM 94. The obligations contained in any such agreement are in addition to, and do not derogate from, your obligations under paragraph A26 above.

Tender Expenses

A28. You will bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting your Tender. The Authority will not be liable for the costs of any Tender, work or effort incurred by you participating in this tender process, including where the tender process is terminated or amended by the Authority, where the Authority decides not to award a Contract or where you withdraw from the tender process either directly or indirectly as costs under any other Contract with the Authority.

Consortia and Sub-Contracting Arrangements

A29. The Authority requires all Tenderers to identify whether any and/or which Consortium Arrangements or Sub-Contracting Arrangements will apply in the case of their Tender, and in particular specify the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement entity or both

and their workshare. In the case of a Sub-Contracting Arrangement, the Authority requires all Tenderers to identify the entity that will be the party to the Contract with the Authority.

Material Change to Information and/or Control

A30. You must inform the Authority in writing as soon as you become aware of:

- a. any material changes to any of the information, representations or other matters of fact communicated to the Authority as part of your request to participate response or in connection with the submission of your request to participate response;
- b. for procurements covered by the Procurement Act 2023, any material changes to any of the Connected Persons or Associated persons (including in the supply chain) communicated to the Authority as part of your request to participate response;
- c. any material changes to any of the intended Sub-Contractors communicated to the Authority as part of your request to participate response;
- d. any material adverse change in your circumstances which may affect the truth, completeness or accuracy of any information provided as part of your request to participate response or in connection with the submission of your request to participate response or in your financial health or that of any Consortium Arrangement member or Sub-Contracting Arrangement member; or
- e. any material changes to your financial health or that of a party to the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement; and
- f. any material changes to the makeup of the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement, including:
 - i. the form of legal arrangement by which the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement will be structured;
 - ii. the identity of Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement;
 - iii. the intended division or allocation of work or responsibilities within or between the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement; and
 - iv. any change of control of any Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement.

A31. If a change described in paragraph A30 occurs, the Authority may reassess you against the request to participate criteria. The Authority reserves the right to require you to submit an updated/amended request to participate response (or parts thereof) to reflect the revised circumstances so that the Authority can make a further assessment by applying the published selection criteria to the new information provided. The outcome of this further assessment may affect your suitability to proceed with the procurement.

A32. In relation to a change described in paragraph A30, as far as is reasonably practicable, you must discuss any such proposed changes with the Authority before they occur and you must additionally highlight any changes from your request to participate response relating to any change in the Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement or any change relating to conflicts of interest following a change, directly or indirectly in your ownership or control or of any Consortium Arrangement or Sub-Contracting Arrangement

A33. The Authority reserves the right, at its sole discretion to disqualify any Tenderer who makes any material change to any aspects of their responses to the request to participate if:

- a. they fail to re-submit to the Authority the updated relevant section of their request to participate response providing details of such change in accordance with paragraph A31 as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event no later than 1 business days following request from the Authority; or

- b. having notified the Authority of such change, the Authority considers that the effect of the change is such that on the basis of the evaluation undertaken by the Authority for the purpose of selecting potential providers to participate in the procurement, the Tenderer would not have pre-qualified.

Draft Contract

A34. The Draft Contract includes all attachments, such as the Schedule of Requirements, any additional Schedules, Annexes and/or Appendices. The full text of Defence Conditions (DEFCONS) and Defence Forms (DEFFORMS) are available electronically via the [Knowledge in Defence \(KiD\) website](#).

A35. Draft Standardised Contract conditions are attached.

The Armed Forces Covenant

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a. The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation to those who serve, or who have served, and their families, to ensure that they are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged in their day to day lives, as a result of their service.

b. The Covenant is based on two principles:

i. That the Armed Forces community would not face disadvantages when compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services; and

ii. That special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the injured and the bereaved.

c. The Authority encourages all Tenderers, and their suppliers, to sign the Armed Forces Covenant, declaring their support for the Armed Forces community by displaying the values and behaviours set out therein.

d. [The Armed Forces Covenant](#) provides guidance on the various ways you can demonstrate your support through your Covenant pledges and how by engaging with the Covenant and Armed Forces, such as employing Reservists, a company or organisation can also see real benefits in their business.

e. If you wish to register your support you can provide a point of contact for your company on this issue to the Armed Forces Covenant Team at the address below, so that the Authority can alert you to any events or initiatives in which you may wish to participate. The Covenant Team can also provide any information you require in addition to that included on the website.

Email address: employerrelations@rfca.mod.uk

Address: Defence Relationship Management
Ministry of Defence
Holderness House
51-61 Clifton Street
London
EC2A 4EY

f. Paragraph A36 a to d above are not a condition of working with the Authority now or in the future, nor will this issue form any part of the Tender evaluation, Contract award procedure or any resulting Contract. However, the Authority very much hopes you will want to provide your support.

Other Information

A37. Contract Documents

Any contract resulting from this tender will be formed from the MOD Terms & Conditions and associated Schedules, including the Statement of Requirements and Schedule of Requirements, incorporating prices submitted by the Winning Tenderer.

If, following the contract award decision, the Winning Tenderer does not agree to the Contract terms and sign the contract within 10 working days of issue (when the Contract has been drafted in accordance with the terms and information provided in this tender), the Authority reserves the right to terminate that contract award decision and award the Contract to the next best placed Tenderer or to cancel or re-run the procurement.

If the Winning Tenderer enters into the contract but is unable to deliver the requirements, the Authority reserves the right to terminate that Contract and award the Contract to the next best placed Tenderer or to cancel or re-run the procurement.

A38. Cyber Risk

A Cyber Risk Assessment has been raised and the profile is Not Applicable. The reference is RAR-250509A02.

A Supplier Assurance Questionnaire **does not** need to be completed.

A39. Modern Slavery

A Modern Slavery Assessment has been raised and the risk is considered to be Very Low

A40. IR35

IR35 off payroll working rules are not expected to apply to this requirement as this is considered to be a fully outsourced service and the Winning Tender will be required to confirm acceptance of the HMRC CEST assessment.

A41. TUPE

Applicability Of TUPE

1. Your attention is drawn to the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE), as amended and /or the Service Provision Change (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, as amended from time to time. The Authority would be neither transferor nor transferee of the employees in the circumstances of any contract awarded as a result of this invitation and it is your responsibility to consider whether or not TUPE applies to this re-let and to tender accordingly.

Notwithstanding this, you will wish to note that it is the Authority's view that TUPE is unlikely to be applicable if this Invitation to Tender results in a Contract being placed.

2. It remains your responsibility to ensure that your tender takes full account of all the relevant circumstances of this contract re-let and tender accordingly. You are required to confirm when responding that you will not make any claim or demand or take any actions or proceedings against the Authority (nor seek to avoid any contract or seek any amendment to a contract placed with the contractor by the Authority) arising from or relating to the provision of the information, whether or not you are awarded a contract as a result of this Invitation to Tender. Failure to provide clear and unequivocal confirmation may result in your tender being deemed non-compliant.

A42. Central Digital Platform

For procurements covered by the Procurement Act 2023, Tenderers are responsible for ensuring that the Central Digital Platform contains complete, accurate and up-to-date information about their organisation, connected persons and any associated persons which are relevant for the purposes of this procurement. Tenderers must notify the Authority immediately if they are unable to register on the Central Digital Platform and/or provide accurate and up-to-date information via the Central Digital Platform.

A43. Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ)

1. For procurements covered by the Procurement Act 2023, Tenderers are required to complete the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ).
2. The Authority will use the PSQ to confirm that neither the supplier, Connected Person(s), Associated Persons relied on to meet the conditions of participation, or Intended Sub-Contractors are listed on the Cabinet Office debarment list. To the extent that any such entities are listed on the debarment list, the Authority will consider whether to exclude the Supplier from participating in the Procurement in accordance with its obligations under the Act.
3. The Authority will consider whether any supplier, Connected Person(s) or Associated Persons relied on to meet the conditions of participation are Excluded or Excludable Suppliers.
4. The Authority may use the PSQ to obtain information relating to Intended Sub-Contractors to assess if they are Excluded or Excludable Suppliers.
5. Before the Authority determines that a supplier, Connected Person(s), an Associated Person or an Intended Sub-Contractor is an Excluded or Excludable Supplier, it will provide the supplier reasonable opportunity to make representations and provide evidence as is proportionate in the circumstances. If the supplier is an Excluded or Excludable Supplier only by virtue of an Associated Person or Intended Sub-Contractor, the Authority will notify the supplier of its intention to exclude the supplier and provide the supplier with reasonable opportunity to replace the Associated Person or Intended Sub-Contractor. If as a consequence of this process the Authority excludes the supplier from participating in the Procurement, or is aware of an Associated Person or Intended Sub-Contractor having been replaced, it will give notice of this fact within 30 days of its decision to the Procurement Review Unit (PRU).
6. Associated Person means a third party that the Contractor is relying on in order to satisfy a condition of participation of this Contract, but not a third party who is to act as a guarantor for the performance of all or part of this Contract.

The central digital platform (CDP) is where the MOD will publish information relating to covered procurement. It is also the place where identifiers are recorded and/or issued and for suppliers to input their commonly used information. It will be a fully integrated digital platform where noticing, sign-in and registration, supplier information all work together to support public sector procurement.

Connected Person, in relation to a Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor, means any of the following:

1. a person with “significant control” over the Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor (within the meaning given by section 790C(2) of the Companies Act 2006 (“CA 2006”));
2. a director or shadow director of the Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor;
3. a parent undertaking or a subsidiary undertaking of the Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor;
4. a predecessor company;
5. any other person who it can reasonably be considered stands in an equivalent position in relation to the Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor as a person within paragraph (1) to (4);
6. any person with the right to exercise, or who actually exercises, significant influence or control over the Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor;
7. any person over which the Contractor or Relevant Sub-Contractor has the right to exercise, or actually exercises, significant influence or control;

Core supplier information is the data that is required for every procurement and that usually remains relatively unchanged from procurement to procurement, such as the supplier’s address.

Debarment List means the list of suppliers debarred from public procurement kept by the Minister for the Cabinet Office.

Discretionary Exclusion Ground means one or more of the grounds listed at Schedule 7 of the Procurement Act.

Excludable Supplier means a supplier to which the Authority considers that:

1. a Discretionary Exclusion Ground applies to that supplier, a Connected Person, an Associated Person or Intended Subcontractor, and
2. the circumstances giving rise to the application of the Discretionary Exclusion Ground are continuing or likely to occur again, or
3. the supplier, a Connected Person or Associated Person, or Intended Subcontractor is on the Debarment List by virtue of a Discretionary Exclusion Ground.

Excluded Supplier means a supplier to which the Authority considers that:

1. a Mandatory Exclusion Ground applies to that supplier, Connected Person, Associated Person or Intended Subcontractor and,
2. the circumstances giving rise to the application of the Mandatory Exclusion Ground are continuing or likely to occur again, or
3. the supplier, Connected Person, Associated Person or Intended Subcontractor is on the Debarment List by virtue of a Mandatory Exclusion Ground.

The Procurement Act sets out a list of mandatory (schedule 6) and discretionary (schedule 7) exclusion grounds and places a duty on contracting authorities to consider both whether any of these apply to suppliers (including by virtue of a Connected Person or an Associated Person or Intended Subcontractors), as well as whether the circumstances are continuing or likely to occur again. The Authority will exclude an Excluded Supplier and may exclude an Excludable Supplier from procurements.

Mandatory Exclusion Ground means one or more of the grounds listed at Schedule 6 of the Procurement Act.

Section B – Key Tendering Activities

The key dates for this procurement are currently anticipated to be as follows:

Stage	Date and Time	Responsibility	Submit to:
Invitation to Tenderers' Conference	Not Applicable to this procurement		
Date for confirmation of attendance at Tenderers' Conference	Not Applicable to this procurement		
Final date for Clarification Questions/Requests for additional information	1 October 2025	Tenderers	Defence Sourcing Portal
The Authority issues Final Clarification Answers	6 October 2025	The Authority	All Tenderers
Tender Return	13 October 2025	Tenderers	Defence Sourcing Portal
Tender Evaluation	14 - 27 October 2025	The Authority	N/A
Negotiations	Not Applicable to this procurement		
Reverse Auction	Not Applicable to this procurement		
Trials/Testing	Not Applicable to this procurement		

Notes

Tenderers Conference

B1. Tenderers Conference is not being held.

Clarification Questions

B2. All clarification questions relating to this procurement must be submitted by Tenderers in writing on the DSP.

B3. The Authority reserves the right not to respond to clarification questions raised after the final deadline. Tenderers must indicate the order of priority of their submitted clarification questions to assist the Authority in managing its responses.

B4. Tenderers should note that the purpose of the clarification question process is to obtain clarity on aspects of this procurement. The Authority reserves its right not to respond to questions which have not been submitted for the purpose of clarification.

B5. Tenderers are advised not to include any commercially sensitive information in any Tenderer clarification question or any identifying information as Authority responses for non-confidential Tenderer clarification questions will be published to all Tenderers.

B6. If, however, a Tenderer considers that it is impossible to submit a Tenderer clarification

question without including commercially sensitive information, the Tenderer shall, when submitting the Tenderer clarification question:

- a. state that the Tenderer clarification question contains what the Tenderer believes to be commercially sensitive information;
- b. identify which specific part(s) of the Tenderer clarification question contains commercially sensitive information; and
- c. explain why the information is believed to be commercially sensitive.

B7. The Authority will consider the Tenderer's reasons and may choose to discuss the matter with the Tenderer before deciding whether to:

- d. respond to the Tenderer clarification question; or
- e. reject the Tenderer clarification question.

B8. If the Authority decides that it will respond to the Tenderer clarification question, it will also decide whether to communicate to other Tenderers the Authority's response to that question. The decisions of the Authority in relation to these matters shall be final.

B9. If the Authority decides that it will communicate the Tenderer clarification question to the other Tenderers, but the Tenderer does not wish for the Tenderer clarification question to be disclosed, the Tenderer may withdraw the Tenderer clarification question by notifying the Authority via email no later than 1 (one) working day from when the Authority communicates its decision to the Tenderer.

Tender Return

B10. The Authority may, in its own absolute discretion extend the deadline for receipt of tenders and in such circumstances the Authority will notify all Tenderers in writing of any change.

Negotiations

B11. Negotiations do not apply to this tender process.

Section C - Instructions on Preparing Tenders

Tenders Construction of Tenders

C1. Your Tender must be written in English, using Arial font size 11 and comply with any margin, spacing and page limit requirements set out in the Tender document. Prices must be in [£GBP] excluding UK VAT. Prices must be Firm Price. A price breakdown must be included in accordance with the requirements set out in Section D in the Tender.

C2. To assist the Authority's evaluation, you must set out your Tender response in accordance with Section D (Tender Evaluation).

Validity

C3. Your Tender must be valid and open for acceptance for ninety (90) calendar days from the Tender return date. In addition, the winning Tender must be open for acceptance for a further thirty (30) calendar days once the Authority announces its decision to award the Contract. In the event that legal proceedings challenging the award of the Contract are instituted, before entry into Contract, you must hold your Tender open for acceptance during this period, and for up to fourteen (14) calendar days after any legal proceedings have concluded.

Section D – Tender Evaluation Criteria

D1. This section details the Conditions of Participation and Assessment Methodology for how your Tender will be evaluated.

D2. The Tender evaluation will calculate the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT) to The Authority based on the following calculation:

$$\text{Evaluation Score} = \frac{\text{Total Price}}{\text{Total Technical Score}}$$

D3. The Tenderer with the lowest Evaluation Score will be considered to be the Winning Tenderer and awarded any resulting contract.

D4. Any Tender which is considered non-compliant for any conditions of participation, minimum standard, other element or award criteria will be excluded from the competition and not receive an Evaluation Score. That tender may also be excluded from full Technical evaluations and not receive any Technical scores or feedback.

D5. In the event that multiple Tenderers achieve the exact same lowest Evaluation Score, then the Tenderer with the lowest Total Price will be considered to be the Winning Tenderer. In the event that multiple Tenderers achieve the exact same lowest Evaluation Score and have the exact same lowest Total Price, then The Authority reserves the right to request those, and only those, Tenderers to submit final and best Total Prices, with the lowest final and best Total Price considered to be the Winning Tenderer.

D6. Tenderers must provide relevant answers and documentation in response to all criteria/questions and submit everything through the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP). Responses must remain as concise as possible and any supporting information must be relevant to the response. Any information which does not relate directly to the evaluation, including marketing material, will not be evaluated. Hyperlinks to documents or references to websites must not be used, unless these have been requested.

D7. Tenders will be evaluated based on the contents of their Tender response only.

D8. Tenderers must submit only one priced proposal. Where more than one price or set of prices is submitted, only the first submitted priced proposal will be accepted.

D9. Technical Evaluation will be undertaken independently from Commercial and Financial Evaluations. Tenderers must ensure that there are no prices shown within any technical criteria responses or supporting documents.

D10. Should any exclusions, assumptions, dependencies or caveats apply to your Tender or any of the goods and/or services that you would provide when delivering the requirements, these must be clearly indicated in the relevant areas of the Tender.

Procurement Specific Questionnaire Evaluation

D11. The Procurement Specific Questionnaire Evaluation will assess the minimum standards and information required from Tenderers on a pass/fail basis.

D12. A Tender will be considered non-compliant if:

- the Tender was not received by the due date and time.
- the Tenderer has not provided all the required Supplier Information.
- the Tenderer has not provided all the required Central Digital Platform Information.
- the Tenderer has not provided all the required Exclusion and Debarment Information.
- the Tenderer has answered “No” to any of the minimum standards listed in the Conditions of Participation.
- any of the required documentation was not submitted.

- any prices have been included in the technical responses and the Authority considers that this has affected the evaluation process.
- more than one proposal has been submitted and the Authority considers that this has affected the evaluation process.
- the Social Value Commitments form does not include at least one commitment for the Social Value criteria/theme.

A Tenderer may be considered non-compliant if there are any reasons for debarment or exclusion.

D13. Procurement specific questions are fully detailed in the Tenderers Response Form, which is uploaded separately within the Defence Sourcing Portal, and will cover the following:

Central Digital Platform Information	Confirm your CDP PPON
	Confirm your CDP core supplier information
Exclusion and Debarment Information	Confirm if you are on the Debarment List
	Confirm details of any associated person
	Confirm details of any sub-contractors
Conditions of Participation	Confirm you can deliver everything
	Confirm you accept the Terms & Conditions
	Confirm prices represent the total price
	Confirm you accept payments through CP&F/Exostar
	Confirm you are not linked to entities in Russia or Belarus
	Confirm you can meet personal data requirements
	Confirm you will not make any claim in relation to TUPE.
	Confirm you have completed all additional documentation
Additional Documentation	Commercially Sensitive Information form
	Tender Submission Document (Offer) form
	Hazardous Substances form
	Timber and Wood form
	Social Value Commitments form
	IPR Restrictions form

D14. The Authority reserves the right to undertake due diligence checks and/or financial health checks of Tenderers as part of the Commercial Evaluation. If any of these checks raises concerns around the Tenderer or If a Parent Company or Bank guarantee is requested and is not provided, The Authority will consider the Tenderer non-compliant. If these checks are undertaken on the Winning Supplier during the standstill period prior to formal contract award, the Authority reserves the right to award the Contract to the next best placed Tenderer or to cancel or re-run the procurement.

Financial Evaluation

D15. The Financial Evaluation will assess the Total Price the Tenderer has offered to deliver all the requirements set out in the Statement of Requirements.

D16. Prices must be provided for each item listed in the Schedule of Requirements. All prices submitted must be excluding VAT. As the maximum duration for this contract is longer than 3 years, Variation of Price (VOP) will apply to prices for any goods and/or services delivered after 3 years. Any prices stated for the Contract Periods 4 must be the same as the prices for Contract Period 1. Any VOP calculation will be made as necessary during the contract term.

D17. The Total Price figure that will be used in the evaluation of Tenders shall be the total figure that is calculated from the prices Tenderers have provided for each item listed in the Schedule of Requirements, for the full maximum duration of the requirement, including any optional goods/services and periods. The Total Price should be confirmed on Tender Annex A.

D18. Tenderers are notified that when the contract is in place, payments for goods and/or services will be made after the goods and/or services have been fully delivered. For example, payment for purchase of an item will be made after it has been delivered and installed or payment for annual services will be made at the end of the contract period during which the services were undertaken.

D19. Where estimated Authority usage figures are shown on the Schedule of Requirements, the Total

Price figure shall not be a guarantee of quantities required or payments to be made under any resulting Contract.

D20. A Tender will be considered non-compliant if:

- the Total Price is greater than the total available funding of £600,000.
- The Price exceeds the total funding available for each year of £150,000
- Annex A shows an incorrect Total Price as the Total Price calculation is above the available funding.
- the Tender does not indicate a Total Price.
- The prices included in the tender are not Firm Prices.
- the Tender has not provided prices for all items in the Schedule of Requirements.
- the Tender requires the Authority to provide additional resource (other than any identified in the Statement of Requirements), therefore the pricing does not cover all requirements.

Technical Evaluation

D21. The Technical Evaluation will assess the Tender response to establish the level of confidence The Authority has that the Tenderer will be able meet and deliver all the requirements detailed in the Statement of Requirements.

D22. The Technical Evaluation will allocate points to a set of evaluation criteria. These criteria may also be weighted, with the points allocated to each individual criteria being multiplied by the associated weight to give a score for that individual criteria. The points, weightings and scores available for each criteria are indicated in the Technical Criteria Table. Guidance on how Tenders will be scored is in the Scoring Criteria Table.

D23. The Technical Evaluation may also assess some criteria on a pass/fail basis. These criteria will not be included in the Total Technical Score calculation. Guidance on how Tenders will be scored is in the Scoring Criteria Table.

D24. The scores awarded for each individual criteria, excluding any pass/fail criteria, will be added together to give the Total Technical Score.

D25. Technical evaluators are considered to be Subject Matter Experts in the areas they are evaluating. If an individual criteria is evaluated by more than the one evaluator, then each evaluator will undertake their own assessment before attending a moderation meeting where those evaluators will agree an overall consensus points figure for that criteria. This moderated consensus points figure will be used for the purposes of the evaluation.

D26. The answer to each technical criteria should be no more than 750 words. Tenderers responses can be submitted on separately uploaded documents, provided the text answer entered in Defence Sourcing Portal clearly indicates the relevant part of the document in which the answer can be found (for example, the text answer states "answer to evaluation criteria 5 can be found in paragraphs 1 to 4 of uploaded document titled Evaluation Criteria responses". Images/diagrams will not be included in the word count provided they are for illustrative/reference purposes, are relevant and are clearly referenced in the written response.

D27. Evaluators will assess each question individually and will not be expected to search for answers. Where a Tenderers answer to any technical criteria question is covered within a separately attached document, the text answer to that criteria question must clearly indicate the relevant part of the supporting document in which the answer can be found. Any documents that have not been referenced may be discounted during evaluation.

D28. A Tender will be considered non-compliant if:

- the Tender receives a fail on any pass/fail criteria.
- the Tenderer has self-certified that that they cannot meet any of individual pass/fail criteria.
- the Tender receives points which are below the threshold set for any individual criteria.
- the Tender receives a Total Technical Score below 70.

D29. Technical Criteria Table

Figure	Criteria	Points Available	Minimum Threshold	Weight (Relative Importance)	Score Available
1	Explain how your experience of AIEDD will aid you in delivering a training package which will suitably upskill Alpha Squadron AIEDD operators.	0, 30, 70 or 100	70	25.00%	25.00
2	Explain how you deliver the requirement to provide up to date threat assessments during each training session, as fully detailed in section 5.a of the SoR	0, 30, 70 or 100	70	7.50%	7.50
3	Explain how you will deliver the need for complex electronic device training, as fully detailed in section 5.f and 11 of the SoR	0, 30, 70 or 100	70	15.00%	15.00
4	Explain how you will deliver the requirement to deliver dynamic and challenging AIEDD training that fully meets the requirements detailed in sections 5d,e and g of the SoR, including how the quality and validity of the training will be maintained through the duration of the contract.	0, 30, 70 or 100	70	15.00%	15.00
5	Explain how you will deliver the need to offer Human Performance Optimisation (HPO) training, as fully detailed in section 5.h of the SoR	0, 30, 70 or 100	70	20.00%	20.00
6	Explain how you deliver the need to provide individual operator feedback and assessment, as fully detailed in section 5,i of the SoR	0, 30, 70 or 100	30	7.50%	7.50
7	MAC2.3 - Explain how you will Support educational attainment relevant to the contract, including training schemes that address skills gaps and result in recognised qualifications	0, 30, 70 or 100	30	10.00%	10.00
				100%	100

D30. Scoring Criteria Table

Criteria 1 to 6 will be scored in accordance with the following:

100 – High Confidence	70 – Good Confidence	30 – Moderate Confidence	0 – Low Confidence
<p>In The Authority's opinion the Tenderers response to the requirements or criteria being assessed: addresses and demonstrates a thorough understanding of all elements of the requirement or criteria, where applicable.</p> <p>provides a comprehensive, unambiguous and thorough explanation of how all of the requirement or criteria will be delivered, where</p>	<p>In The Authority's opinion the Tenderers response to the requirements or criteria being assessed: addresses and demonstrates a sufficient understanding of most of the requirement or criteria, where applicable.</p> <p>provides sufficient detail and explanation of how most of the requirement or criteria will be delivered, where applicable.</p>	<p>In The Authority's opinion the Tenderers response to the requirements or criteria being assessed: addresses and demonstrates an understanding of some of the elements of the requirement or criteria, where applicable.</p> <p>is weak in some areas and does not fully detail or explain how some elements of the requirement or criteria will be delivered, where</p>	<p>In The Authority's opinion the Tenderers response to the requirements or criteria being assessed: does not address or demonstrate an understanding of most or all of the requirement or criteria, where applicable.</p> <p>does not demonstrate the ability to deliver most or all of the requirement or criteria, where applicable.</p>

<p>applicable.</p> <p>details a thorough explanation of how the full volumes and timescales of the requirement or criteria will be met, where applicable.</p> <p>provides comprehensive details showing how all of the requirement or criteria will be managed with sufficient resource allocated and support provided for the full duration, where applicable.</p> <p>comprehensively details how the requirement or criteria will be assured and how all quality or standards expected will be met in full, where applicable.</p> <p>has comprehensively considered risks to delivery of the requirement or criteria and thoroughly explained how they will be eliminated or mitigated, where applicable.</p>	<p>shows sufficient ability to meet most of the volumes and timescales for the requirement or criteria, where applicable.</p> <p>provides sufficient information to show how most of the requirement or criteria will be managed with adequate resource allocated and support provided, where applicable.</p> <p>sufficiently details how most of the requirement or criteria will be assured and quality or standards expected will be met, where applicable.</p> <p>has considered risks to delivery of the requirement or criteria and adequately indicated how most will be eliminated or mitigated, where applicable.</p>	<p>applicable.</p> <p>indicates that some of the volumes or timescales for the requirement or criteria will be met but may be lacking detail in some areas, where applicable.</p> <p>provides details of how some of the requirement or criteria will be managed but leaves concerns about the resource and support provided, where applicable.</p> <p>provides details of how some of the requirement or criteria will be assured but leaves doubt about quality or standards, where applicable.</p> <p>has considered risks to some of the requirement or criteria but leaves concerns that there are risks that have not been considered or may not be mitigated, where applicable.</p>	<p>does not show that most or all of the volumes or timescales of the requirement or criteria will be met, where applicable.</p> <p>does not provide details of how most or all of the requirement or criteria will be managed or that the required resource and support will be provided, where applicable.</p> <p>does not demonstrate that most or all of the required standards or quality will be met, where applicable.</p> <p>has identified and addressed few or no risks to delivery, where applicable.</p>
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D31. Social Value Overview (for criteria 7)

Social value has a lasting impact on individuals, communities, and the environment. Government has a huge opportunity and responsibility to maximise benefits effectively and comprehensively through its commercial activity. It cannot afford not to. A missed opportunity to deliver social value may lead to costs that the taxpayer has to absorb elsewhere through public procurement.

A competitive and diverse supply landscape can help to deliver innovation in public services, manage risk and provide greater value for taxpayers' money.

As a result, the Social Value Model (SVM) has been created which details 5 Themes, 8 Policy Outcomes and 24 Model Award Criteria (MACs). The SVM MACs are questions which relate to Social Value. The use of the SVM is mandatory in all central government procurements using Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015 and Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 above financial threshold and exempt procurements.

Defence is focusing on three, out of the five, priority Social Value themes that are most relevant for Defence:

- Tackling economic inequality.
- Fighting climate change; and
- Equal opportunity.

The Social Value Scoring Criteria is listed below. Please use this and the information provided within the SVM to compile your responses to the SVM MAC and Model Evaluation Question (MEQ) asked. In compiling your answer, please refer to the SVM Quick Reference Table. Under Model Response Guidance for tenderers and evaluators examples of types of evidence the tender evaluators are looking for can be found.

Alongside the Example Reporting Metrics, Social Value Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) may be used within this contract. KPIs will be generated from the Tenderer's social value response it is therefore important that measurable commits are included in the response (both commitments against the reporting metrics and other metrics as may be appropriate. KPIs may be agreed between the parties and included in the contract at Contract Award.

The aim of the following SVM MACs is to understand the Tenderers Social Value Commitment that this procurement programme will provide within the geographical location(s) that is will be delivered from.

In your written response you should provide convincing arguments, including suitable evidence, of What your understanding of Social Value is, in relation to this procurement, and How you will instil confidence in the Authority in your ability to deliver against the Social Value requirements for this procurement.

A list of some of the key response documents that the Authority would expect you to provide are provided below. However, within the overall limit of pages you should supplement your written submission with other documents you consider will build confidence in your ability to maximise Social Value Commitments.

From the information that you provide, the evaluators will assess, qualitatively, your response, based on the information that you provide within your tender response.

Alongside their Commitments against the reporting metrics, the successful Tenderer's method statement will form the basis of Key Performance Indicators and jointly managed throughout the life of the contract.

The Tenderers must ensure that they answer the SVM MACs asked. Any additional information which is not specific to the contract being procured will not be considered.

The Tenderers responses are to set out the additional Social Value benefits that they will deliver against the Policy Outcomes for this procurement. It is not sufficient to only reference/use to their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and or Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) documents.

Using a maximum of 750 words describe the commitment your organisation will make to ensure that opportunities under the contract deliver the Policy Outcome and Award Criteria. Please include:

- your 'Method Statement,' stating how you will achieve this and how your commitment meets the SVM Model Award Criteria (MAC), and
- a timed project plan and process, including how you will implement your commitment and by when
- how you will monitor, measure and report on your commitments/the impact of your proposals. You should include but not be limited to:
 - timed action plan
 - use of metrics
 - tools/processes used to gather data
 - reporting
 - feedback and improvement
 - transparency
- how you will influence your: staff, supply chains, 3rd party suppliers, customers, and communities through the delivery of the contract to support the Policy Outcome, e.g., engagement, co-design/creation, training, and education, partnering/collaborating, volunteering.

In complying your answer, please refer to the Social Value Model Quick Reference Table, under Model Response Guidance for tenderers and evaluators for examples of types of evidence the tender evaluators are looking for: The written submission should be in 11pt Arial to meet the response requirement.

For this procurement, the following SVM MAC have been selected as being appropriate.

Model Award Criteria	Model Response Guidance for tenderers and evaluators <i>The award criteria (left) and sub-criteria (below) will be used to evaluate the response</i>	Example Reporting Metrics <i>(proposals to be included in tender response)</i>
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Theme 2: Tackling economic inequality: Policy Outcome: Increase supply chain resilience and capacity

MAC 2.3: Education and training	<p>Activities that demonstrate and describe the tenderer’s existing or planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding of employment and skills issues, and of the education and training issues relating to the contract. Illustrative examples: demographics, skills shortages, new opportunities in high growth sectors, groups underrepresented in the workforce (e.g. prison leavers, disabled people), geographic/local community and skills/employment challenges. ● Support for educational attainment relevant to the contract, including training schemes that address skills gaps and result in recognised qualifications. ● Activities to support relevant sector related skills growth and sustainability in the contract workforce. Illustrative examples: careers talks, curriculum support, literacy support, safety talks and volunteering. ● Delivery of apprenticeships, traineeships and T Level industry placement opportunities (Level 2, 3 and 4+) in relation to the contract. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number of apprenticeship opportunities created or retained under the contract. ● Number of training opportunities created or retained under the contract, other than apprentices. ● Number of people-hours of learning interventions delivered under the contract.
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Further Social Value Guidance can be found:

- a) Social Value Model (SVM), Government Commercial Function, Edition 1.1 – 3 Dec 20
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940827/Guide-to-using-the-Social-Value-Model-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf
- b) Guide to Using the Social Value Model, Government Commercial Function, Edition 1.1 – 3 Dec 20
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940826/Social-Value-Model-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf
- c) Social Value Model Quick Reference Table, Government Commercial Function, Edition 1.1 – 3 Dec 20
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940828/Social-Value-Model-Quick-Reference-Table-Edn-1.1-3-Dec-20.pdf

D32. Evaluation Example Table

The following table provides an example of how Tenders may be evaluated/scored and is for illustrative purposes only. The number of questions and potential points/scores do not necessarily reflect the exact Technical Scores and Scoring Criteria for this particular requirement or how Tenders for this requirement will be evaluated. This example is based on a procurement with 2 pass/fail criteria and 5 scored criteria, each with a minimum threshold of 30, and funding of £250,000.

Figure	Weight	Tender 1 Points	Tender 1 Score	Tender 2 Points	Tender 2 Score	Tender 3 Points	Tender 3 Score	Tender 4 Points	Tender 4 Score
A	N/A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
B	N/A	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1	30.00%	100	30.00	100	30.00	100	30.00	70	21.00
2	25.00%	70	17.50	100	25.00	30	7.50	100	25.00
3	18.00%	100	18.00	30	5.40	100	18.00	70	12.60
4	15.00%	100	15.00	0	0.00	100	15.00	100	15.00
5	12.00%	100	12.00	100	12.00	100	12.00	100	12.00
Technical Score			92.50		72.40		82.50		81.10
Technical Compliance			Compliant		Non-Compliant		Compliant		Compliant

Total Price			240,000		215,000		275,000		210,000
Financial Compliance			Compliant		Compliant		Non-Compliant		Compliant

Commercial Compliance			Compliant		Compliant		Compliant		Compliant
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Evaluation Score			2594.59		0.00		0.00		2589.40
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In this example, Tender 2 was non-compliant as it did not meet the minimum threshold for Technical Criteria B and 4. Tender 3 was as non-compliant as the Total Price exceeded the funding available. Tender 4 is the Winning Tenderer, as it had the lowest Evaluation Score (combining price and technical score) and was compliant for all Commercial, Financial and Technical criteria.

Section E – Instructions on Submitting

Submission of your Tender

E1. Subject to paragraphs E4 and E5 below, your Tender must be submitted electronically via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) by the date stated in the cover page to this ITT. The Authority reserves the right to reject any Tender received after the stated date and time. Hard copy, paper or delivered digital Tenders (e.g. email, DVD) at OFFICIAL SENSITIVE classification are no longer required and will not be accepted by the Authority. Tenderers are required to submit an electronic online Tender in response to ITT.

E2. Your priced Tender must only be submitted to the commercial envelope of the DSP ITT. You must ensure that there are no prices present in the technical or qualification (if applicable) envelopes of the DSP ITT. The Authority has the right to request, at its discretion, that any pricing information found in the technical or qualification (if applicable) envelopes is redacted in accordance with paragraph E3.

E3. The Authority may, in its absolute discretion allow the Tenderer to rectify any irregularities identified in the Tender by the Authority or provide clarification after the Tender return date but it is not obliged to do so. For example, this may include, but is not limited to, redacting pricing information in the technical or qualification (if applicable) envelopes, rectifying, or providing clarification in relation to a corrupt or blank document. Tenderers will be provided with instructions via the DSP on how they can correct such irregularities which must be completed by the deadline set. The Authority will cross reference the amended Tender with the original Tender submitted to the DSP before the Tender return date to ensure that no other amendments, other than in relation to the specific irregularity/clarification communicated by the Authority, have been made. Should Tenderers make additional amendments to the Tender other than those relating to the specific irregularity/clarification communicated to the Tenderer by the Authority, this will result in a noncompliant bid.

E4. The DSP is accredited to OFFICIAL SENSITIVE. Material that is protectively marked above this classification must not be uploaded to the DSP. Please contact the MOD Commercial Officer named above if you have a requirement to submit documents above OFFICIAL SENSITIVE.

E5. You must not upload any ITAR or Export Controlled information as part of your Tender or ITT documentation to the DSP. You must contact the MOD Commercial Officer named above to discuss any exchange of ITAR or Export Controlled information. You must ensure that you have the relevant permissions to transfer information to the Authority.

E6. You must ensure that your DEFFORM 47 Annex A is signed, scanned and uploaded to DSP with your Tender as a PDF (it must be a scanned original). The remainder of your Tender must be compatible with MS Word and other MS Office applications.

Lots

E7. This requirement has not been split into lots.

Variant Bids

E8. The Authority will not accept variant bids.

Samples

E9. Samples are not required.

Section F – Conditions of Tendering

F1. The issue of ITT Documentation or ITT Material is not a commitment by the Authority to place a Contract as a result of this competition or at a later stage. Neither does the issue of this ITT or subsequent Tender create any implied contract between the Authority and any Tenderer and any such implied contract is expressly excluded.

F2. For procurements covered by the Procurement Act 2023, the Authority has the right to remove any Tenderer from this tender process should they, a connected person, or subcontractor/ associated person become or be found to be an excluded or excludable supplier under the Procurement Act 2023 at any point. Should any Tenderer be placed on the debarment list, this could result in their removal from this tender process.

F3. The Authority reserves the right, but is not obliged to:

- a. vary the terms of this ITT in accordance with applicable law;
- b. seek clarification or additional documents in respect of a Tenderer's submission during the Tender evaluation where necessary for the purpose of carrying out a fair evaluation. Tenderers are asked to respond to such requests promptly;
- c. visit your site;
- d. disqualify any Tenderer that submits a non-compliant Tender in accordance with the instructions or conditions of this ITT;
- e. disqualify any Tenderer that is guilty of misrepresentation in relation to their Tender, expression of interest, request to participate or the tender process;
- f. re-assess your suitability to remain in the competition, for example where there is a material change in the information submitted in and relating to the request to participate response, see paragraphs A30 to A33;
- g. withdraw this ITT at any time, or choose not to award any contract as a result of this tender process, or re-invite Tenders on the same or any alternative basis;
- h. re-issue this ITT on a single source basis (where permitted by the Procurement Act 2023 as applicable), in the event that this procurement does not result in a 'competitive process' as defined in the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014, making such adjustments as would be required by the application of the Defence Reform Act 2014 and/or the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014;
- i. choose not to award any contract as a result of the current tender process;
- j. where it is considered appropriate, ask for an explanation of the costs or price proposed in the Tender where the Tender appears to be abnormally low;

F4. The Contract will be effective when both parties sign the Contract. The Contract will be issued by the Authority via a DEFFORM 8, to the address you provide, on or before the end of the validity period specified in paragraph C3.

Conforming to the Law

F5. In participating in this tender process, you must comply with all applicable UK legislation and any equivalent legislation in a third state.

F6. Your attention is drawn to legislation relating to the canvassing of a public official, collusive behaviour and bribery. If you act in breach of this legislation you

Tender will be disqualified from this procurement. Disqualification will be without prejudice to any civil remedy available to the Authority or any criminal liability that your conduct may attract.

Bid Rigging and Other Illegal Practices

F7. You must report any suspected or actual bid rigging, fraud, bribery, corruption, or any other dishonest irregularity in connection to this tender process to:

Defence Regulatory Reporting Cell Hotline

0800 161 3665 (UK) or

+44 1371 85 4881 (Overseas)

Conflicts of Interest and Distorting Competition

F8. Any attempt by Tenderers or their advisors to influence the contract award process in any way may result in the Tenderer being disqualified. Specifically, Tenderers shall not directly or indirectly at any time:

- a. devise or amend the content of their Tender in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person, other than in good faith with a person who is a proposed partner, supplier, consortium member, professional adviser or provider of finance;
- b. enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person as to the form or content of any other Tender, or offer to pay any sum of money or valuable consideration to any person to effect changes to the form or content of any other Tender;
- c. enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that has the effect of prohibiting or excluding that person from submitting a Tender;
- d. canvass the Authority or any employees or agents of the Authority in relation to this procurement; or
- e. attempt to obtain information from any of the employees or agents of the Authority or their advisors concerning another Tenderer or Tender.

F9. Where you have provided advice to the Authority in relation to this procurement procedure or otherwise have been or are involved in any way in the preparation or conduct of this procurement procedure or where any other actual or potential conflict of interest (COI) exists, arises or may arise or any situation arises that might give the perception of a COI at any point before the Contract award decision, you must notify the Authority immediately.

F10. Where an actual or potential COI exists or arises or any situation arises that might give the perception of a COI at any point before the Contract award decision, you must provide a proposed Compliance Regime within seven (7) calendar days of notifying the Authority of the actual, potential or perceived COI. The proposal must be of a standard which, in the Authority's sole opinion, appropriately manages the conflict, provides sufficient separation to prevent distortion of competition and provides full details listed at F10 a to g below. Where the Contract is awarded and the COI is still relevant post-Contract award decision, you must promptly notify the Authority and your proposed Compliance Regime will become part of the Contract. As a minimum, the Compliance Regime must include:

- a. the manner of operation and management, including flow down within your organisation;
- b. roles and responsibilities;
- c. standards for integrity and fair dealing;

- d. levels of access to and protection of competitors' sensitive information and Government Furnished Information;
- e. confidentiality and/or non-disclosure agreements (e.g. DEFFORM 702);
- f. the Authority's rights of audit; and
- g. physical and managerial separation.

F11. Tenderers are ultimately responsible for ensuring that no actual or potential COI exist between the Tenderer and their advisers, and the Authority and its advisers. Any Tenderer who fails to comply with the requirements described at paragraphs F8 to F11 (including where the Authority does not deem the proposed Compliance Regime to be of a standard which appropriately manages the conflict) will be disqualified from the procurement by the Authority.

F12. Where there are circumstances that may cause a perceived COI, Tenderers are required to provide reasonable support and assistance to enable the Authority to manage any perceived COI during this tender process.

Government Furnished Assets

F13. Where the Authority provides Government Furnished Assets (GFA) in support of this competition, you must include details of the GFA in your Public Store Account and treat it in accordance with Def Stan 05-099. If unsuccessful in this competition, you must seek instructions for the GFA from the named Commercial Officer.

Standstill Period

F14. The Authority is allowing a period of eight (8) working days from the date of publication of the contract award notice before entering into a Contract, known as the 'standstill period'. The standstill period ends at 23:59 on the 8th working day after the date of the publication of the contract award notice.

Publicity Announcement

F15. If you wish to make an announcement regarding this procurement, you must seek approval from the named Commercial Officer and Press Office and such permission will only be given at the sole discretion of the Authority. Requests must be made in writing to the named Commercial Officer and a copy of the draft announcement provided. This shall then be forwarded to the Press Office and their contact details will be provided for further follow up.

F16. Under no circumstances should you confirm to any Third Party the Authority's Contract award decision before the Authority's announcement of the award of Contract.

Publication and Disclosure of Information

F17. Information may be published or disclosed by the Authority for the following purposes:

F18. Sharing within Government.

a. All Central Government Departments and their Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies are subject to control and reporting within Government. In particular, they report to the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury for all expenditure. Further, the Cabinet Office has a cross-governmental role delivering overall Government policy on public procurement, including ensuring value for money, related aspects of good procurement practice and answering Freedom of Information requests.

b. For these purposes, the Authority may share within Government any of the Tenderer's documentation/information (including any that the Tenderer

considers to be confidential and/or commercially sensitive such as specific bid information) submitted by the Tenderer to the Authority during this procurement.

c. This allows the Authority to share information with other Government Departments while complying with our obligations to maintain confidentiality.

F19. Sharing with Third Parties.

a. Where required, the Authority will disclose on a confidential basis any information it receives from Tenderers during the tender process (including information identified by the Tenderer as Sensitive Information in accordance with the provisions of this ITT) to any Third Party engaged by the Authority for the specific purpose of evaluating or assisting the Authority in the evaluation of the Tenderer's Tender. In providing such information the Tenderer consents to such disclosure.

F20. Freedom of Information

a. The Authority is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"). If the Authority receives a request under the FOIA to disclose any information provided during this procurement that a Tenderer has designated as confidential, the Authority will notify the relevant Tenderer as soon as reasonably practicable and consult with the Tenderer, and have regard to its views, in relation to determining whether any exemption from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA may apply.

b. The decision to disclose (or not to disclose), including information that is confidential, in response to a request under the FOIA is for the Authority to determine in its absolute discretion. The Authority shall further be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any Information:

- i. is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA (including, but in no way limited to, Section 43 of the FOIA); or
- ii. falls to be disclosed in response to either a request for information or a direction from the Information Commissioner, the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights), the Upper Tribunal or a court.

F21. Publication under the Procurement Act 2023.

a. For procurements covered by the Procurement Act 2023, the Authority may publish such information as it is required to disclose under that Act. Such disclosure shall be subject to the overriding public interest test set out in section 94 of the Procurement Act 2023. Any decision on disclosure shall be in the sole discretion of the Authority.

Reportable Requirements

F22. Listed in the DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer) are the mandatory declarations. You must complete and attach the returns listed in the Annex and, where you select yes, you must attach the relevant information with the tender submission.

F23. Your Tender will be deemed non-compliant and excluded from the tender process if you fail to complete the Annex in full and attach relevant information where required.

Russian and Belarusian Suppliers, Products and Services

F24. Except as set out in [PPN 01/22](#), the Authority will not be accepting Tenders that:

- a. contain any Russian / Belarusian products and/or services; and/or

- b. are linked to entities who are constituted or organised under the law of Russia or Belarus, or under the control (full or partial) of a Russian / Belarusian person or entity. Please note that this does not include companies:
 - i. registered in the UK or in a country with which the UK has a relevant international agreement with reciprocal rights of access in the relevant field of public procurement; and/or
 - ii. which have significant business operations in the UK or in a country the UK has a relevant international agreement with reciprocal rights of access in the relevant field of public procurement.

F25. Tenderers must confirm in writing that their Tender, including any element that may be provided by any part of the Contractor's supply chain, does not contain any Russian / Belarusian products and/or services.

F26. Tenderers must include provisions equivalent to those set out in this clause in all relevant Sub-Contracting Arrangements.

Information and Other Matters

F27. This ITT and all other information, opinions and data, whether written or oral, made available to the Tenderers during the pre-qualification process and this procurement, including the information provided on the DSP (together the "Information") is provided to Tenderers for the sole purpose of assisting them to submit Tenders.

F28. The Information has been provided by the Authority and has not been independently verified by the Authority, its advisers or any other person. Although the Information is provided in good faith, except where expressly provided on a reliance basis, it does not purport to be accurate, complete and exhaustive and the Authority, its ministers, employees, advisers, contractors, agents and any officers of any associated bodies accept no liability for any error or misstatement in, or omission from, the Information and, so far as permitted by law, any liability (for negligence or otherwise) of the Authority or any of its advisers, contractors, agents, officers, employees and any officers or employees of any associated bodies to the Tenderers and others in connection with the Information is hereby expressly disclaimed. No representation or warranty, express or implied is given with respect to the accuracy or completeness of this ITT, their contents, the Information or any oral or written communication in connection with the procurement or as to the achievement or reasonableness of (and no reliance should be placed on) any projections, targets, estimates or forecasts contained in this ITT or the Information. Summaries of documents contained in this ITT or made available to the Tenderers through the DSP should not be relied on and the final forms of such documents must be referred to for their full effect.

F29. The Information provided does not purport to be comprehensive or to contain all of the information that Tenderers need to submit Tenders. None of this ITT or the Information is intended to provide the basis of any investment decision and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Authority or any of its advisers to any recipient of this ITT.

F30. Without limiting any other provision of this ITT, to the extent permitted by law, the Authority will not be liable for any oral advice, representation or information given by the Authority or on behalf of it in relation to this procurement, whether given or made before or after the Tender Submission Deadline.

F31. The Authority undertakes no obligation to provide any additional information or to update this ITT, or to correct any inaccuracies which may become apparent.

F32. Without in any way limiting what a Tenderer does, before submitting a Tender, the Tenderers must:

- a. examine this ITT and all documents made available to them in writing by the Authority or any other person on behalf of the Authority to the Tenderers for the purpose of preparing their Tender;
- b. examine all other relevant information available on reasonable enquiry;
- c. obtain and consider all necessary information relevant to the risks, contingencies and other circumstances having an effect on their Tenders;
- d. satisfy themselves of the correctness and sufficiency of their Tenders having regard to these risks; and
- e. take such professional advice as is appropriate for a project of this type,
- f. and any failure to do these things or other things which the Tenderers are required to do under this ITT will not relieve a Tenderer of its obligation to perform the Contract should it be selected.

Applicability of TUPE

F33. Tenderers must be aware of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 ("TUPE"), as amended and /or the Service Provision Change (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, as amended from time to time.

Specific Conditions of Tendering

F34. Not Applicable

Ministry of Defence

Tender Submission Document (Offer)

To the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereafter called “the Authority”)

The undersigned Tenderer, having read the ITT Documentation and ITT Material, offers to supply the Contractor Deliverables at the stated price(s), in accordance with any referenced drawings and/or specifications, subject to the Conditions of Tendering. It is agreed that only the Contract or any amendments issued by the Authority shall apply.

Applicable Law				
I agree that any Contract resulting from this competition shall be subject to English Law				Yes / No
Total Value of Tender (excluding UK VAT)				
£				
WORDS				
UK Value Added Tax				
If registered for Value Added Tax purposes, insert:				
a. Registration No				
b. Total amount of Value Added Tax payable on this Tender (at current rate(s)) £.....				
Location of work (town / city) where Contract will be performed by Prime:				
Where items which are subject of your Tender are not supplied or provided by you, state location in town / city to be performed column (continue on another page if required)				
Tier 1 Sub-Contractor Company Name	Town / city to be Performed	Contractor Deliverables	Estimated Value	SME Yes / No
Mandatory Declarations (further details are contained in Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer)):			Tenderer's Declaration	
Are the Contractor Deliverables subject to Foreign Export Control and Security Restrictions? If the answer is Yes, complete and attach DEFFORM 528.			Yes* / No	
Have you completed and attached a DEFFORM 711 – Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions?			Yes*/No	
Have you obtained the foreign export approval necessary to secure IP user rights in the Contractor Deliverables for the Authority, including technical data, as determined in the Contract?			Yes* / No	
Have you provided details of how you will comply with all regulations relating to the operation of the collection of custom import duties, including the proposed customs procedure to be used and an estimate of duties to be incurred or suspended?			Yes* / No	

Have you completed and attached a Supplier Assurance Questionnaire on the Supplier Cyber Protection Service, together with a Cyber Implementation Plan as appropriate?	Yes* / No / N/A
Have you completed Form 1686 for Sub-Contracts?	Yes* / No
Have you completed the compliance matrix / matrices?	Yes / No / N/A
Are you a Small Medium Sized Enterprise (SME)?	Yes / No
Have you and your Sub-Contractors registered with the Fair Payment Code with regards to SMEs?	Yes / No
Have you completed and attached Tenderer's Sensitive Information form?	Yes* / No
If you are required to submit a Statement of Excludable Offences and you have not previously submitted a Statement of Excludable Offences within the last 12 months, or, if circumstances have changed, have you attached a revised version?	Yes* / No / N/A
Do the Contractor Deliverables, or any item provided in accordance with the Contract contain asbestos, as defined by the control of Asbestos Regulations 2012?	Yes* / No
Have you completed and attached a DEFFORM 68 - Hazardous Articles, Deliverables materials or substances statement?	Yes* / No
Do the Contractor Deliverables or any item provided in accordance with the Contract (including packaging) use substances that deplete the ozone layer, as defined in Regulation (EC) 1005/2009, as it applies in Great Britain as assimilated law, and as it applies in Northern Ireland directly	Yes* / No
Where you have been informed that a Bank or Parent Company Guarantee is required, will you provide one during the standstill period, before Contract award, if you are identified as the winning Tenderer?	Yes / No / Not Required
Have you complied with the requirements of the Defence Safety Authority Regulatory Articles?	Yes / No / Not Required
Have you completed all Mandatory Requirements (as per paragraph F22) stated in this ITT?	Yes / No
*If selecting Yes to any of the above questions, attach the information detailed in Appendix 1 to DEFFORM 47 Annex A (Offer).	
Tenderer's Declaration of Compliance with Competition Law	
<p>We certify that the offer made is intended to be genuinely competitive. No aspect of the price has been fixed or adjusted by any arrangement with any Third Party. Arrangement in this context includes any transaction, or agreement, private or open, or collusion, formal or informal, and whether or not legally binding. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the offered price has not been divulged to any Third Party; no arrangement has been made with any Third Party that they should refrain from tendering; no arrangement with any Third Party has been made to the effect that we will refrain from bidding on a future occasion; no discussion with any Third Party has taken place concerning the details of either's proposed price; and no arrangement has been made with any Third Party otherwise to limit genuine competition. <p>We understand that any instances of illegal cartels or market sharing arrangements, or other anti-competitive practices, suspected by the Authority will be referred to the Competition and Markets Authority for investigation and may be subject to</p>	

action under the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002.

We understand that any misrepresentations may also be the subject of criminal investigation or used as the basis for civil action.

We agree that the Authority may share the Contractor's information/documentation (submitted to the Authority during this Procurement) more widely within Government for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government tender processes, including value for money and related purposes. We certify that we have identified any Sensitive Information in the Tenderer's Sensitive Information form (DEFFORM 539A).

Dated this..... day of Year

Signature: **In the capacity of**

(Must be scanned original)

(State official position e.g. Director, Manager, Secretary etc.)

Name: (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Postal Address:

duly authorised to sign this Tender for and on behalf of:

Telephone No:

(Tenderer's Name)

Registered Company Number:

Dunn And Bradstreet number:

Information on Mandatory Declarations

IPR Restrictions

1. You must complete and attach DEFFORM 711 (Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions) as part of your Tender. You must provide details of any information / technical data that is deliverable or delivered under the Contract where it is, or may be, subject to any IPR restrictions (or any other type of restriction which may include export restrictions) affecting the Authority's ability to use or disclose the Information / technical data in accordance with the conditions of any resulting Contract. You must also identify any Contractor Deliverables subject to IPR which have been funded exclusively or in part by private venture, foreign investment or otherwise than by the Authority.

2. In particular, you must identify:

- a. any restriction on the provision of information to the Authority; any restriction on disclosure or the use of information by, or on behalf of, the Authority; any obligations to make payments in respect of IPR, and any Patent or Registered Design (or application for either) or other IPR (including unregistered Design Right) owned or controlled by you or a Third Party;
- b. any allegation made against you, whether by claim or otherwise, of an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights (whether a Patent, Registered Design, unregistered Design Right, Copyright or otherwise) or of a breach of confidence, which relates to the performance of any resultant Contract or subsequent use by or for the Authority of any Contractor Deliverables;
- c. the nature of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph 2.b., including any obligation to make payments in respect of the Intellectual Property Right of any confidential information; and / or
- d. any action you need to take, or the Authority is required to take to deal with the consequences of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph 2.b.

3. You must provide the Authority with details of every restriction and obligation referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2. The Authority will not acknowledge any such restriction unless so notified using DEFFORM 711 or as otherwise agreed under any resultant Contract. You must also provide, on request, any information required for authorisation to be given under Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958.

4. You should refer to the DEFFORM 711 Explanatory Notes for further information on how to complete the form.

1.1.1 Notification of Foreign Export Control Restrictions

5. If, in the performance of the Contract, you need to import into the UK or export out of the UK anything not supplied by or on behalf of the Authority and for which a UK import or export licence is required, you will be responsible for applying for the licence. The Authority will provide you with all reasonable assistance in obtaining any necessary UK import or export licence.

6. In respect of any Contractor Deliverables, likely to be required for the performance of any resultant Contract, you must provide the following information in your Tender:

Whether all or part of any Contractor Deliverables are or will be subject to:

- a. a non-UK export licence, authorisation or exemption; or
- b. any other related transfer control that restricts or will restrict end use, end user, re-transfer or disclosure.

You must complete DEFFORM 528 (or other mutually agreed alternative format) in respect of any Contractor Deliverables identified at paragraph 6 and return it as part of your Tender. If you have previously provided this information you can provide details of the previous notification and confirm

the validity.

7. You must use reasonable endeavours to obtain sufficient information from your potential supply chain to enable a full response to paragraph 6. If you are unable to obtain adequate information, you must state this in your Tender. If you become aware at any time during the competition that all or part of any proposed Contractor Deliverable is likely to become subject to a non-UK Government Control through a Government-to-Government sale only, you must inform the Authority immediately by updating your previously submitted DEFFORM 528 or completing a new DEFFORM 528.

8. This does not include any Intellectual Property specific restrictions mentioned in paragraph 2.

9. You must notify the named Commercial Officer immediately if you are unable for whatever reason to abide by any restriction of the type referred to in paragraph 6.

10. Should you propose the supply of Contractor Deliverables of US origin the export of which from the USA is subject to control under the US International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), you must include details on the DEFFORM 528. This will allow the Authority to make a decision whether the export can or cannot be made under the US-UK Defense Trade Co-operation Treaty. The Authority shall then convey its decision to the Tenderer. If the Authority decides that use of the Treaty for the export is permissible, it is your responsibility to make a final decision whether you want to use that route for the export concerned if you are awarded the Contract.

Import Duty and Non-UK Tax

11. United Kingdom (UK) legislation permits the use of various procedures to suspend customs duties.

12. For the purpose of this competition, for any deliverables not yet imported into the UK, you are required to provide details of your plans to address customs compliance, including the Customs procedures to be applied (together with the procedure code) and the estimated Import Duty to be incurred and/or suspended.

13. You should note that it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with all regulations relating to the operation of the accounting for import duties. This includes but is not limited to obtaining the appropriate His Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) authorisations.

14. The Total Value of Tender should include all overseas and non-UK non-recoverable taxes that will be charged to the Authority, excluding UK Value Added Tax.

Cyber Risk

15. Cyber risk has been considered and detailed previously.

Sub-Contracts Form 1686

16. Form 1686 (also known as Appendix 5) is to be used in all circumstances where contractors wish to place a Sub-Contract at OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE with a contractor outside of the UK, or where the release of SECRET or above information is involved within the UK or overseas. The process will require submission of the single page document either directly to the MOD Project Team or, where specified, to the DE&S Security Advice Centre. Form 1686 and further guidance can be found in [Industry Security Notice 2024/05 Subcontracting or Collaborating on Classified UK MOD Programmes](#).

Small and Medium Enterprises

17. The Authority is committed to supporting the Government's Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) policy, and we want to encourage wider SME participation throughout our supply chain. Our goal is that at least 25% of the Authority's spend should be with SMEs, either directly or through the supply chain. The Authority uses the Procurement Act 2023 interpretation of SME.

18. A key aspect of the Government's SME Policy is ensuring that its suppliers throughout the supply chain are paid promptly for all procurements. All suppliers to the Authority and their Sub-Contractors are encouraged to make their own commitment and register with the Small Business Commissioner at <https://www.smallbusinesscommissioner.gov.uk/ppc/>. The successful Tenderer of a public contract must also comply with Section 73 of the Procurement Act 2023 – Implied payment terms in sub-contracts.

19. Suppliers are also encouraged to work with the Authority to support the Authority's SME Action Plan, however this is not a condition of working with the Authority now or in the future, nor will this issue form any part of the Tender evaluation. Information on the Authority's purchasing arrangements, our commercial policies and our SME Action Plan can be found at [Gov.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and on the Defence Sourcing Portal.

Tenderer's Sensitive Information

20. You must complete the attached Tenderer's Sensitive Information form (DEFFORM 539A, SC1B Schedule 4 or SC2 Schedule 5) explaining which parts of your Tender you consider to be Sensitive Information (as defined in DEFCON 539). This includes providing a named individual who can be contacted with regard to FOIA and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("the EIR").

21. See paragraph F16 for reasons that the Authority may need to publish or disclose information. You should note that while your views will be taken into consideration, the ultimate decision whether to publish or disclose information lies with the Authority. You are advised to provide as much detail as possible on the form. It is highly unlikely that a Tender will be exempt from disclosure in its entirety. Should the Authority decide to publish or disclose information against your wishes, you will, where practicable be given prior notification.

Electronic Purchasing

22. Tenderers must note that use of the [Contracting, Purchasing and Finance \(CP&F\)](#) electronic procurement tool is a mandatory requirement for any resultant Contract awarded following this Tender. By submitting this Tender, you agree to electronic payment. You may consult the service provider on connectivity options. Failure to accept electronic payment will result in your Tender being non-compliant and excluded from the tender process.

Change of Circumstances

23. If you are required to submit a Statement of Excludable Offences, and you have not previously submitted a Statement of Excludable Offences or your circumstances have changed, please select 'Yes' to the appropriate question on DEFFORM 47 Annex A and submit a Statement of Excludable Offences with your Tender.

Asbestos, Hazardous Items and Depletion of the Ozone Layer

24. The Authority is required to report any items that use asbestos, that are hazardous or where there is an impact on the Ozone. Where any Contractor Deliverables fall into one of these categories select 'Yes' to the appropriate question on DEFFORM 47 Annex A and provide further details in your Tender.

Defence Safety Authority (DSA) Requirements

25. Tenderers are required to comply with any applicable DSA regulation. Tenderers must be able to demonstrate their compliance with all relevant DSA regulations.

Bank or Parent Company Guarantee

26. You will be informed whether you are required to provide a Bank or Parent Company Guarantee. In the event that you are selected as the winning Tenderer, you must provide your Bank or Parent Company Guarantee (in the form of DEFFORM 24/24A as appropriate) during the standstill period. No Contract will be awarded until a suitable Bank or Parent Company Guarantee, as appropriate, is in place. Failure to provide a Bank or Parent Company Guarantee during the standstill period, will result in you being de-selected as the winning Tenderer. The Authority reserves the right to re-evaluate the Tenders, (if necessary) to take into account the absence of the de-selected Tenderer, enabling the Authority to establish the next winning Tenderer and award a Contract.



Ministry
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MOD Terms and Conditions

SC2 - Core Terms (Edn 07/25)

General Conditions

1. General

- a. The defined terms in the Contract shall be as set out in Schedule 1.
- b. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Legislation, whether specifically referenced in the Contract or not.
- c. The Contractor warrants and represents, that:
 - (1) they have the full capacity and authority to enter into, and to exercise their rights and perform their obligations under, the Contract;
 - (2) from the Effective Date of Contract and for so long as the Contract remains in force it shall give the Authority Notice of any litigation, arbitration (unless expressly prohibited from doing so in accordance with the terms of the arbitration), administrative or adjudication or mediation proceedings before any court, tribunal, arbitrator, administrator or adjudicator or mediator or relevant authority against themselves or a Subcontractor which would adversely affect the Contractor's ability to perform their obligations under the Contract;
 - (3) as at the Effective Date of Contract no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened) for the winding-up of the company or dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or similar officer in relation to any of its assets or revenues;
 - (4) for so long as the Contract remains in force they shall give the Authority Notice of any proceedings or other steps that have been taken but not discharged (nor to the best of the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened) for the winding-up of the company or dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or similar officer in relation to any of its assets or revenues.
- d. Unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (1) The singular includes the plural and vice versa, and the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa.
 - (2) The words "include", "includes", "including" and "included" are to be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation", except where explicitly stated otherwise.
 - (3) The expression "person" means any individual, firm, body corporate, unincorporated association or partnership, government, state or agency of a state or joint venture.
 - (4) References to any statute, enactment, order, regulation, or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation, or instrument as amended, supplemented, replaced or consolidated by any subsequent statute, enactment, order, regulation, or instrument.
 - (5) The heading to any Contract provision shall not affect the interpretation of that provision.
 - (6) Any decision, act or thing which the Authority is required or authorised to take or do under the Contract may be taken or done only by the person (or its nominated deputy) authorised in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) to take or do that decision, act, or thing on behalf of the Authority.
 - (7) Unless excluded within the Conditions of the Contract or required by law, references to submission of documents in writing shall include electronic submission.

2. Duration of Contract

This Contract comes into effect on the Effective Date of Contract and will expire automatically on the date identified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated.

3. Entire Agreement

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Contract. The Contract supersedes, and neither Party has relied upon, any prior negotiations, representations and undertakings, whether written or oral, except that this Condition shall not exclude liability in respect of any fraudulent misrepresentation.

4. Governing Law

- a. Subject to clause 4.d, the Contract shall be considered as a contract made in England and subject to English Law.
- b. Subject to clause 4.d and Condition 41 (Dispute Resolution) and without prejudice to the dispute resolution process set out therein, each Party submits and agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England to resolve, and the laws of England to govern, any actions proceedings, controversy or claim of whatever nature arising out of or relating to the Contract or breach thereof.
- c. Subject to clause 4.d any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Contract shall be determined within the English jurisdiction and to the exclusion of all other jurisdictions save that other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this Condition 4 and for the enforcement of any judgment, order or award given under English jurisdiction.
- d. If the Parties pursuant to the Contract agree that Scots Law should apply then the following amendments shall apply to the Contract:
 - (1) Clause 4.a, 4.b and 4.c shall be amended to read:

"a. The Contract shall be considered as a contract made in Scotland and subject to Scots Law.

b. Subject to Condition 41 (Dispute Resolution) and without prejudice to the dispute resolution process set out therein, each Party submits and agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Scotland to resolve, and the laws of Scotland to govern, any actions, proceedings, controversy or claim of whatever nature arising out of or relating to the Contract or breach thereof.

c. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Contract shall be determined within the Scottish jurisdiction and to the exclusion of all other jurisdictions save that other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this Condition 4 and for the enforcement of any judgment, order or award given under Scottish jurisdiction."

(2) Clause 4141.b shall be amended to read:

"In the event that the dispute or claim is not resolved pursuant to clause 4141.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the arbitration and this clause 4141.b shall be governed by the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010. The seat of the arbitration shall be Scotland. For the avoidance of doubt, for the purpose of arbitration the tribunal shall have the power to make provisional awards pursuant to Rule 53 of the Scottish Arbitration Rules, as set out in Schedule 1 to the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010."

d. Each Party warrants to each other that entry into the Contract does not, and the performance of the Contract will not, in any way violate or conflict with any provision of law, statute, rule, regulation, judgement, writ, injunction, decree or order applicable to it. Each Party also warrants that the Contract does not conflict with or result in a breach or termination of any provision of, or constitute a default under, any mortgage, contract or other liability, charge or encumbrance upon any of its properties or other assets.

e. Each Party agrees with each other Party that the provisions of this Condition 4 shall survive any termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever and shall remain fully enforceable as between the Parties notwithstanding such a termination.

f. Where the Contractor's place of business is not in England or Wales (or Scotland where the Parties agree pursuant to the Contract that Scots Law should apply), the Contractor irrevocably appoints the solicitors or other persons in England and Wales (or Scotland where the Parties agree pursuant to the Contract that Scots Law should apply) detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) as their agents to accept on their behalf service of all process and other documents of whatever description to be served on the Contractor in connection with any litigation or arbitration within the English jurisdiction (or Scottish jurisdiction where the Parties agree pursuant to the Contract that Scots Law should apply) arising out of or relating to the Contract or any issue connected therewith.

5. Precedence

a. If there is any inconsistency between the different provisions of the Contract the inconsistency shall be resolved according to the following descending order of precedence:

(1) Conditions 1 - 45 (and 46 - 49, if included in the Contract) of the Conditions of the Contract shall be given equal precedence with Schedule 1 (Definitions of Contract) and Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);

(2) Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) and Schedule 8 (Acceptance Procedure);

(3) the remaining Schedules; and

(4) any other documents expressly referred to in the Contract.

b. If either Party becomes aware of any inconsistency within or between the documents referred to in clause 5.a such Party shall notify the other Party forthwith and the Parties will seek to resolve that inconsistency on the basis of the order of precedence set out in clause 5.a. Where the Parties fail to reach agreement, and if either Party considers the inconsistency to be material to its rights and obligations under the Contract, then the matter will be referred to the dispute resolution procedure in accordance with Condition 41 (Dispute Resolution).

6. Formal Amendments to the Contract

a. Except as provided in Condition 32 and subject to clause 6.c, the Contract may only be amended by the written agreement of the Parties (or their duly authorised representatives acting on their behalf). Such written agreement shall consist of:

(1) the Authority Notice of Change under Schedule 4 (Contract Change Control Procedure) (where used); and

(2) the Contractor's unqualified acceptance of the contractual amendments as evidenced by the DEFFORM 10B duly signed by the Contractor.

b. Where required by the Authority in connection with any such amendment, the Contractor shall (as so required) confirm that any existing Parent Company Guarantee is sufficiently comprehensive so as to cover and support all of the Contractor's liabilities and obligations under and in connection with the Contract (as amended by such amendment) or provide a revised Parent Company Guarantee with such DEFFORM 10B to achieve the same purposes.

c. Where the Authority wishes to amend the Contract to incorporate any work that is unpriced at the time of amendment:

(1) if the Contract is not a Qualifying Defence Contract, the Authority shall have the right to settle with the Contractor a price for such work under the terms of DEFCON 643 (SC2) or DEFCON 127. Where DEFCON 643 (SC2) is used, the Contractor shall make all appropriate arrangements with all its Subcontractors affected by the Change or Changes in accordance with clause 5 of DEFCON 643 (SC2); or

(2) if the Contract is a Qualifying Defence Contract, the Contract Price shall be redetermined on amendment in accordance with the Defence Reform Act 2014 and Single Source Contract Regulations 2014 (each as amended from time to time).

Changes to the Specification

d. The Specification forms part of the Contract and all Contract Deliverables to be supplied by the Contractor under the Contract shall conform in all respects with the Specification.

e. The Contractor shall use a configuration control system to control all changes to the Specification. The configuration control system shall be compatible with ISO 9001 (latest published version) or as specified in the Contract.

7. Authority Representatives

a. Any reference to the Authority in respect of:

- (1) the giving of consent;
- (2) the delivering of any Notices; or
- (3) the doing of any other thing that may reasonably be undertaken by an individual acting on behalf of the

Authority, shall be deemed to be references to the Authority's Representatives in accordance with this Condition 7.

b. The Authority's Representatives detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) (or their nominated deputy) shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Authority for all purposes of the Contract. Unless notified in writing before such act or instruction, the Contractor shall be entitled to treat any act of the Authority's Representatives which is authorised by the Contract as being expressly authorised by the Authority and the Contractor shall not be required to determine whether authority has in fact been given.

c. In the event of any change to the identity of the Authority's Representatives, the Authority shall provide written confirmation to the Contractor, and shall update Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract).

8. Severability

a. If any provision of the Contract is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable to any extent then:

- (1) such provision shall (to the extent that it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable) be given no effect and shall be deemed not to be included in the Contract but without invalidating any of the remaining provisions of the Contract; and
- (2) the Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision by a valid, legal and enforceable substitute provision the effect of which is as close as possible to the intended effect of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision.

9. Waiver

a. No act or omission of either Party shall by itself amount to a waiver of any right or remedy unless expressly stated by that Party in writing. In particular, no reasonable delay in exercising any right or remedy shall by itself constitute a waiver of that right or remedy.

b. No waiver in respect of any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver in respect of any other right or remedy.

10. Assignment of Contract

Neither Party shall be entitled to assign the Contract (or any part thereof) without the prior written consent of the other Party.

11. Third Party Rights

Save where expressly set out elsewhere in the Contract, no right is granted to any person who is not a Party to the Contract to enforce any term of the Contract in its own right and the Parties to the Contract declare that they have no intention to grant any such right.

12. Transparency

- a. Notwithstanding any other term of the Contract, including Condition 13 (Disclosure of Information), the Contractor agrees that the Authority may publish the Transparency Information and Publishable Performance Information to the general public.
- b. The Authority shall publish and maintain an up-to-date version of the Transparency Information and Publishable Performance Information in a format readily accessible and reusable by the general public under an open licence where applicable.
- c. The Contractor shall assist and co-operate with the Authority as reasonably required to enable the Authority to publish the Transparency Information and Publishable Performance Information, including through compliance with the requirements relating to the preparation of Publishable Performance Information set out in clauses 12.f to 12.j. Where the Authority publishes Transparency Information, it shall redact any Sensitive Information and, where reasonably practicable, consult with the Contractor on the proposed redactions prior to publication.
- d. The Authority shall present information in a format that assists the general public in understanding the relevance and completeness of the Information being published to ensure the public obtain a fair view on how the Contract is being performed.
- e. The parties agree that they will not disclose information in relation to the Contract in contravention of their obligations under data protection legislation. In this clause, "data protection legislation" has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018. **Publishable Performance Information**

- f. Within three (3) months of the effective date of Contract the Contractor shall provide to the Authority for its approval (such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) a draft Publishable Performance Information KPI Data Report consistent with the content requirements of Schedule 9.
- g. If the Authority rejects any draft Publishable Performance Information the Contractor shall submit a revised version of the relevant KPI Data Report for further approval by the Authority with five (5) business days of receipt of any notice or rejection, taking account of any recommendations for revision and improvement to the report provided by the Authority. This process shall be repeated until the parties have an agreed version of the Publishable Performance Information.
- h. The Contractor shall provide an accurate and up-to-date version of the KPI Data Report to the Authority for each quarter at the frequency referred to in the agreed Schedule 9.
- i. Any dispute in connection with the preparation and/or approval of Publishable Performance Information, other than under clause 12.g, shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure provided for in the Contract.
- j. The requirements of this Condition are in addition to any other reporting requirements in the Contract.

13. Disclosure of Information

a. Subject to clauses 13.d to 13.i and Condition 12 each Party:

- (1) shall treat in confidence all Information it receives from the other;
- (2) shall not disclose any of that Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, except that the Contractor may disclose Information in confidence, without prior consent, to such persons and to such extent as may be necessary for the performance of the Contract;
- (3) shall not use any of that Information otherwise than for the purpose of the Contract; and
- (4) shall not copy any of that Information except to the extent necessary for the purpose of exercising its rights of use and disclosure under the Contract.

b. The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to ensure that all Information disclosed to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Authority under or in connection with the Contract:

- (1) is disclosed to their employees and Subcontractors, only to the extent necessary for the performance of the Contract; and
- (2) is treated in confidence by them and not disclosed except with the prior written consent of the Authority or used otherwise than for the purpose of performing work or having work performed for the Authority under the Contract or any Subcontract.

c. The Contractor shall ensure that their employees are aware of the Contractor's arrangements for discharging the obligations at clauses 13.a and 13.b before receiving Information and shall take such steps as may be reasonably practical to enforce such arrangements.

d. A Party shall not be in breach of clauses 13.a, 13.b, 13.f, 13.g and 13.h to the extent that either Party:

- (1) exercises rights of use or disclosure granted otherwise than in consequence of, or under, the Contract;
- (2) has the right to use or disclose the Information in accordance with other Conditions of the Contract; or
- (3) can show:
 - (a) that the Information was or has become published or publicly available for use otherwise than in breach of any provision of the Contract or any other agreement between the Parties;
 - (b) that the Information was already known to it (without restrictions on disclosure or use) prior to receiving the Information under or in connection with the Contract;
 - (c) that the Information was received without restriction on further disclosure from a third party which lawfully acquired the Information without any restriction on disclosure; or
 - (d) from its records that the same Information was derived independently of that received under or in connection

with the Contract;

provided that the relationship to any other Information is not revealed.

e. Neither Party shall be in breach of this Condition where it can show that any disclosure of Information was made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with a statutory, judicial or parliamentary obligation. Where such a disclosure is made, the Party making the disclosure shall ensure that the recipient of the Information is made aware of and asked to respect its confidentiality. Such disclosure shall in no way diminish the obligations of the Parties under this Condition.

f. The Authority may disclose the Information:

- (1) to any Central Government Body for any proper purpose of the Authority or of the relevant Central Government Body, which shall include: disclosure to the Cabinet Office and/or HM Treasury for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes. Where such a disclosure is made the Authority shall ensure that the recipient is made aware of its confidentiality;
- (2) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
- (3) to the extent that the Authority (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;

- (4) subject to clause 13.g below, on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant or other person engaged by any of the entities defined in Schedule 1 (including benchmarking organisations) for any purpose relating to or connected with the Contract;
- (5) subject to clause 13.g below, on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under the Contract; or
- (6) on a confidential basis to a proposed body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under the Contract;

and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Authority under this Condition.

g. Where the Authority intends to disclose Information to a commercial entity which is not a Central Government Body in accordance with clauses 13.f.(4) or 13.f.(5) above, the Authority will endeavour to provide the Contractor with 3 Business Days' notice in advance of such disclosure. In relation to a disclosure of Information made under clause 13.f.(3) above, if reasonably requested by the Contractor within 2 Business Days of such notice being given, where the Authority has not already done so, it will endeavour to procure from the intended recipient of the Information an agreement containing confidentiality terms the same as, or substantially similar to, those placed on the Authority under this Condition.

h. Before sharing any Information in accordance with clause 13.f, the Authority may redact the Information. Any decision to redact Information made by the Authority shall be final.

i. The Authority shall not be in breach of the Contract where disclosure of Information is made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the "Regulations"). To the extent permitted by the time for compliance under the Act or the Regulations, the Authority shall consult the Contractor where the Authority is considering the disclosure of Information under the Act or the Regulations and, in any event, shall provide prior notification to the Contractor of any decision to disclose the Information. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts that their representations on disclosure during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to disclose Information in order to comply with the Act or the Regulations is a matter in which the Authority shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Act or the Regulations.

j. Nothing in this Condition shall affect the Parties' obligations of confidentiality where Information is disclosed orally in confidence.

14. Publicity and Communications with the Media

The Contractor shall not and shall ensure that any employee or Subcontractor shall not communicate with representatives of the press, television, radio or other media on any matter concerning the Contract unless the Authority has given its prior written consent.

15. Change of Control of Contractor

a. The Contractor shall notify the Representative of the Authority in writing at the address given in clause 15.cc:

- (1) as soon as practicable of any intended, planned or actual change in control of the Contractor and/or their First-Tier Sub-contractor; and
- (2) immediately on the Contractor being aware of any actual change of control of any Lower-Tier Sub-Contractor.

b. The Contractor shall include in any such notification any concerns the Contractor may have with the change of control. Such concerns may include but are not limited to potential threats to national security and security of supply. The Contractor shall not be required to submit any notice which is unlawful or is in breach of either any pre-existing non-disclosure agreement or any regulations governing the conduct of the Contractor in the UK or other jurisdictions where the Contractor may be subject to legal sanction arising from issuing such a notice.

c. Each notice of change of control shall be taken to apply to all contracts with the Authority. Notices shall be submitted to:

Mergers & Acquisitions Section
Strategic Supplier Management Team
Spruce 3b # 1301
MOD Abbey Wood,
Bristol, BS34 8JH
and emailed to: DefComrcISSM-MergersandAcq@mod.gov.uk

d. The Representative of the Authority shall consider the notice of change of control and advise the Contractor in writing of any concerns the Authority may have. Such concerns may include but are not limited to potential threats to national security, the ability of the Authority to comply with its statutory obligations or matters covered by the declarations made by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date of Contract. The Contractor shall be required to submit a response to the concerns raised by the Authority, including any plans to mitigate those concerns, within 14 calendar days (or as agreed by the parties) of receipt of the Authority's written concerns, for the Authority's consideration.

e. To the extent that the Authority considers that it is reasonable to do so, the Authority shall work with the Contractor to seek to resolve the Authority's concerns. The Contractor agrees to answer the Authority's questions or requests for clarification promptly.

f. Where the Authority considers, in its absolute discretion, that the risk may be appropriately mitigated, the Contractor shall implement any agreed mitigations promptly and, in any case, within the timescales required by the Authority. Where the Contractor fails to do so, clause 15.g. shall apply.

g. The Authority may, acting reasonably, terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor (and/or request the Contractor to terminate and relevant First-Tier or Lower-Tier Sub-Contractor's contract) within six months of the Authority being notified in accordance with clause 15.a. The Authority shall act reasonably in exercising its right of termination, including, but not limited to, taking into account the Contractor's own assessment of the change of control.

h. Where the Authority terminates the Contract in accordance with clause 15.gg, subject to clause 15.i, the Contractor may request payment for any unavoidable commitments, liabilities or expenditure incurred by the Contractor in connection with the Contract up to the point of termination. The Authority shall act reasonably when assessing the Contractor's request for payment although the parties agree that the Authority shall retain the sole discretion, acting reasonably, to decide whether to make such requested payment in accordance with clause 15.i.

i. Any requests for payment by the Contractor must be submitted promptly and the Contractor shall demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority that such request for payment:

(1) Is reasonable and properly chargeable by the Contractor;
(2) would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract; and
(3) is fully supported by documentary evidence.

j. In the event that the Contractor fails to demonstrate any of the conditions set out at 15.i.(1)-(3), the Authority may reject such request for payment.

k. Notification by the Contractor of any intended, planned or actual change of control shall not prejudice the existing rights of the Authority or the Contractor under the Contract nor create or imply any rights of either the Contractor or the Authority additional to the Authority's rights set out in this Condition.

l. The Contractor shall include provisions equivalent to those set out in this Condition in all relevant sub-contracts.

16. Environmental Requirements

The Contractor shall in all their operations to perform the Contract, adopt a sound proactive environmental approach that identifies, considers, and where possible, mitigates the environmental impacts of their supply chain. The Contractor shall provide evidence of so doing to the Authority on demand.

17. Contractor's Records

a. The Contractor and their Subcontractors shall maintain all records specified in and connected with the Contract (expressly or otherwise) and make them available to the Authority when requested on reasonable notice.

b. The Contractor and their Subcontractors shall also permit access to relevant records that relate to the contractual obligations to supply goods or services under the Contract, held by or controlled by them and reasonably required by the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and any appointed representative of the National Audit Office, and provide such explanations and information as reasonably necessary for the following purposes:

- (1) to enable the National Audit Office to carry out the Authority's statutory audits and to examine and/or certify the Authority's annual and interim report and accounts; and
- (2) to enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Part II of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.

c. With regard to the records made available to the Authority under clause 17.a of this Condition, and subject to the provisions of Condition 13 (Disclosure of Information), the Contractor shall permit records to be examined and if necessary copied, by the Authority, or Representative of the Authority, as the Authority may require.

d. Unless the Contract specifies otherwise the records referred to in this Condition shall be retained for a period of at least 6 years from:

- (1) the end of the Contract term;
- (2) the termination of the Contract; or
- (3) the final payment,

whichever occurs latest.

18. Notices

a. A Notice served under the Contract shall be:

- (1) in writing in the English language;
- (2) authenticated by signature or such other method as may be agreed between the Parties;
- (3) sent for the attention of the other Party's Representative, and to the address set out in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
- (4) marked with the number of the Contract; and

(5) delivered by hand, prepaid post (or airmail), facsimile transmission or, if agreed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet), by electronic mail.

b. Notices shall be deemed to have been received:

(1) if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery if it is the recipient's Business Day and otherwise on the first Business Day of the recipient immediately following the day of delivery;

(2) if sent by prepaid post, on the fourth Business Day (or the tenth Business Day in the case of airmail) after the day of posting;

(3) if sent by facsimile or electronic means:

(a) if transmitted between 09:00 and 17:00 hours on a Business Day (recipient's time) on completion of receipt by the sender of verification of the transmission from the receiving instrument; or

(b) if transmitted at any other time, at 09:00 on the first Business Day (recipient's time) following the completion of receipt by the sender of verification of transmission from the receiving instrument.

19. Progress Monitoring, Meetings and Reports

a. The Contractor shall attend progress meetings at the frequency or times (if any) specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) and shall ensure that their Contractor's representatives are suitably qualified to attend such meetings.

b. The Contractor shall submit progress reports to the Authority's Representatives at the times and in the format (if any) specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet). The reports shall detail as a minimum:

(1) performance/Delivery of the Contractor Deliverables;

(2) risks and opportunities;

(3) any other information specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet); and

(4) any other information reasonably requested by the Authority.

20. Cyber

a. Further to DEFCON 658 (SC2) the Cyber Risk Profile of the Contract is N/A, as defined in Def Stan 05-138.

Supply of Contractor Deliverables

21. Supply of Contractor Deliverables and Quality Assurance

a. The Contractor shall provide the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority, in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements and the Specification, and shall allocate sufficient resource to the provision of the Contractor Deliverables to enable it to comply with this obligation.

b. The Contractor shall:

(1) comply with any applicable quality assurance requirements specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in providing the Contractor Deliverables; and

(2) discharge their obligations under the Contract with all due skill, care, diligence and operating practice by appropriately experienced, qualified and trained personnel.

c. The provisions of clause 21.b. shall survive any performance, acceptance or payment pursuant to the Contract and shall extend to any remedial services provided by the Contractor.

d. The Contractor shall:

(1) observe, and ensure that the Contractor's Team observe, all health and safety rules and regulations and any other security requirements that apply at any of the Authority's premises;

(2) notify the Authority as soon as they become aware of any health and safety hazards or issues which arise in relation to the Contractor Deliverables; and

(3) before the date on which the Contractor Deliverables are to start, obtain, and at all times maintain, all necessary licences and consents in relation to the Contractor Deliverables.

22. Marking of Contractor Deliverables

a. Each Contractor Deliverable shall be marked in accordance with the required particulars specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

b. Each ASSC shall be marked with a UII, to be affixed by way of a 2D data matrix label, in accordance with DEF-STAN 05132.

c. Where the Contract requires a non-ASSC Contractor Deliverable to be marked with a UII, to be affixed by way of a 2D data matrix label, this shall also be in accordance with DEF-STAN 05-132.

d. Any marking method used shall not have a detrimental effect on the strength, serviceability or corrosion resistance of the Contractor Deliverables. Where a 2D data matrix label is affixed, it shall last for the life of a Contractor Deliverable.

e. The marking shall include any serial numbers allocated to the Contractor Deliverable.

f. Where because of its size or nature it is not possible to mark a Contractor Deliverable with the required particulars, they shall be included on the package or carton in which the Contractor Deliverable is packed, in accordance with Condition 233 (Packaging and Labelling (excluding Contractor Deliverables containing Munitions)).

23. Packaging and Labelling (excluding Contractor Deliverables containing Munitions)

a. Packaging responsibilities are as follows:

- (1) The Contractor shall be responsible for providing Packaging which fully complies with the requirements of the Contract.
 - (2) The Authority shall indicate in the Contract the standard or level of Packaging required for each Contractor Deliverable, including the PPQ. If a standard or level of Packaging (including the PPQ) is not indicated in the Contract, the Contractor shall request such instructions from the Authority before proceeding further.
 - (3) The Contractor shall ensure all relevant information necessary for the effective performance of the Contract is made available to all Subcontractors.
 - (4) Where the Contractor or any of their Subcontractors have concerns relating to the appropriateness of the Packaging design and or MPL prior to manufacture or supply of the Contractor Deliverables they shall use DEFFORM 129B to feedback these concerns to the Contractor or Authority, as appropriate.
- b. The Contractor shall supply Commercial Packaging meeting the standards and requirements of Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1). In addition, the following requirements apply:
- (1) The Contractor shall provide Packaging which:
 - (a) will ensure that each Contractor Deliverable may be transported and delivered to the consignee named in the Contract in an undamaged and serviceable condition; and
 - (b) is labelled to enable the contents to be identified without need to breach the package; and
 - (c) is compliant with statutory requirements and this Condition.
 - (2) The Packaging used by the Contractor to supply identical or similar Contractor Deliverables to commercial customers or to the general public (i.e. point of sale packaging) will be acceptable, provided that it complies with the following criteria:
 - (a) reference in the Contract to a PPQ means the quantity of a Contractor Deliverable to be contained in an individual package, which has been selected as being the most suitable for issue(s) to the ultimate user;
 - (b) Robust Contractor Deliverables, which by their nature require minimal or no packaging for commercial deliveries, shall be regarded as "PPQ packages" and shall be marked in accordance with clauses 23.i to 223.l. References to "PPQ packages" in subsequent text shall be taken to include Robust Contractor Deliverables; and
 - (c) for ease of handling, transportation and delivery, packages which contain identical Contractor Deliverables may be bulked and overpacked, in accordance with clauses 23.i to 23.k.
- c. The Contractor shall ascertain whether the Contractor Deliverables being supplied are, or contain, Dangerous Goods, and shall supply the Dangerous Goods in accordance with:
- (1) The Health and Safety At Work Act 1974 (as amended);
 - (2) The Classification Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply Regulations (CHIP4) 2009 (as amended);
 - (3) The REACH Regulations 2007 (as amended); and
 - (4) The Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulations (CLP) 2009 (as amended).
- d. The Contractor shall package the Dangerous Goods as limited quantities, excepted quantities or similar derogations, for UK or worldwide shipment by all modes of transport in accordance with the regulations relating to the Dangerous Goods and:
- (1) The Safety Of Lives At Sea Regulations (SOLAS) 1974 (as amended); and
 - (2) The Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2019.
- e. As soon as possible, and in any event no later than one month before delivery is due, the Contractor shall provide a Safety Data Sheet in respect of each Dangerous Good in accordance with the REACH Regulations 2007 (as amended) and the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974 (as amended) and in accordance with Condition 24 (Supply of Hazardous Materials or Substances in Contractor Deliverables).
- f. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements for the design of MLP which include clauses 23.f and 23.g as follows:
- (1) Where there is a requirement to design UK or NATO MLP, the work shall be undertaken by an MPAS registered organisation, or one that although non-registered is able to demonstrate to the Authority that their quality systems and military package design expertise are of an equivalent standard.
 - (a) The MPAS certification (for individual designers) and registration (for organisations) scheme details are available from:

DES LSOC SpSvcs--SptEng-Pkg1
MOD Abbey Wood
Bristol, BS34 8JH
Tel. +44(0)30679-35353
DESLSOC-SpSvcs-SptEng-Pkg-Multi@mod.gov.uk
 - (b) The MPAS Documentation is also available on the DStan website.
 - (2) MLP shall be designed to comply with the relevant requirements of Def Stan 81-041, and be capable of meeting the appropriate test requirements of Def Stan 81-041 (Part 3). Packaging designs shall be prepared on a SPIS, in accordance with Def Stan 81-041 (Part 4).

(3) The Contractor shall ensure a search of the SPIS index (the 'SPIN') is carried out to establish the SPIS status of each requirement (using DEFFORM 129a 'Application for Packaging Designs or their Status').

(4) New designs shall not be made where there is an existing usable SPIS, or one that may be easily modified.

(5) Where there is a usable SFS, it shall be used in place of a SPIS design unless otherwise stated by the Contract. When an SFS is used or replaces a SPIS design, the Contractor shall upload this information on to SPIN in Adobe PDF.

(6) All SPIS, new or modified (and associated documentation), shall, on completion, be uploaded by the Contractor on to SPIN. The format shall be Adobe PDF.

(7) Where it is necessary to use an existing SPIS design, the Contractor shall ensure the Packaging manufacturer is a

registered organisation in accordance with clause 23.f(1) above, or if un-registered, is compliant with MPAS ANNEX A Supplement (Code) M. The Contractor shall ensure, as far as possible, that the SPIS is up to date.

(8) The documents supplied under clause 23.f(6) shall be considered as a contract data requirement and be subject to the terms of DEFCON 15 and DEFCON 21.

g. Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, one of the following procedures for the production of new or modified SPIS designs shall be applied:

(1) If the Contractor or their Subcontractor is the PDA they shall:

(a) On receipt of instructions received from the Authority's representative nominated in Box 2 Annex A to Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet), prepare the required package design in accordance with clause 23.f.

(b) Where the Contractor or their Subcontractor is registered, they shall, on completion of any design work, provide the Authority with the following documents electronically:

i. a list of all SPIS which have been prepared or revised against the Contract; and
ii. a copy of all new / revised SPIS, complete with all continuation sheets and associated drawings, where applicable, to be uploaded onto SPIN.

(c) Where the PDA is not a registered organisation, then they shall obtain approval for their design from a registered organisation before proceeding, then follow clause 23.g(1)(b).

(2) Where the Contractor or their Subcontractor is not the PDA and is un-registered, they shall not produce, modify, or update SPIS designs. They shall obtain current SPIS design(s) from the Authority or a registered organisation before proceeding with manufacture of Packaging. To allow designs to be provided in ample time, they should apply for SPIS designs as soon as practicable.

(3) Where the Contractor or their Subcontractor is un-registered and has been given authority to produce, modify, and update SPIS designs by the Contract, they shall obtain approval for their design from a registered organisation using DEFFORM 129a before proceeding, then follow clause 23.g(1)(b).

(4) Where the Contractor or their Subcontractor is not a PDA but is registered, they shall follow clauses 23.g(1)(a) and 23.g(1)(b).

h. If special jigs, tooling etc., are required for the production of MLP, the Contractor shall obtain written approval from the Commercial Officer before providing them. Any approval given will be subject to the terms of DEFCON 23 (SC2) or equivalent condition, as appropriate.

i. In addition to any marking required by international or national legislation or regulations, the following package labelling and marking requirements apply:

(1) If the Contract specifies UK or NATO MPL, labelling and marking of the packages shall be in accordance with Def Stan 81-041 (Part 6) and this Condition as follows:

(a) Labels giving the mass of the package, in kilograms, shall be placed such that they may be clearly seen when the items are stacked during storage.

(b) Each consignment package shall be marked with details as follows:

i. name and address of consignor;

ii. name and address of consignee (as stated in the Contract or order);

iii. destination where it differs from the consignee's address, normally either:

(i). delivery destination / address; or

(ii). transit destination, where delivery address is a point for aggregation / disaggregation and / or onward shipment elsewhere, e.g. railway station, where that mode of transport is used;

iv. the unique order identifiers and the CP&F Delivery Label / Form which shall be prepared in

accordance with DEFFORM 129J.

(i). If aggregated packages are used, their consignment marking and identification requirements are stated at clause 23.l.

(2) If the Contract specifies Commercial Packaging, an external surface of each PPQ package and each consignment package, if it contains identical PPQ packages, shall be marked, using details of the Contractor Deliverables as shown in the Contract schedule, to state the following:

- (a) description of the Contractor Deliverable;
- (b) the full thirteen digit NATO Stock Number (NSN);
- (c) the PPQ;
- (d) maker's part / catalogue, serial and / or batch number, as appropriate;
- (e) the Contract and order number when applicable;
- (f) the words "Trade Package" in bold lettering, marked in BLUE in respect of trade packages, and BLACK in respect of export trade packages;
- (g) shelf life of item where applicable;
- (h) for rubber items or items containing rubber, the quarter and year of vulcanisation or manufacture of the rubber product or component (marked in accordance with Def Stan 81-041);
- (i) any statutory hazard markings and any handling markings, including the mass of any package which exceeds 3kg gross; and
- (j) any additional markings specified in the Contract.

j. Bar code marking shall be applied to the external surface of each consignment package and to each PPQ package contained therein. The default symbology shall be as specified in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 6). As a minimum the following information shall be marked on packages:

- (1) the full 13-digit NSN;
- (2) denomination of quantity (D of Q);
- (3) actual quantity (quantity in package);
- (4) manufacturer's serial number and / or batch number, if one has been allocated; and
- (5) the CP&F-generated unique order identifier.

k. Requirements for positioning bar codes in relation to related text, as well as positioning on package etc., are defined in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 6). If size of the bar code does not allow a label to be directly attached, then a tag may be used. Any difficulties over size or positioning of barcode markings shall initially be referred to the organisation nominated in Box 3 of Annex A to Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

l. The requirements for the consignment of aggregated packages are as follows:

- (1) With the exception of packages containing Dangerous Goods, over-packing for delivery to the consignee shown in the Contract may be used by the consignor to aggregate a number of packages to different Packaging levels, provided that the package contains Contractor Deliverables of only one NSN or class group. Over-packing shall be in the cheapest commercial form consistent with ease of handling and protection of over-packed items.
- (2) Two adjacent sides of the outer container shall be clearly marked to show the following:
 - (a) class group number;
 - (b) name and address of consignor;
 - (c) name and address of consignee (as stated on the Contract or order);
 - (d) destination if it differs from the consignee's address, normally either:
 - i. delivery destination / address; or
 - ii. transit destination, if the delivery address is a point of aggregation / disaggregation and / or onward shipment e.g. railway station, where that mode of transport is used;
 - (e) where applicable, the reference number of the delivery note produced by CP&F relating to the contents. The consignee's copy of each delivery note shall be placed in the case / container. If the Contractor Deliverables listed in the delivery note are packed in several cases, the consignee's copy shall be placed in the first case and a separate list detailing the contents shall be prepared for each case after the first and placed in the case to which it relates. Each case is to be numbered to indicate both the number of the case and the total number of cases concerned e.g. 1/3, 2/3, 3/3;
 - (f) the CP&F-generated shipping label; and
 - (g) any statutory hazard markings and any handling markings.

m. Authorisation of the Contractor to undertake Packaging design, or to use a packaging design, that was not part of the original requirement under the Contract, shall be considered as an alteration to the specification in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract).

n. The Contractor shall ensure that timber and wood-containing products supplied under the Contract comply with the provisions of Condition 26 (Timber and Wood-Derived Products) and Annex I and Annex II of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade", Publication No 15 (ISPM 15).

- o. All Packaging shall meet the requirements of the Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2003 (as amended) where applicable.
- p. In any design work the Contractor shall comply with the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (as amended) or equivalent legislation. Evidence of compliance shall be a contractor record in accordance with Condition 17 (Contractor's Records).
- q. This Condition is concerned with the supply of Packaging suitable to protect and ease handling, transport and storage of specified items. Where there is a failure of suitable Packaging (a design failure), or Packaging fails and this is attributed to the Packaging supplier, then the supplier shall be liable for the cost of replacing the Packaging.
- r. Liability for other losses resulting from Packaging failure or resulting from damage to Packaging, (such as damage to the packaged item etc.), shall be specified elsewhere in the Contract.
- s. General requirements for service Packaging, including details of UK and NATO MLP and Commercial Packaging descriptions, are contained in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1) "Packaging of Defence Materiel". Def Stans, NATO Standardisation Agreements (STANAGs), and further information are available from the DStan internet site at: <https://www.dstan.mod.uk/>
- t. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the invitation to tender or the Contract, reference to any standard including Def Stans or STANAGs in any invitation to tender or Contract document means the edition and all amendments extant at the date of such tender or Contract.
- u. In the event of conflict between the Contract and Def Stan 81-041, the Contract shall take precedence.

24. Plastic Packaging Tax

- a. The Contractor shall ensure that any PPT due in relation to this Contract is paid in accordance with the PPT Legislation.
- b. The Contract Price includes any PPT that may be payable by the Contractor in relation to the Contract.
- c. On reasonable notice being provided by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide and make available to the Authority details of any PPT they have paid that relates to the Contract.
- d. The Contractor shall notify the Authority, in writing, in the event that there is any adjustment required to the Contract Price in accordance with section 70 of the Finance Act 2021 and, on reasonable notice being provided by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide any such information that the Authority requires in relation to any such adjustment.
- e. In accordance with Condition 17 the Contractor (and their sub-contractors) shall maintain all records relating to PPT and make them available to the Authority when requested on reasonable notice for reasons related to the Contract.
- f. Where the Contractor manufactures, purchases or imports into the UK any Plastic Packaging Component in relation to the Contract the Contractor shall, on reasonable notice being given, provide the Authority with such information and documentation that it requires to enable the Authority to carry out due diligence checks and satisfy itself that the Contractor has complied with the requirements of the PPT Legislation. This shall include, but is not limited to the Contractor providing:
- (1) confirmation of the tax status of any Plastic Packaging Component;
 - (2) documents to confirm that PPT has been properly accounted for;
 - (3) product specifications for the packaging components, including, but not limited to, the weight and composition of the products and any other product specifications that may be required; and
 - (4) copies of any certifications or audits that have been obtained or conducted in relation to the provision of Plastic Packaging Components.
- g. The Authority shall have the right, on providing reasonable notice, to physically inspect or conduct an audit on the Contractor, to ensure any information that has been provided in accordance with clause 24.f above is accurate.
- h. In the event the Contractor is not required to register for PPT they (and to the extent applicable, their sub-contractors) shall provide the Authority with a statement to this effect and, to the extent reasonably required by the Authority on reasonable notice, supporting evidence for that statement.
- i. The Contractor shall provide, on the Authority providing reasonable notice, any information that the Authority may require from the Contractor for the Authority to comply with any obligations it may have under the PPT Legislation.

25. Supply of Data for Hazardous Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables

- a. Nothing in this Condition shall reduce or limit any statutory duty or legal obligation of the Authority or the Contractor.
- b. The Contractor shall provide to the Authority:
- (1) for each Substance, Mixture or Article supplied in meeting the criteria of classification as hazardous in accordance with the GB Classification, Labelling and Packaging (GB CLP) a UK REACH compliant Safety Data Sheet (SDS);
 - (2) where Mixtures supplied do not meet the criteria for classification as hazardous according to GB CLP but contain a hazardous Substance an SDS is to be made available on request; and

(3) for each Article whether supplied on its own or part of an assembly that contains a Substance on the UK REACH Authorisation List, Restriction List and/or the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in a proportion greater than 0.1% w/w of the Article, sufficient information, available to the Contractor, to allow safe use of the Article including, as a minimum, the name of that Substance.

c. For Substances, Mixtures or Articles that meet the criteria list in clause 25.b above:

(1) if the Contractor becomes aware of new information which may affect the risk management measures or new information on the hazard, the Contractor shall update the SDS/safety information and forward it to the Authority and to the address listed in clause 25.h below; and

(2) if the Authority becomes aware of new information that might call into question the appropriateness of the risk management measures identified in the safety information supplied, shall report this information in writing to the Contractor.

d. The Contractor shall provide to the Authority a completed Schedule 6 (Hazardous Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables Supplied under the Contract: Data Requirements) in accordance with Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

e. If the Substances, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables are Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives (OME), in addition to the requirements of the GB CLP and UK REACH the Contractor shall comply with hazard reporting requirements of DEF STAN 07-085 Design Requirements for Weapons and Associated Systems.

f. If the Substances, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables, are or contain or embody a radioactive substance as defined in the Ionising Radiation Regulations SI 2017/1075, the Contractor shall additionally provide details in Schedule 6 of:

(1) activity; and

(2) the substance and form (including any isotope).

g. If the Substances, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables have magnetic properties which emit a magnetic field, the Contractor shall additionally provide details in Schedule 6 of the magnetic flux density at a defined distance, for the condition in which it is packed.

h. Any SDS to be provided in accordance with this Condition, including any related information to be supplied in compliance with the Contractor's statutory duties under clause **Error! Reference source not found.**(1) and 25.c.(1), any information arising from the provisions of clauses 25.f and 25.g and the completed Schedule 6, shall be sent directly to the Authority's Point of Contact as specified in the Schedule 3 as soon as practicable, and no later than one (1) month prior to the Contract delivery date, unless otherwise stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

i. So that the safety information can reach users without delay, the Authority shall send a copy preferably as an email with attachment(s) in Adobe PDF or MS WORD format, or, if only hardcopy is available, to the addresses below:

(1) Hard copies to be sent to:

Hazardous Stores Information System (HSIS)
Spruce 2C, #1260,
MOD Abbey Wood (South)
Bristol BS34 8JH

(2) Emails to be sent to:

DESEngSfty-QSEPSEP-HSISMULTI@mod.gov.uk

j. SDS which are classified above OFFICIAL including Explosive Hazard Data Sheets (EHDS) for OME are not to be sent to HSIS and must be held by the respective Authority Delivery Team.

k. Failure by the Contractor to comply with the requirements of this Condition shall be grounds for rejecting the affected Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables. Any withholding of information concerning hazardous Substances, Mixtures or Articles in Contractor Deliverables shall be regarded as a material breach of Contract under Condition 44 (Material Breach) for which the Authority reserves the right to require the Contractor to rectify the breach immediately at no additional cost to the Authority or to terminate the Contract in accordance with Condition 44.

l. Where delivery is made to the Defence Fulfilment Centre (DFC) and / or other Team Leidos location / building, the Contractor must comply with the Logistic Commodities and Services Transformation (LCST) Supplier Manual.

26. Timber and Wood-Derived Products

a. All Timber and Wood-Derived Products supplied by the Contractor under the Contract:

(1) shall comply with the Contract Specification; and

(2) must originate either:

(a) from a Legal and Sustainable source; or

(b) from a FLEGT-licensed or equivalent source.

b. In addition to the requirements of clause 26.a, all Timber and Wood-Derived Products supplied by the Contractor under the Contract shall originate from a forest source where management of the forest has full regard for:

(1) identification, documentation and respect of legal, customary and traditional tenure and use rights related to the forest;

- (2) mechanisms for resolving grievances and disputes including those relating to tenure and use rights, to forest management practices and to work conditions; and
 - (3) safeguarding the basic labour rights and health and safety of forest workers.
- c. If requested by the Authority, the Contractor shall provide to the Authority Evidence that the Timber and Wood-Derived Products supplied to the Authority under the Contract comply with the requirements of clause 26.a or 26.b or both.
- d. The Authority reserves the right at any time during the execution of the Contract and for a period of five (5) years from final Delivery under the Contract to require the Contractor to produce the Evidence required for the Authority's inspection within fourteen (14) days of the Authority's request.
- e. If the Contractor has already provided the Authority with the Evidence required under clause 26.c, the Contractor may satisfy these requirements by giving details of the previous notification and confirming the Evidence remains valid and satisfies the provisions of clauses 26.a or 26.b or both.
- f. The Contractor shall maintain records of all Timber and Wood-Derived Products delivered to and accepted by the Authority, in accordance with Condition 17 (Contractor's Records).
- g. Notwithstanding clause 26.c, if exceptional circumstances render it strictly impractical for the Contractor to record Evidence of proof of timber origin for previously used Recycled Timber, the Contractor shall support the use of this Recycled Timber with:
 - (1) a record tracing the Recycled Timber to its previous end use as a standalone object or as part of a structure; and
 - (2) an explanation of the circumstances that rendered it impractical to record Evidence of proof of timber origin.
- h. The Authority reserves the right to decide, except where in the Authority's opinion the timber supplied is incidental to the requirement and from a low risk source, whether the Evidence submitted to it demonstrates compliance with clause 26.a or 26.b, or both. In the event that the Authority is not satisfied, the Contractor shall commission and meet the costs of an Independent Verification and resulting report that will:
 - (1) verify the forest source of the timber or wood; and
 - (2) assess whether the source meets the relevant criteria of clause 26.b.
- i. The statistical reporting requirement at clause 26.j applies to all Timber and Wood-Derived Products delivered under the Contract. The Authority reserves the right to amend the requirement for statistical reporting, in the event that the UK Government changes the requirement for reporting compliance with the Government Timber Procurement Policy. Amendments to the statistical reporting requirement will be made in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract).
- j. The Contractor shall provide to the Authority, a completed Schedule 7 (Timber and Wood-Derived Products Supplied under the Contract: Data Requirements), the data or Information the Authority requires in respect of Timber and Wood-Derived Products delivered to the Authority under the Contract, or in respect of each order in the case of a Framework Agreement, or at such other frequency as stated in the Contract. The Contractor shall send all completed Schedule 7s (Timber and Wood-Derived Products Supplied under the Contract: Data Requirements), including nil returns where appropriate, to the Authority's Representative (Commercial).
- k. The Schedule 7 (Timber and Wood-Derived Products Supplied under the Contract: Data Requirements) may be amended by the Authority from time to time, in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract).
- l. The Contractor shall obtain any wood, other than processed wood, used in Packaging from:
 - (1) companies that have a full registered status under the Forestry Commission and Timber Packaging and Pallet Confederation's UK Wood Packaging Material Marking Programme (more detailed information can be accessed at <https://www.forestryengland.uk/>) and all such wood shall be treated for the elimination of raw wood pests and marked in accordance with that Programme; or
 - (2) sources supplying wood treated and marked so as to conform to Annex I and Annex II of the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade", Publication No 15 published by the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (ISPM15) (more detailed information can be accessed at www.fao.org).

27. Certificate of Conformity

- a. Where required in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) the Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Conformity (CofC) in accordance with Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) and any applicable Quality Plan, the CofC shall be in English unless stated otherwise in the Contract. One copy of the CofC shall be sent to the Authority's Representative (Commercial) upon Delivery, and one copy shall be provided to the Consignee upon Delivery and the CofC will clearly detail the Articles (quantities, part numbers, batch numbers, NSNs etc) that are contained in a specific delivery.
- b. Each CofC shall be clearly identified as a conformity document and should include the wording "Certificate of Conformity" (or similar) in the title of the document to allow for easy identification..
- c. The Contractor shall consider the CofC to be a record in accordance with Condition 17 (Contractor's Records).

d. The Information provided on the CofC shall include:

- (1) Contractor's name and address;
- (2) Contractor unique CofC number;
- (3) Contract number and where applicable Contract amendment number and/or CP&F (Contracting, Purchasing and Finance) Purchase Order Number;
- (4) Details of any approved concessions (clearly linked to the relevant item);
- (5) Acquirer name and organisation;
- (6) Delivery address;
- (7) Contract Item Number from Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements);
- (8) Line item numbers when there is more than one line item on the CofC;
- (9) Description of Contractor Deliverable, including part number, specification and configuration status;
- (10) NATO Stock Number (NSN) (where allocated);
- (11) Identification marks, batch and serial numbers in accordance with the Specification;
- (12) Quantities;
- (13) A signed and dated statement by the Contractor's Authorised Personnel that the Contractor Deliverables comply with the requirements of the Contract and approved concessions. The signing of the CofC may be in the form of a signature or traceable stamp. The Contractor's Authorised Personnel shall mean a competent person appointed and authorised by the Contractor to sign a CofC.
- (14) Exceptions or additions to the above are to be documented.

e. Where Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) and any applicable Quality Plan require demonstration of traceability and design provenance through the supply chain the Contractor shall include in any relevant Subcontract the requirement for the Information called for at clause 27.d. The Contractor shall ensure that this Information is available to the Authority through the supply chain upon request in accordance with Condition 17 (Contractor Records).

28. Access to Contractor's Premises

a. The Contractor shall provide to the Authority's Representatives following reasonable Notice, relevant accommodation/facilities, at no direct cost to the Authority, and all reasonable access to their premises for the purpose of monitoring the Contractor's progress and quality standards in performing the Contract.

b. As far as reasonably practical, the Contractor shall ensure that the provisions of clause 28.a are included in their Subcontracts with those suppliers identified in the Contract. The Authority, through the Contractor, shall arrange access to such Subcontractors.

29. Delivery / Collection

a. Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) shall specify whether the Contractor Deliverables are to be Delivered to the Consignee by the Contractor or Collected from the Consignor by the Authority.

b. Where the Contractor Deliverables are to be Delivered by the Contractor (or a third party acting on behalf of the Contractor), the Contractor shall, unless otherwise stated in writing:

- (1) contact the Authority's Representative as detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in advance of the Delivery Date in order to agree administrative arrangements for Delivery and provide any Information pertinent to Delivery requested;
- (2) comply with any special instructions for arranging Delivery in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
- (3) ensure that each consignment of the Contractor Deliverables is accompanied by, (as specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet)), a DEFFORM 129J in accordance with the instructions;
- (4) be responsible for all costs of Delivery; and
- (5) Deliver the Contractor Deliverables to the Consignee at the address stated in Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) by the Delivery Date between the hours agreed by the Parties.

c. Where the Contractor Deliverables are to be Collected by the Authority (or a third party acting on behalf of the Authority), the Contractor shall, unless otherwise stated in writing:

- (1) contact the Authority's Representative (Transport) as detailed in box 10 of Annex A to Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in advance of the Delivery Date in order to agree specific arrangements for Collection and provide any Information pertinent to the Collection requested;
- (2) comply with any special instructions for arranging Collection in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
- (3) ensure that each consignment of the Contractor Deliverables is accompanied by, (as specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet)), a DEFFORM 129J in accordance with the instructions;
- (4) ensure that the Contractor Deliverables are available for Collection by the Authority from the Consignor (as specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet)) by the Delivery Date between the hours agreed by the Parties; and
- (5) in the case of Overseas consignments, ensure that the Contractor Deliverables are accompanied by the necessary transit documentation. All Customs clearance shall be the responsibility of the Authority's Representative (Transport).

d. Title and risk in the Contractor Deliverables shall only pass from the Contractor to the Authority:

- (1) on the Delivery of the Contractor Deliverables by the Contractor to the Consignee in accordance with clause 29.b; or
- (2) on the Collection of the Contractor Deliverables from the Consignor by the Authority once they have been made available for Collection by the Contractor in accordance with clause 29.c.

30. Acceptance

a. Acceptance of the Contractor Deliverables shall occur in accordance with any acceptance procedure specified in Schedule 8 (Acceptance Procedure). If no acceptance procedure is so specified acceptance shall occur when either:

- (1) the Authority does any act in relation to the Contractor Deliverable which is inconsistent with the Contractor's ownership; or
- (2) the time limit in which to reject the Contractor Deliverables defined in clause 3131.b has elapsed.

31. Rejection and Counterfeit Materiel

Rejection:

a. If any of the Contractor Deliverables Delivered to the Authority do not conform to the Specification or any other terms of the Contract, then (without limiting any other right or remedy that the Authority may have) the Authority may reject the Contractor Deliverables (in whole or in part). The Authority shall return these Contractor Deliverables to the Contractor at the Contractor's risk and cost.

b. Rejection of any of the Contractor Deliverables under clause 31.a shall take place by the time limit for rejection specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet), or if no such period is specified, the Contractor Deliverables shall be deemed to be accepted within a reasonable period of time.

Counterfeit Materiel:

c. Where the Authority suspects that any Contractor Deliverable or consignment of Contractor Deliverables contains Counterfeit Materiel, it shall:

- (1) notify the Contractor in writing of its suspicion and reasons therefore;
- (2) where reasonably practicable, and if requested by the Contractor within 10 Business Days of such notification, (at the Contractor's own risk and expense and subject to any reasonable controls specified by the Authority) afford the Contractor the facility to (i) inspect the Contractor Deliverable or consignment and/or (ii) obtain a sample thereof for validation or testing purposes.
- (3) at its discretion, provide the Contractor with a sample of the Contractor Deliverable or consignment for validation or testing purposes by the Contractor (at the Contractor's own risk and expense);
- (4) give the Contractor a further 20 Business Days or such other reasonable period agreed by the Authority, from the date of the inspection at 31.c.(2).(i) or the provision of a sample at 31.c.(2).(ii), to comment on whether the Contractor Deliverable or consignment meets the definition of Counterfeit Materiel; and
- (5) determine, on the balance of probabilities and strictly on the evidence available to it at the time, whether the Contractor Deliverable or consignment meets the definition of Counterfeit Materiel.

d. Where the Authority has determined that the Contractor Deliverable, part or consignment of Contractor Deliverables contain Counterfeit Material then it may reject the Contractor Deliverable, part or consignment under 31.a and 31.b (Rejection), and provide written notification to the Contractor of the rejection.

e. In addition to its rights under 31.a and 31.b (Rejection), where the Authority has determined that any Contractor Deliverable or consignment of Contractor Deliverables contains Counterfeit Materiel, it shall be entitled to:

- (1) retain any Counterfeit Materiel; and/or
- (2) retain the whole or any part of such Contractor Deliverable or consignment where it is not possible to separate the Counterfeit Materiel from the rest of the Contractor Deliverable, or consignment;

and such retention shall not constitute acceptance under Condition 30 (Acceptance).

f. Where the Authority intends to exercise its rights under clause 31.e the Contractor may, subject to the agreement of the Authority (and at the Contractor's own risk and expense and subject to any reasonable controls and timeframe agreed), arrange, for:

- (1) the separation of Counterfeit Materiel from any Contractor Deliverable or part of a Contractor Deliverable; and/or
- (2) the removal of any Contractor Deliverable or part of a Contractor Deliverable that the Authority is reasonably satisfied does not contain Counterfeit Materiel.

g. In respect of any Contractor Deliverable, consignment or part thereof that is retained in accordance with clause 31.e, including where the Authority permits the Contractor to remove non-Counterfeit Materiel under clause 31.f but the Contractor fails to do so within the period agreed and subject to clause 31.k, the Authority shall be entitled to exercise any, all, or any combination of, the following rights:

- (1) to dispose of it responsibly, and in a manner that does not permit its reintroduction into the supply chain or market;
- (2) to pass it to a relevant investigatory or regulatory authority;
- (3) to retain conduct or have conducted further testing including destructive testing, for further investigatory, regulatory or risk management purposes. Results from any such tests shall, at the discretion of the Authority, be shared with the Contractor; and/or
- (4) to recover the appropriate, attributable, and reasonable costs incurred by the Authority in respect of testing, storage, access, and/or disposal of it from the Contractor;

and exercise of the rights granted at clauses 31.g.(1) to 31.g.(3) shall not constitute acceptance under Condition 30 (Acceptance).

- h. Any scrap or other disposal payment received by the Authority shall be off set against any amount due to the Authority under clause 31.g.(4). If the value of the scrap or other disposal payment exceeds the amount due to the Authority under clause 31.g.(4) then the balance shall accrue to the Contractor.
- i. The Authority shall not use a retained Contractor Deliverable or consignment other than as permitted in clauses 31.c – 31.k.
- j. The Authority may report a discovery of Counterfeit Materiel and disclose information necessary for the identification of similar materiel and its possible sources.
- k. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment or compensation from the Authority as a result of the Authority exercising the rights set out in clauses 31.c – 31.k except:
 - (1) in relation to the balance that may accrue to the Contractor in accordance with clause 31.h ; or
 - (2) where it has been determined in accordance with Condition 41 (Dispute Resolution) that the Authority has made an incorrect determination in accordance with clause 31.c.(5). In such circumstances the Authority shall reimburse the Contractors reasonable costs of complying with clause 31.c.

32. Diversion Orders

- a. The Authority shall notify the Contractor at the earliest practicable opportunity if it becomes aware that a Contractor Deliverable is likely to be subject to a Diversion Order.
- b. The Authority may issue a Diversion Order for the urgent delivery of the Contractor Deliverables identified in it. These Contractor Deliverables are to be delivered by the Contractor using the quickest means available as agreed by the Authority.
- c. The Authority reserves the right to cancel the Diversion Order.
- d. If the terms of the Diversion Order are unclear, the Contractor shall immediately contact the Representative of the Authority who issued it for clarification and/or further instruction.
- e. If the Diversion Order increases the quantity of Contractor Deliverables beyond the scope of the Contract, it is to be returned immediately to the Authority's Commercial Officer with an appropriate explanation.
- f. The Contractor shall be entitled to reasonable additional delivery and packaging costs incurred in complying with the Diversion Order or cancellation. Claims are to be submitted by the Contractor to the Authority's Commercial Officer together with applicable receipts and agreed as an amendment to the Contract in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract). The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Diversion Order upon receipt of the Diversion Order.

33. Self-to-Self Delivery

Where it is stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) that any Contractor Deliverable is to be Delivered by the Contractor to their own premises, or to those of a Subcontractor ('self-to-self delivery'), the risk in such a Contractor Deliverable shall remain vested in the Contractor until such time as it is handed over to the Authority.

Licences and Intellectual Property

34. Import and Export Licences

- a. If, in the performance of the Contract, the Contractor needs to import into the UK or export out of the UK anything not supplied by or on behalf of the Authority and for which a UK import or export licence is required, the Contractor is responsibility for applying for and maintaining that licence .
- b. Without prejudice to the HM Government's position on the validity of any claim by a foreign government to extra-territoriality, the Authority shall provide the Contractor with sufficient information, certification, documentation, and other reasonable assistance to obtain Licences from the UK or a foreign government for the performance of the Contract.
- c. The Contractor shall consult the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable if a Licence is required from a foreign government. Where the Contractor is the applicant for obtaining Licences they shall ensure that when Restrictions apply to all or part of any Contractor Deliverables (which for the purposes of this Condition) shall also include information, technical data, software and Services) unless otherwise agreed with the Authority, they shall identify in the application:
 - (1) the end user as: The Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter "UK MOD"); and
 - (2) the end use as: For the Purposes of UK MOD; and
 - (3) include in the submission for the Licence a statement that "information on the status of processing this application may be shared with the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom".
- d. The Contractor shall take expeditious action to arrange the application for the foreign Licences required to import or export any Materiel not supplied by or on behalf of the Authority or perform any Services for which a Licence is required by a foreign government; this includes, but is not limited to, compliance with the ITAR, EAR, FMS and any applicable UK-US agreements. The Contractor shall include the dependencies for the Licence application, grant, and maintenance in the Contract risk register and in the risk management plan for the Contract, with appropriate review points. Where a risk management plan is not required under the Contract the Contractor shall inform the Authority's representative accordingly.
- e. During the term of the Contract and for up to two years after Contract completion, the Authority may make a written request to the Contractor to seek a variation to the conditions of a foreign Licence to enable the Authority to re-export or re-transfer a licenced or authorised Materiel from the UK and/or to a non-licenced third party. If the Authority makes such a request, it will consult the Contractor before making a determination on which party is best placed to seek a variation. Where the Contractor is best placed to seek a variation:

- (1) the Contractor shall, expeditiously file an application to seek a variation of the applicable Licence in accordance with the procedures of the foreign government or raise their objection to the request. Where the Contractor has an objection to the variation request, the Parties shall meet within 5 Business Days to resolve the issue; should they fail to do so, the matter shall be escalated to an appropriate level within both Parties' organisations, to include their respective export or import control subject matter experts; and
- (2) the Authority shall provide sufficient information, certification, documentation, and other reasonable assistance necessary to support the application to seek a variation.

f. Where the Authority determines that it is best placed to make such a request for variation, the Contractor shall provide sufficient information, certification, documentation, and other reasonable assistance necessary to support the Authority to make the application for the requested variation.

g. Where the Authority invokes clause 34.e or 34.f the Authority will pay the Contractor a fair and reasonable price for this service based on the cost of providing it.

h. The Contractor shall use all reasonable endeavours to incorporate in each relevant Subcontract equivalent terms regarding foreign export and/or import controls to those set out in this Condition. Where it is not possible to include equivalent terms to those set out in this Condition, the Contractor shall promptly report that fact and the circumstances to the Authority.

i. The Authority shall use reasonable endeavours to identify any Restrictions that apply to Materiel to be provided to the Contractor as Government Furnished Assets.

j. Where the Authority is to provide Materiel necessary to enable the Contractor to perform the Contract, or in respect of which the Services are to be provided, and that is subject to Restrictions the Authority shall provide a completed DEFFORM 528 (and a copy of any applicable Licence, where available) to the Contractor as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than 30 days prior to the delivery of such Materiel to the Contractor. If the DEFFORM 528 provided is found to be inaccurate or incomplete the Authority shall deliver a new DEFFORM 528 as soon as reasonably practicable.

k. Where Restrictions are advised by the Authority to the Contractor in a DEFFORM 528 provided pursuant to clause 34.j or any of the information provided by the Authority in any DEFFORM 528 is inaccurate or incomplete the Parties shall promptly agree on the best course of action and implement it to mitigate the impact of the incomplete or inaccurate disclosure under the terms of Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract), or as may otherwise be provided by the Contract. If there is no alternative or appropriate mitigation available, the Authority may terminate the Contract in accordance with Condition 43 (Termination for Convenience), as appropriate and as referenced in the Contract. Providing the Contractor has taken such steps as are reasonable to mitigate the impact the Contractor shall be relieved of their obligation to perform those elements of the Contract affected by the Restrictions or provision of incorrect or incomplete information.

l. The Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to identify whether any Contractor Deliverable is subject to any foreign Licence including those that impose or will impose Restrictions. During the term of the Contract the Contractor shall inform the Authority of any foreign Licence and/or any Restrictions not already disclosed at the Effective Date of Contract or relevant amendment. This does not include the Intellectual Property-specific restrictions of the type referred to in Condition 35 (Third Party Intellectual Property – Rights and Restrictions).

m. The Contractor shall notify the Authority of all, or any part of the Contractor Deliverables identified within clause 34.l, by submitting a DEFFORM 528 or other mutually agreed alternative format as soon as reasonably practicable and no less than 30 days prior to delivery of the Contractor Deliverables. Such notification shall include an update on the validity of all previous information submitted and shall include any Restrictions (not already disclosed to the Authority) notified to the Contractor by any of their Subcontractors, suppliers, or other third parties. The Contractor, within 10 Business Days (or such longer period as shall have been agreed in writing by the Parties) of such notification shall submit a proposal to the Authority outlining actions to mitigate the impact of such Restrictions. Such proposals may include, where appropriate, mutually supported attempts to obtain removal of or modification to the Restrictions, or to obtain appropriate authorisations from the relevant foreign government. The Authority shall inform the Contractor within 10 Business Days (or such longer period as shall have been agreed in writing by the Parties) of receipt of the proposal whether it is acceptable and where appropriate the Contract shall be modified in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract) or as otherwise provided by the Contract to implement the proposal.

n. If the Contractor is unable to perform their obligations under the Contract due to the Restrictions notified in accordance with clauses 34.l and 34.m and the Restrictions are not capable of being removed, modified, or otherwise satisfactorily managed within a reasonable time, the Authority may at its absolute discretion amend the Contract in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract) or as otherwise provided by the Contract or terminate the Contract. Except where clause 34.o applies, termination shall be on fair and reasonable terms having regard to all the circumstances including payments already made and those due under the Contract, costs incurred by the Contractor and benefits received by the Authority. The Parties, acting in good faith, shall use all reasonable endeavours to agree such fair and reasonable terms failing which either Party may refer the matter to dispute resolution in accordance with Condition 41 (Dispute Resolution). Providing the Contractor has taken such steps as are reasonable to mitigate the impact the Contractor shall be relieved of their obligation to perform those elements of the Contract directly affected by the Restrictions or provision of incorrect or incomplete information.

o. Where the Contractor knew or ought reasonably to have known that the Contract Deliverables were subjected to the Restrictions notified in accordance with clauses 34.l and 34.m, either at the Effective Date of Contract or at the date of submission of the most recent previous DEFFORM 528 to the Authority in accordance with clause 34.m, and failed to notify the Authority or the information disclosed was inaccurate or incomplete, the termination of the Contract will be in accordance with Condition 44 (Material Breach) and the provisions of clause 34.n with respect to termination will not apply.

p. For a period of up to 2 years from the completion of the Contract, and in response to a specific written request from the Authority, the Contractor shall notify the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable of any change to the Restrictions applicable to any Materiel provided under the Contract by issuing an updated DEFFORM 528 to the Authority.

35. Third Party Intellectual Property Rights Indemnity and Notification of Restrictions

a. The Contractor and, where applicable any Subcontractor, shall promptly notify the Authority as soon as they become aware of:

- (1) any invention or design the subject of patent or registered Design Rights (or application thereof) owned by a third party which appears to be relevant to the performance of the Contract or to use by the Authority of anything required to be done or delivered under the Contract;
- (2) any restriction as to disclosure or use, or obligation to make payments in respect of any other intellectual property (including technical Information) required for the purposes of the Contract or subsequent use by the Authority of anything delivered under the Contract and, where appropriate, the notification shall include such Information as is required by Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958;
- (3) any allegation of infringement of intellectual property rights made against the Contractor and which pertains to the performance of the Contract or subsequent use by the Authority of anything required to be done or delivered under the Contract.

clause 35.a does not apply in respect of Contractor Deliverables normally available from the Contractor as a Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) item or service.

b. If the Information required under clause 35.a has been notified previously, the Contractor may meet their obligations by giving details of the previous notification.

c. For COTS Contractor Deliverables patents and registered designs in the UK, in respect of any question arising (by way of an allegation made to the Authority or Contractor, or otherwise) that the manufacture or provision under the Contract of Contractor Deliverables normally available from the Contractor as a COTS item or service is an infringement of a UK patent or registered design not owned or controlled by the Contractor or the Authority, the Contractor shall, subject to the agreement of the third party owning such patent or registered design, be given exclusive conduct of any and all negotiations for the settlement of any claim or the conduct of any litigation arising out of such question. The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority, its officers, agents and employees against any liability and cost arising from such allegation. This Condition shall not apply if:

- (1) the Authority has made or makes an admission of any sort relevant to such question;
- (2) the Authority has entered or enters into any discussions on such question with any third party without the prior written agreement of the Contractor;
- (3) the Authority has entered or enters into negotiations in respect of any relevant claim for compensation in respect of Crown Use under Section 55 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949;
- (4) legal proceedings have been commenced against the Authority or the Contractor in respect of Crown Use, but only to the extent of such Crown Use that has been properly authorised.

d. The indemnity in clause 35.c does not extend to use by the Authority of anything supplied under the Contract where that use was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of the Contract.

e. In the event that the Authority has entered into negotiation in respect of a claim for compensation, or legal proceedings in respect of the Crown Use have commenced, the Authority shall forthwith authorise the Contractor for the purposes of performing the Contract (but not otherwise) to utilise a relevant invention or design in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 and to use any model, document or information relating to any such invention or design which may be required for that purpose.

f. For all other Contractor Deliverables patents and registered designs in the UK, if a relevant invention or design has been notified to the Authority by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date of Contract, then unless it has been otherwise agreed, under the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949, the Contractor is hereby authorised to utilise that invention or design, notwithstanding the fact that it is the subject of a UK Patent or UK Registered Design, for the purpose of performing the Contract.

g. If, under clause 35.a, a relevant invention or design is notified to the Authority by the Contractor after the Effective Date of Contract, then:

- (1) if the owner (or its exclusive licensee) takes or threatens in writing to take any relevant action against the Contractor, the Authority shall issue to the Contractor a written authorisation in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949, and
- (2) in any event, unless the Contractor and the Authority can agree an alternative course of action, the Authority shall not unreasonably delay the issue of a written authorisation in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949.

h. The Authority shall assume all liability and shall indemnify the Contractor, their officers, agents and employees against liability, including the Contractor's costs, as a result of infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any patent, utility model, registered design or like protection outside the United Kingdom in the performance of the Contract when such infringement arises from or is incurred by reason of the Contractor following any specification, statement of work or instruction in the Contract or using, keeping or disposing of any item given by the Authority for the purpose of the Contract in accordance with the Contract.

i. The Contractor shall assume all liability and shall indemnify the Authority, its officers, agents and employees against

liability, including the Authority's costs, as a result of infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any patent, utility model, registered design or like protection outside the UK in the performance of the Contract when such infringement arises from or is incurred otherwise than by reason of the Contractor following any specification, statement of work or instruction in the Contract or using, keeping or disposing of any item given by the Authority for the purpose of the Contract in accordance with the Contract.

j. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of any royalty, licence fee or similar expense incurred in respect of anything to be done under the Contract, where:

- (1) a relevant discharge has been given under Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958, or relevant authorisation in accordance with Sections 55 or 57 of the Patents Act 1977, Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 or Section 240 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 in respect of any intellectual property; or
- (2) any obligation to make payments for intellectual property has not been promptly notified to the Authority under clause 35.a.

k. Where authorisation is given by the Authority under clause 35.e, 35.f or 35.g, to the extent permitted by Section 57 of the Patents Act 1977, Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 or Section 240 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, the Contractor shall also be:

- (1) released from payment whether by way of royalties, licence fees or similar expenses in respect of the Contractor's use of the relevant invention or design, or the use of any relevant model, document or information for the purpose of performing the Contract; and
- (2) authorised to use any model, document or information relating to any such invention or design which may be required for that purpose.

l. The Contractor shall assume all liability and indemnify the Authority and its officers, agents and employees against liability, including costs as a result of:

- (1) infringement or alleged infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any copyright, database right, Design Right or the like protection in any part of the world in respect of any item to be supplied under the Contract or otherwise in the performance of the Contract;
- (2) misuse of any confidential information, trade secret or the like by the Contractor in performing the Contract;
- (3) provision to the Authority of any Information or material which the Contractor does not have the right to provide for the purpose of the Contract.

m. The Authority shall assume all liability and indemnify the Contractor, their officers, agents and employees against liability, including costs as a result of:

- (1) infringement or alleged infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any copyright, database right, Design Right or the like protection in any part of the world in respect of any item provided by the Authority for the purpose of the Contract but only to the extent that the item is used for the purpose of the Contract;
- (2) alleged misuse of any confidential Information, trade secret or the like by the Contractor as a result of use of Information provided by the Authority for the purposes of the Contract, but only to the extent that Contractor's use of that Information is for the purposes intended when it was disclosed by the Authority.

n. The general authorisation and indemnity is:

- (1) clauses 35.a – 35.m represents the total liability of each Party to the other under the Contract in respect of any infringement or alleged infringement of patent or other Intellectual Property Right (IPR) owned by a third party;
- (2) neither Party shall be liable, one to the other, for any consequential loss or damage arising as a result, directly or indirectly, of a claim for infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or other IPR owned by a third party;
- (3) a Party against whom a claim is made or action brought, shall promptly notify the other Party in writing if such claim or action appears to relate to an infringement which is the subject of an indemnity or authorisation given under this Condition by such other Party. The notification shall include particulars of the demands, damages and liabilities claimed or made of which the notifying Party has notice;
- (4) the Party benefiting from the indemnity or authorisation shall allow the other Party, at its own expense, to conduct any negotiations for the settlement of the same, and any litigation that may arise therefrom and shall provide such information as the other Party may reasonably require;
- (5) following a notification under clause 35.n(3), the Party notified shall advise the other Party in writing within thirty (30) Business Days whether or not it is assuming conduct of the negotiations or litigation. In that case the Party against whom a claim is made or action brought shall not make any statement which might be prejudicial to the settlement or defence of such a claim without the written consent of the other Party;
- (6) the Party conducting negotiations for the settlement of a claim or any related litigation shall, if requested, keep the other Party fully informed of the conduct and progress of such negotiations.

o. If at any time a claim or allegation of infringement arises in respect of copyright, database right, Design Right or breach of confidence as a result of the provision of any Contractor Deliverable by the Contractor to the Authority, the Contractor may at their own expense replace the item with an item of equivalent functionality and performance so as to avoid infringement or breach. The Parties will co-operate with one another to mitigate any claim or damage which may arise from use of third party IPR.

p. Nothing in Condition 35 shall be taken as an authorisation or promise of an authorisation under Section 240 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

q. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract and for the avoidance of doubt, award of the Contract by the Authority and placement of any contract task under it does not constitute an authorisation by the Crown under Sections 55

and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949. The Contractor acknowledges that any such authorisation by the Authority under its statutory powers must be expressly provided in writing, with reference to the acts authorised and the specific intellectual property involved.

Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions

r. Where any of the conditions listed below (1 to 3) have been added to the Conditions of the Contract as project specific DEFCONs at clause 46, or where required by clauses 35.a. - 35.q., the Contractor warrants and confirms that all Intellectual Property Rights restrictions and associated export restrictions relating to the use or disclosure of the Contractor Deliverables that are notifiable under those Conditions, or of which the Contractor is or should reasonably be aware as at Effective Date of Contract, are disclosed in Schedule 10 (Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions).

- (1) DEFCON 15 - including notification of any self-standing background Intellectual Property;
- (2) DEFCON 90 - including copyright material supplied under clause 5;
- (3) DEFCON 91 - limitations of Deliverable Software under clause 3b.

s. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority in writing if they become aware during the performance of the Contract of any required additions, inaccuracies or omissions in Schedule 10.

t. Any amendment to Schedule 10 shall be made in accordance with Condition 7.

Pricing and Payment

36. Contract Price

a. The Contractor shall provide the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority at the Contract Price. The Contract Price shall be a Firm Price unless otherwise stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

b. Subject to clause 36.a the Contract Price shall be inclusive of any UK custom and excise or other duty payable. The Contractor shall not make any claim for drawback of UK import duty on any part of the Contract Deliverables supplied which may be for shipment outside of the UK.

37. Payment and Recovery of Sums Due

a. Payment for Contractor Deliverables will be made by electronic transfer and prior to submitting any claims for payment under clause 37.b the Contractor will be required to register their details (Supplier on-boarding) on the Contracting, Purchasing and Finance (CP&F) electronic procurement tool.

b. Where the Contractor submits an invoice to the Authority in accordance with clause 37.a, the Authority will consider and verify that invoice without undue delay.

c. The Authority shall pay the Contractor any sums due to be paid under the invoice before the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the day on which a valid and undisputed invoice is received by the Authority in respect of the sum or, if later, the day on which the payment falls due in accordance with the invoice.

d. Where the Authority fails to comply with clause 37.b and there is undue delay in considering and verifying the invoice, the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purpose of clause 37.c after a reasonable time has passed.

e. The approval for payment of a valid and undisputed invoice by the Authority shall not be construed as acceptance by the Authority of the performance of the Contractor's obligations nor as a waiver of its rights and remedies under the Contract.

f. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the Authority reserves the right to set off any amount owing at any time from the Contractor to the Authority against any amount payable by the Authority to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other contract with the Authority, or with any other Government Department.

38. Value Added Tax and other Taxes

a. The Contract Price excludes any UK output Value Added Tax (VAT) chargeable on the supply of Contractor Deliverables by the Contractor to the Authority.

b. If the Contractor is required by UK VAT law to be registered for UK VAT (or has registered voluntarily) in respect of their business activities at the time of any supply, and the circumstances of any supply are such that the Contractor is liable to pay the tax due to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), the Authority shall pay to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Price (or any other sum due to the Contractor) a sum equal to the output VAT chargeable on the tax value of the supply of Contractor Deliverables, and all other payments under the Contract according to the law at the relevant tax point.

c. The Contractor is responsible for the determination of VAT liability. The Contractor shall consult their Client Relationship Manager or the HMRC Enquiries Desk (and not the Authority's Representative (Commercial)) in cases of doubt. The Contractor shall notify the Authority's Representative (Commercial) of the Authority's VAT liability under the Contract, and any changes to it, within twenty (20) Business Days of becoming aware the liability is other than at the standard rate of VAT. In the event of any doubt about the applicability of the tax in such cases, the Authority may require the Contractor to obtain, and pass to the Authority, a formal ruling from HMRC. The Contractor shall comply promptly with any such requirement. Where the Contractor obtains a ruling from HMRC, they shall supply a copy to the Authority within three (3) Business Days of receiving that ruling unless they propose to challenge the ruling. Where the Contractor challenges the ruling they shall supply to the Authority a copy of any final decisions issued by HMRC on completion of the challenge within three (3) Business Days of receiving the decision.

d. Where supply of Contractor Deliverables comes within the scope of UK VAT, but the Contractor is not required by UK VAT law to be registered for UK VAT (and has not registered voluntarily), the Authority shall be responsible for

assessing and paying over directly to HMRC any UK output VAT due in respect of the Contractor Deliverables. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring they take into account any changes in VAT law regarding registration.

e. Where Contractor Deliverables are deemed to be supplied to the Authority outside the UK, the Contractor may be required by the laws of the country where the supply takes place to register there for tax purposes. In that event, it is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the Contract Price captures this tax.

f. In relation to the Contractor Deliverables supplied under the Contract the Authority shall not be required to pay any sum in respect of the Contractor's input VAT (or similar non-UK input taxes). However, these input taxes will be allowed where they were included in the Contract Price and it is established that, despite the Contractor having taken all reasonable steps to recover them, it has not been possible to do so. Where there is any doubt that the Contractor has complied with this requirement the matter shall be resolved in accordance with Condition 41 (Dispute Resolution).

g. Should HMRC decide that the Contractor has incorrectly determined the VAT liability, in accordance with clause 38.b above, the Authority will pay the VAT assessed by HMRC. In the event that HMRC so determines, the Contractor shall pay any interest charged on any assessment or penalties or both directly to HMRC. Such interest or penalties or both shall not be recoverable from the Authority under the Contract or any other contract. The Contractor shall supply the Authority with a copy of all correspondence between HMRC and the Contractor's advisors regarding the VAT assessment within three (3) Business Days of a written request from the Authority for such correspondence.

39. Debt Factoring

a. Subject to the Contractor obtaining the prior written consent of the Authority in accordance with Condition 10 (Assignment of Contract), the Contractor may assign to a third Party ("the Assignee") the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Contractor under the Contract (including interest which the Authority incurred through late payment under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 ("the Act")). Any assignment of the right to receive payment of the Contract Price (or any part thereof) under this Condition 399 shall be subject to:

- (1) reduction of any sums in respect of which the Authority exercises its right of recovery under clause 0;
- (2) all related rights of the Authority under the Contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid; and
- (3) the Authority receiving notification under both clauses 39.b and 39.c(2).

b. In the event that the Contractor obtains from the Authority the consent to assign the right to receive the Contract Price (or any part thereof) under clause 39.a, the Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing of the assignment and the date upon which the assignment becomes effective.

c. The Contractor shall ensure that the Assignee:

- (1) is made aware of the Authority's continuing rights under clauses 39.a(1) and 39.a(2); and
- (2) notifies the Authority of the Assignee's contact information and bank account details to which the Authority shall make payment, subject to any reduction made by the Authority in accordance with clauses 39.a(1) and 39.a(2).

d. The provisions of Condition 37 (Payment and Recovery of Sums Due) shall continue to apply in all other respects after the assignment and shall not be amended without the prior approval of the Authority.

40. Subcontracting and Prompt Payment

a. Subcontracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Contractor of any of their obligations, duties or liabilities under the Contract.

b. Where the Contractor enters into a Subcontract, they shall cause a term to be included in the Subcontract:

- (1) providing that where the Subcontractor submits an invoice to the Contractor, the Contractor will consider and verify that invoice in a timely fashion;
- (2) providing that the Contractor shall pay the Subcontractor any sums due under such the Subcontract no later than a period of thirty (30) days from the date on which the Contractor has determined that the invoice is valid and undisputed;
- (3) providing that where the Contractor fails to comply with clause 40.b(1) above, and there is an undue delay in considering and verifying the invoice, that the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purposes of clause 40.b(2) after a reasonable time has passed; and
- (4) requiring the Subcontractor to include in any Subcontract which it awards, provisions having the same effect as clauses 40.b(1) to 40.b(4) and to procure that the counterparty to that contract include provisions having the same effect as clauses 40.b.(1) to 40.b.(4).

c. The Contractor shall not agree with the Subcontractor a payment date for a valid and undisputed invoice of more than 30 days.

Termination

41. Dispute Resolution

a. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to the Contract through negotiations between the respective representatives of the Parties having authority to settle the matter, which attempts may include the use of any alternative dispute resolution procedure on which the Parties may agree.

b. In the event that the dispute or claim is not resolved pursuant to clause 41.1.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the arbitration and this clause 41.1.b shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996. For the purposes of the arbitration, the arbitrator shall have the power to make provisional awards pursuant to Section 39 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

c. For the avoidance of doubt, anything said, done or produced in or in relation to the arbitration process (including any awards) shall be confidential between the Parties, except as may be lawfully required in judicial proceedings relating to the arbitration or otherwise.

42. Termination for Insolvency or Corrupt Gifts Insolvency:

a. The Authority may terminate the Contract, without paying compensation to the Contractor, by giving written Notice of such

termination to the Contractor at any time after any of the following events:

Where the Contractor is an individual or a firm:

- (1) the application by the individual or, in the case of a firm constituted under English law, any partner of the firm to the court for an interim order pursuant to Section 253 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (2) the court making an interim order pursuant to Section 252 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (3) the individual, the firm or, in the case of a firm constituted under English law, any partner of the firm making a composition or a scheme of arrangement with them or their creditors; or
- (4) the presentation of a petition for bankruptcy order against the individual or, in the case of a firm constituted under English law, any partner of the firm unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of the presentation; or
- (5) the court making a bankruptcy order in respect of the individual or, in the case of a firm constituted under English law, any partner of the firm; or
- (6) where the Contractor is either unable to pay their debts as they fall due or has no reasonable prospect of being able

to pay debts which are not immediately payable. The Authority shall regard the Contractor as being unable to pay their debts if:

- (a) they have failed to comply with or to set aside a Statutory demand under Section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986 within twenty-one (21) days of service of the Statutory Demand on them; or
- (b) execution or other process to enforce a debt due under a judgement or order of the court has been returned unsatisfied in whole or in part.

- (7) the presentation of a petition for sequestration in relation to the Contractor's estates unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of the presentation; or
- (8) the court making an award of sequestration in relation to the Contractor's estates.

Where the Contractor is a company registered in England:

- (9) the presentation of a petition for the appointment of an administrator; unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of the presentation; or
- (10) the court making an administration order in relation to the company; or
- (11) the presentation of a petition for the winding-up of the company unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of the presentation; or
- (12) the company passing a resolution that the company shall be wound-up; or
- (13) the court making an order that the company shall be wound-up; or
- (14) the appointment of a Receiver or manager or administrative Receiver.

Where the Contractor is a company registered other than in England, events occur or are carried out which, within the jurisdiction to which they are subject, are similar in nature or effect to those specified in clauses 42.a(9) to 42.a(14) inclusive above.

b. Such termination shall be without prejudice to and shall not affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or

shall accrue thereafter to the Authority and the Contractor.

Corrupt Gifts:

c. The Contractor shall not do, and warrants that in entering the Contract they have not done any of the following (hereafter referred to as 'prohibited acts'):

- (1) offer, promise or give to any Crown servant any gift or financial or other advantage of any kind as an inducement or reward;
 - (a) for doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of this or any other Contract with the Crown; or
 - (b) for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this or any other Contract with the Crown.
- (2) enter into this or any other Contract with the Crown in connection with which commission has been paid or has been agreed to be paid by them or on their behalf, or to their knowledge, unless before the Contract is made particulars of any such commission and of the terms and conditions of any such agreement for the payment thereof have been disclosed in writing to the Authority.

d. If the Contractor, their employees, agents or any Subcontractor (or anyone acting on their behalf or any of their employees) does any of the prohibited acts or commits any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 with or without the

knowledge or authority of the Contractor in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Crown, the Authority shall be entitled:

- (1) to terminate the Contract and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from the termination;
- (2) to recover from the Contractor the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission; and
- (3) to recover from the Contractor any other loss sustained in consequence of any breach of this Condition, where the Contract has not been terminated.

e. In exercising its rights or remedies under this Condition, the Authority shall:

- (1) act in a reasonable and proportionate manner having regard to such matters as the gravity of, and the identity of the person performing, the prohibited act;
- (2) give all due consideration, where appropriate, to action other than termination of the Contract, including (without being limited to):
 - (a) requiring the Contractor to procure the termination of a Subcontract where the prohibited act is that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on their behalf;
 - (b) requiring the Contractor to procure the dismissal of an employee (whether their own or that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on their behalf) where the prohibited act is that of such employee.

f. Recovery action taken against any person in His Majesty's service shall be without prejudice to any recovery action taken against the Contractor pursuant to this Condition.

43. Termination for Convenience

a. The Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part at any time by giving the Contractor at least twenty (20) Business Days written notice (or such other period as may be stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet)). Upon expiry of the notice period the Contract, or relevant part thereof, shall terminate without prejudice to the rights of the parties already accrued up to the date of termination. Where only part of the Contract is being terminated, the Authority and the Contractor shall owe each other no further obligations in respect of the part of the Contract being terminated, but will continue to fulfil their respective obligations on all other parts of the Contract not being terminated.

b. Following the above notification the Authority shall be entitled to exercise any of the following rights in relation to the Contract (or part being terminated) to direct the Contractor to:

- (1) not start work on any element of the Contractor Deliverables not yet started;
- (2) complete in accordance with the Contract the provision of any element of the Contractor Deliverables;
- (3) as soon as may be reasonably practicable take such steps to ensure that the production rate of the Contractor Deliverables is reduced as quickly as possible;
- (4) terminate on the best possible terms any Subcontracts in support of the Contractor Deliverables that have not been completed, taking into account any direction given under clauses 43.b(2) and 43.b(3) of this Condition.

c. Where this Condition applies (and subject always to the Contractor's compliance with any direction given by the Authority under clause 43.b):

(1) The Authority shall take over from the Contractor at a fair and reasonable price all unused and undamaged materiel and any Contractor Deliverables in the course of manufacture that are:

- (a) in the possession of the Contractor at the date of termination; and
 - (b) provided by or supplied to the Contractor for the performance of the Contract,
- except such materiel and Contractor Deliverables in the course of manufacture as the Contractor shall, with the agreement

of the Authority, choose to retain;

(2) the Contractor shall deliver to the Authority within an agreed period, or in absence of such agreement within a period as the Authority may specify, a list of:

- (a) all such unused and undamaged materiel; and
 - (b) Contractor Deliverables in the course of manufacture,
- that are liable to be taken over by, or previously belonging to the Authority, and shall deliver such materiel and Contractor

Deliverables in accordance with the directions of the Authority;

(3) in respect of Services, the Authority shall pay the Contractor fair and reasonable prices for each Service performed, or partially performed, in accordance with the Contract.

d. The Authority shall (subject to clause 43.e below and to the Contractor's compliance with any direction given by the Authority in clause 43.b above) indemnify the Contractor against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract, subject to:

- (1) the Contractor taking all reasonable steps to mitigate such loss; and
- (2) the Contractor submitting a fully itemised and costed list of such loss, with supporting evidence, reasonably and actually incurred by the Contractor as a result of the termination of the Contract or relevant part.

e. The Authority's total liability under the provisions of this Condition shall be limited to the total price of the

Contractor Deliverables payable under the contract (or relevant part), including any sums paid, due or becoming due to the Contractor at the date of termination.

f. The Contractor shall include in any Subcontract over £250,000 which it may enter into for the purpose of the Contract, the right to terminate the Subcontract under the terms of clauses 43.a to 43.e except that:

- (1) the name of the Contractor shall be substituted for the Authority except in clause 43.c(1);
- (2) the notice period for termination shall be as specified in the Subcontract, or if no period is specified twenty (20) Business Days; and
- (3) the Contractor's right to terminate the Subcontract shall not be exercised unless the main Contract, or relevant part, has been terminated by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 43.

g. Claims for payment under this Condition shall be submitted in accordance with the Authority's direction.

44. Material Breach

a. In addition to any other rights and remedies, the Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract (in whole or in part) with immediate effect by giving written Notice to the Contractor where the Contractor is in material breach of their obligations under the Contract.

b. Where the Authority has terminated the Contract under clause 44.a the Authority shall have the right to claim such damages as may have been sustained as a result of the Contractor's material breach of the Contract, including but not limited to any costs and expenses incurred by the Authority in:

- (1) carrying out any work that may be required to make the Contractor Deliverables comply with the Contract; or
- (2) obtaining the Contractor Deliverable in substitution from another supplier.

45. Consequences of Termination

The termination of the Contract, however arising, shall be without prejudice to the rights and duties of either Party accrued prior to termination. The Conditions that expressly or by implication have effect after termination shall continue to be enforceable even after termination.

Additional Conditions

46. The Mandatory DEFCONs and DEFCON SC variants that apply to the Contract are:

DEFCON 658 (SC2) - Cyber

47. The project specific DEFCONs and DEFCON SC variants that apply to the Contract are:

DEFCON 5J (Edn 11/16) - Unique Identifiers

DEFCON 76 SC2 (Edn 11/22) - Contractor's Personnel at Government Establishments

DEFCON 532B (Edn 12/22) - Protection of Personal Data (Where Personal Data is being processed on behalf of the Authority)

DEFCON 540 SC2 (Edn 05/23) – Conflicts of Interest

DEFCON 611 SC2 (Edn 12/22) – Issued Property

DEFCON 657A (Edn 07/25) – Termination in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023

DEFCON 657B (Edn 07/25) – Termination of Exempt Contracts

DEFCON 707 (Edn 10/23) - Rights in Technical Data

The full text of Defence Conditions (DEFCONs) are available electronically via the [Knowledge in Defence \(KiD\) website](#).

48. The special Conditions that apply to the Contract are:

48.1 The Contractor shall, and shall procure that their Sub-contractors shall, notify the Authority in writing as soon as they become aware that:

- a. the Contract Deliverables and/or Services contain any Russian/Belarussian products and/or services; or
- b. that the Contractor or any part of the Contractor's supply chain is linked to entities who are constituted or organised under the law of Russia or Belarus, or under the control (full or partial) of a Russian/Belarusian person or entity. Please note that this does not include companies:

(1) registered in the UK or in a country with which the UK has a relevant international agreement providing reciprocal rights of access in the relevant field of public procurement; and/or

(2) which have significant business operations in the UK or in a country with which the UK has a relevant international agreement providing reciprocal rights of access in the relevant field of public procurement.

48.2 The Contractor shall, and shall procure that their Sub-contractors shall, include in such notification (or as soon as reasonably practicable following the notification) full details of the Russian products, services and/or entities and shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Authority to understand the nature, scope and impact of any such products, services and/or entities on the provision of the Contract Deliverables and/or Services.

48.3 The Authority shall consider the notification and information provided by the Contractor and advise the Contractor in writing of any concerns the Authority may have and/or any action which the Authority will require the Contractor to take. The Contractor shall be required to submit a response to the concerns raised by the Authority, including any plans to mitigate those concerns, within 14 business days of receipt of the Authority's written concerns, for the Authority's consideration.

48.4 The Contractor shall include provisions equivalent to those set out in this clause in all relevant Sub-contracts.

48.5 Security

The Contractor shall ensure that they arrange for any relevant security clearances (including BPSS or SC) to be in place when their personnel are required deliver any goods or services on Authority sites.

If Contractor personnel are required to access any classified information at MOD sites or on a MOD provided laptop, they must ensure that this information remains at those sites or on that laptop, unless otherwise agreed and detailed on a Security Aspects Letter. If Contractor personnel are working with any sensitive information they may be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement and/or a Conflicts of Interest statement.

The Contractor and/or Contractor personnel shall return any Authority Property (including passes and laptops) within 7 calendar days of a request from the Authority, unless otherwise agreed. Where Contractor personnel still hold any Authority Property which contains sensitive information (including passes and laptops), beyond the requested date of return, this may be considered a security breach.

48.6 Options

In addition to the requirements detailed at Item 1 to 2 of the Schedule of Requirements, the Contractor hereby grants to the Authority the following irrevocable options to purchase the requirements detailed at Item 3 to 4 of the Schedule of Requirements, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this contract or any such subsequent contract or contracts where such options are taken up, it being agreed that the Authority has no obligation to exercise such options.

Option 1: Provision of Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal with Human Performance Optimisation Training as detailed in the Statement of Requirement at the firm price stated, in accordance with the delivery schedule at Schedule of Requirements line 3, provided that the Authority exercises such an option by no later than 1 June 2028.

Option 2: Provision of Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal with Human Performance Optimisation Training as detailed in the Statement of Requirement at the firm price stated, in accordance with the delivery schedule at Schedule of Requirements line 4, provided that the Authority exercises such an option by no later than 1 June 2029.

The Authority may exercise any of the options above for any quantities and/or durations up to those stated in the Schedule of Requirements and the per item option prices shall apply (or apply pro-rata where the full duration is not invoked).

The Authority shall have the right to exercise the options by the specified dates or within such further period as corresponds to the aggregate of any period(s):

- a. of delay in the delivery programme whether constituting any breach of the Contract or resulting from any force majeure event, or
- b. for the duration of which the Authority is prevented from exercising any such option due to any other breach of the Contract by the Contractor.

The Authority shall not be obliged to exercise the options.

The option prices detailed are firm prices.

48.7 Variation of Price

1. The Base Prices shall be varied from 1 January 2026 in accordance with clauses 1-8 below. The variation of such base prices shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$V = P (O_i/O_0) - P$$

Where:

V represents the variation of price at the Price Uplift Date

P represents the Base Price as stated in the Schedule of Requirements

O represents the index HQT1 - Top Level SPPI, Sections H to U excl. Section K

O₀ represents, for index O, the average of all available price index values whose periods lie entirely within the Base Period

O_i represents, for index O, the average of all available price index values whose periods lie entirely within the Price Uplift Period

Definitions

In this Variation of Price Condition, the following expressions shall have the meanings given to them:

“Base Date” means 1 January 2026.

“Base Period” means the 12 month period immediately preceding the Base Date, ending on the Base Date.

“Base Prices” means those prices stated to be “fixed” in the Schedule of Requirements.

“Calculation Date” means the date on which the variation of price calculation is made, which will take effect from the relevant Price Uplift Date.

“Price Uplift Date” means the date on which the variation of the Fixed Price takes effect.

“Price Uplift Period” means the 12 month period immediately preceding the Price Uplift Date.

2. The Index referred to in clause 1 above shall be taken from the Office for National Statistics Producer Price Indices publication.

3. Any extant index agreed in the Contract shall continue to be used as long as it is available. Unless clause 5 applies, payments calculated using an extant index shall not be amended retrospectively as a result of any change made to the index or index values after the Price Uplift Date.

4. Unless clause 5 applies, where, at the Calculation Date, index values are not available for the full Price Uplift Period:

a. if at least six months' worth of index values are available, all available values within the Price Uplift Period must be used;

b. if less than six months' worth of index values are available, index values shall be taken from an appropriate replacement index or indices, which shall cover to the maximum extent possible the same economic activities as the original index or indices. If the Authority and Contractor cannot agree the most appropriate replacement index, they shall use the replacement index recommended by the appropriate statistical authority. The data for both the Base Period and Price Uplift Period must be taken from the replacement index. If O₀ is not available for the replacement index, the methodology for linking indices outlined in clause 4.c will be applied. If at the next Calculation Date there is at least six months' worth of index values available from the original index for the Price Uplift Period, that original index shall be used for the variation of price calculation.

c. The index linking methodology involves calculating a link factor, which is the value of the original index divided by the value of the replacement index for the last period for which the original index is available. The average value of the replacement index during the Price Uplift Period is divided by the average value of the original index during the Base Period and the result is then multiplied by the link factor to replace (O_i/O_o) in the formula above.

5. In the event that the relevant index has been postponed due to a methodological error during the Price Uplift Period, the parties shall:

a. calculate and apply a provisional variation of price ("the provisional price variation") as per clause 4.a or 4.b as appropriate for the Price Uplift Period; and

b. within 20 Business Days of the cessation of the postponement of the index, re-calculate the price variation using the updated index data published in respect of the Price Uplift Period ("the updated price variation"). Where the updated price variation is greater than the provisional price variation, a reconciliation payment shall be made by the Authority to the Contractor within 20 Business Days of determining the updated price variation. Where the updated price variation is less than the provisional variation of price, a reconciliation payment shall be made by the Contractor to the Authority within 20 Business Days of determining the updated price variation.

6. In the event that any material changes (e.g. rebasing) are made to the indices by the statistical authority during the contract period and before final adjustment of the final contract price and the historical index values are not updated to reflect these changes (O_o is not available for the Base Period), then the methodology for rebasing historic indices shall be applied. The method involves calculating a link factor by dividing the value of the index under new conditions by the value of the index under old conditions for the last period for which the index under old conditions is available. Index values under old conditions are then multiplied by this link factor to rebase the historic series, thus calculating O_o under new conditions.

7. The Contractor shall notify the Authority of any significant changes in the purchasing / manufacturing plan on the basis of which these provisions were drawn up and agreed, or of any other factor having a material bearing on the operation of these provisions such as to cause a significant divergence from their intended purpose, in order that both parties may consider whether any change in this provision would be appropriate. Claims under this Condition shall be submitted to the Bill Paying Branch, certified to the effect that the "requirements of this Condition [insert the VOP clause number]" have been met.

49. The processes that apply to the Contract are:

Contractor Representative

Name: TBC

Email: TBC

The Contractor shall notify the Authority if their representative changes to allow any requests from the Authority to be dealt with promptly.

Key Subcontractors

The Contractor shall notify the Authority when they intend to remove any Key Subcontractors and/or before engaging any new Key Subcontractors.

Name	Work Undertaken	Approximate Value
TBC		

The Contractor shall notify the Authority before engaging any further Sub-Contractors.

If the Contractor is using a Sub-Contractor in order to meet any deliverables and they cease working with that Sub-Contractor, for any reason, the Contractor will still be responsible for meeting those deliverables.

Payment

Payments will only be made following delivery of goods or completion of services.

In relation to previous clauses regarding payment, Supplier on-boarding for CP&F shall include completing the full MOD registration process in Exostar and an invoice shall only be valid if it has been submitted for the correct amount and tax treatment in Exostar.

The Contractor shall confirm the amount they consider to be due for payment, for any month or period, within 31 calendar days of the end of that month or period and shall submit invoices through CP&F/Exostar no later than 7 calendar days after that payment amount has been confirmed, unless otherwise agreed. All final amounts due under the contract must be confirmed by the Contractor within 31 calendar days of the end date of the contract, unless otherwise agreed.

The Contractor shall provide a full breakdown of any amounts invoiced, to show how the invoices have been calculated in accordance with the agreed prices, should the Authority request this at any time.

Impediments

The Contractor shall notify the Authority as soon as they become aware of any circumstance which will impact on their ability to deliver any of the requirements or meet any of the stated timescales.

Tender Proposal

Requirements to be delivered in accordance with this contract and, where it does not conflict with this contract, in line with proposal included in tender.

Delivery Management

The following shall apply in addition to any specific Publishable Performance Information or Key Performance Indicators detailed in Schedule 9.

A date for delivery of goods or completion of each service will be stated in the contract or agreed between the Authority and the Contractor. Where this is not met by the Contractor, goods are not delivered or services are not completed, until after any stated or agreed date (unless the Authority accepts that circumstances were outside of the control of the Contractor), the Authority reserves the right to deduct 1% of the payment due for those services for each week or portion of a week that passes before the services are completed.

Where the Contractor is required to provide information, reports or attend meetings in order to support delivery and management of the contract but does not meet those requirements by any required dates (unless the Authority accepts that circumstances were outside of the control of the Contractor), the Authority reserves the right to deduct 5% of the next payment that becomes due for each week or portion of a week that passes before the Contractor meets those requirements.

If, at any time, any of the goods or services provided under the Contract do not meet the required delivery timescales, standards or quality, then the Authority will not be obligated to buy any more goods or services unless it is satisfied that the required timescale, standard or quality will be met. The Authority shall be entitled to remove those goods or services from the Contract. Where this occurs on multiple occasions the Authority shall be entitled to terminate the contract as Material Breach.

Where the Contractor is unable to deliver the required goods/services within agreed timescales, the Authority shall be entitled to procure those goods/services from other providers and shall be entitled to cancel any orders that have been made with the Contractor with no costs or fees incurred by the Authority in relation to those goods/services that the Contractor was unable to provide on time.

If the Authority is able to procure goods/services, which are similar to those listed in this contract, at significantly lower prices than those listed in this Contract then the Authority shall be entitled to ask the Contractor to provide a reduced price and/or shall be entitled to procure those goods/services from other providers.

If, in order to deliver the goods/services, the Contractor sources anything through their supply chain subcontractors they shall not charge any additional mark up, on those costs they have paid, when calculating prices to be charged to the Authority.

Exit

At the end of the contract, if required, the Contractor shall support the transfer of any or all of the requirements back to the Authority or to any other Authority Contractor.

The Contractor accepts that during any period of transition of the requirements back to the Authority or to any other Authority Contractor, the number of goods or services required under this Contract may be reduced.

The Contractor shall provide an Exit Plan, if requested, to detail how they will manage and support transfer of any or all of the requirements to back to the Authority or to any other Authority Contractor.

Social Value

The Contractor has stated they will deliver the following Social Value Commitments through the duration of the Contract:

Contractor Commitments:	Numeric Value	Completion Date
TBC	Enter Numeric Value	Enter Latest Completion Date
TBC	Enter Numeric Value	Enter Latest Completion Date
TBC		

The commitments will also be deliverable in accordance with how they have been described within the Tender Proposal.

The Authority shall be able to request that the Contractor provide evidence that they are meeting these commitments. The Contractor shall provide evidence of this within 10 working days. If the Contractor is unable to provide sufficient evidence or is not meeting their commitments, the Authority reserves the right to deduct 1% of the next payment that becomes due for each week or portion of a week that passes before the Contractor can evidence that those commitments are being met.

50. Limitations on Liability

Definitions

1.1 In this Condition [1] the following words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them, except where the context requires a different meaning:

“Charges” means any of the charges for the provision of the Services, Contractor Deliverables and the performance of any of the Contractor’s other obligations under this Contract, as determined in accordance with this Contract;

“Data Protection Legislation” means all applicable Law in force from time to time in the UK relating to the processing of personal data and privacy, including but not limited to:

(1) UK GDPR;

(2) DPA 2018; and

(3) the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/2426) as amended, each to the extent that it relates to the processing of personal data and privacy;

“Default” means any breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including fundamental breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement of the relevant Party, its employees, servants, agents or sub-contractors in connection with or in relation to the subject matter of this Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the other. In no event shall a failure or delay in the delivery of an Authority responsibility or an activity to be carried out by the Authority or its representatives in accordance with the Contract be considered a Default; ‘DPA 2018’ means the Data Protection Act 2018;

“Law” means any applicable law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements of any regulatory body, delegated or subordinate legislation or notice of any regulatory body.

“Service Credits” means the amount that the Contractor shall credit or pay to the Authority in the event of a failure by the Contractor to meet the agreed Service Levels as set out/referred to in [cross refer to service credit regime in the contract];

“Term” means the period commencing on [the commencement date / the date on which this Contract is signed / the date on which this Contract takes effect] and ending [on the expiry of x years /on x date] or on earlier termination of this Contract.

‘UK GDPR’ means the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) as retained in UK law by the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

Unlimited liabilities

1.2 Neither Party limits its liability for:

1.2.1 death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or sub-contractors (as applicable);

1.2.2 fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;

1.2.3 breach of any obligation as to title implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or

1.2.4 any liability to the extent it cannot be limited or excluded by law.

1.3 The financial caps on liability set out in Clauses 1.4 and 1.5 below shall not apply to the following:

1.3.1 for any indemnity given by the Contractor to the Authority under this Contract, including but not limited to:

1.3.1.1 the Contractor's indemnity in relation to DEFCON 91 (Intellectual Property in Software) and Condition 34 (Third Party IP – Rights and Restrictions);

1.3.1.2 the Contractor's indemnity in relation to TUPE;

1.3.2 for any indemnity given by the Authority to the Contractor under this Contract, including but not limited to:

1.3.2.1 the Authority's indemnity under DEFCON 514A (Failure of Performance under Research and Development Contracts);

1.3.2.2 the Authority's indemnity in relation to TUPE;

1.3.3 breach by the Contractor of DEFCON 532B (SC2) and Data Protection Legislation;

1.3.4 breach by the Contractor of Conditions 41 c, d, e and f; and

1.3.5 to the extent it arises as a result of a Default by either Party, any fine or penalty incurred by the other Party pursuant to Law and any costs incurred by such other Party in defending any proceedings which result in such fine or penalty.

1.3.6 For the avoidance of doubt any payments due from either of the Parties to the other in accordance with DEFCON 811 (SC2) or the Defence Reform Act 2014 and/or the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014, as amended from time to time, shall not be excluded or limited under the provisions of Clauses 1.4 and/or 1.5 below.

Financial limits

1.4 Subject to Clauses 1.2 and 1.3 and to the maximum extent permitted by Law:

1.4.1 throughout the Term the Contractor's total liability in respect of losses that are caused by Defaults of the Contractor shall in no event exceed:

1.4.1.1 in respect of DEFCON 76 (SC2) £600,000 in aggregate;

1.4.1.2 in respect of condition 43b £600,000 in aggregate;

1.4.1.3 in respect of DEFCON 611 (SC2) £600,000 in aggregate; and

1.4.1.4 in respect of condition 28d £600,000 in aggregate;

1.4.2 without limiting Clause 1.4.1 and subject always to Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4.3, the Contractor's total liability throughout the Term in respect of all other liabilities (but excluding any Service Credits paid or payable in accordance with any service credit or performance provisions), whether in contract, in tort (including negligence), arising under warranty, under statute or otherwise under or in connection with this Contract shall be £600,000 in aggregate.

1.4.3 on the exercise of any and, where more than one, each option period or agreed extension to the Term, the limitation of the Contractor's total liability (in aggregate) set out in Clauses 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 above shall be fully replenished such that on and from each such exercise or extension of the Term, the Authority shall be able to claim up to the full value of the limitation set out in Clauses 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 of this Contract.

1.5 Subject to Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.6, and to the maximum extent permitted by Law the Authority's total liability (in aggregate) whether in contract, in tort (including negligence), under warranty, under statute or otherwise under or in connection with this Contract shall in respect of all liabilities (taken together) be limited to the Charges paid by the Authority in the relevant Contract Year in respect of any and all claims in that Contract Year.

1.6 Clause 1.5 shall not exclude or limit the Contractor's right under this Contract to claim for the Charges.

Consequential loss

1.7 Subject to Clauses 1.2, 1.3 and 1.8, neither Party shall be liable to the other Party or to any third party, whether in contract (including under any warranty), in tort (including negligence), under statute or otherwise for or in respect of:

1.7.1 indirect loss or damage;

1.7.2 special loss or damage;

1.7.3 consequential loss or damage;

1.7.4 loss of profits (whether direct or indirect);

1.7.5 loss of turnover (whether direct or indirect);

1.7.6 loss of business opportunities (whether direct or indirect); or

1.7.7 damage to goodwill (whether direct or indirect),

even if that Party was aware of the possibility of such loss or damage to the other Party.

1.8 The provisions of Clause 1.7 shall not restrict the Authority's ability to recover any of the following losses incurred by the Authority to the extent that they arise as a result of a Default by the Contractor:

1.8.1 any additional operational and administrative costs and expenses arising from the Contractor's Default, including any costs paid or payable by the Authority:

1.8.1.1 to any third party;

1.8.1.2 for putting in place workarounds for the Contractor Deliverables and other deliverables that are reliant on the Contractor Deliverables; and

1.8.1.3 relating to time spent by or on behalf of the Authority in dealing with the consequences of the Default;

1.8.2 any or all wasted expenditure and losses incurred by the Authority arising from the Contractor's Default, including wasted management time;

1.8.3 the additional cost of procuring and maintaining in place transitional assistance and replacement deliverables for the remainder of the Term and any option period or agreed extension to the Term (including legal and other consultants' fees, re-procurement project costs, other expenses associated with such exercise and any increase in the fees for the replacement services over and above the Contract Price that would have been payable for the relevant Contractor Deliverables);

1.8.4 any losses arising in connection with the loss, destruction, corruption, inaccuracy or degradation of Authority data, or other data or software, including, to the extent the Authority data, other data or software can be recovered or reconstituted, the fees, costs and expenses of reconstituting such Authority data, data or software;

1.8.5 damage to the Authority's physical property and tangible assets, including damage under DEFCONs 76 (SC2) and 611 (SC2);

1.8.6 costs, expenses and charges arising from, or any damages, account of profits or other award made for, infringement of any third-party Intellectual Property Rights or breach of any obligations of confidence;

1.8.7 any additional costs incurred by the Authority in relation to the Authority's contracts with a third party (including any compensation or interest paid to a third party by the Authority) as a result of the Default (including the extension or replacement of such contracts);

1.8.8 any fine or penalty incurred by the Authority pursuant to Law and any costs incurred by the Authority in defending any proceedings which result in such fine or penalty; or

1.8.9 any savings, discounts or price reductions during the Term and any option period or agreed extension to the Term committed to by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

Invalidity

1.9 If any limitation or provision contained or expressly referred to in this Condition [1] is held to be invalid under any Law, it will be deemed to be omitted to that extent, and if any Party becomes liable for loss or damage to which that limitation or provision applied, that liability will be subject to the remaining limitations and provisions set out in this Condition [1].

Third party claims or losses

1.10 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies the Authority may have under this Contract (including but not limited to any indemnity claim under DEFCONs 91 and Condition 34 or at Law), the Authority shall be entitled to make a claim under this Contract against the Contractor in respect of any losses incurred by the Authority which arise out of a claim made against the Authority by a third party under any contract with that third party provided that such third party claim:

1.10.1 arises naturally and ordinarily as a result of the Contractor's failure to provide the Contractor Deliverables or failure to perform any of its obligations under this Contract; and

1.10.2 is a type of claim or loss that would have been recoverable under this Contract if the third party were a party to this Contract (whether as the Authority or the Contractor), such claim to be construed as direct losses for the purpose of this Contract.

No double recovery

1.11 Neither Party shall be entitled to employ such rights and remedies available to it so as to seek to recover more than once in respect of the same loss, but the Authority shall be entitled to use (singly or together) such rights and remedies available to the Authority so as to recover the full extent of any recoverable losses suffered or incurred, including any remedies the Authority may have against any guarantor.

Schedule 1 - Definitions of Contract

Article	means, in relation to clause 24 and Schedule 6 only, an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition;
Articles	means, (except in relation to Schedule 10) the Contractor Deliverables (goods and/or the services), including Packaging (and Certificate(s) of Conformity and supplied in accordance with any QA requirements if specified) which the Contractor is required to provide under the Contract in accordance with Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements), but excluding incidentals outside Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) such as progress reports.
Assets Subject to Special Controls (ASSC)	means a Contractor Deliverable which is: a. subject to the United States International Traffic In Arms Regulations (ITAR); b. subject to the 600 series of the United States Export Administration Regulations (EAR); or c. classified as Attractive to Criminal and Terrorist Organisations (ACTO), meaning that it includes material which represents an immediate risk to Defence personnel or the public; or which is considered as attractive to criminal and terrorist organisations;
ASSC Indicator	means for Contractor Deliverables subject to ITAR, a United States Munitions List (USML) or for Contractor Deliverables subject to the 600 series of the EAR, an Export Control Classification Number (ECCN);
Authority	means the Secretary of State for Defence acting on behalf of the Crown;
Authority's Representative(s)	shall be those person(s) defined in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) who will act as the Authority's Representative(s) in connection with the Contract. Where the term "Authority's Representative(s)" in the Conditions is immediately followed by a functional description in brackets, the appropriate Authority's Representative(s) shall be the designated person(s) for the purposes of Condition 7;
Business Day	means 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday, excluding public and statutory holidays;
Central Government Body	a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics: a. Government Department; b. Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal); c. Non-Ministerial Department; or d. Executive Agency;
Collect	means pick up the Contractor Deliverables from the Consignor. This shall include loading, and any other specific arrangements, agreed in accordance with Clause 28.c and Collected and Collection shall be construed accordingly;
Commercial Packaging	means commercial Packaging for military use as described in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1)
Conditions	means the terms and conditions set out in this document;
Consignee	means that part of the Authority identified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) to whom the Contractor Deliverables are to be Delivered or on whose behalf they are to be Collected at the address specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) or such other part of the Authority as may be instructed by the Authority by means of a Diversion Order;
Consignor	means the name and address specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) from whom the Contractor Deliverables will be dispatched or Collected;

Contract	means the Contract including its Schedules and any amendments agreed by the Parties in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract);
Contract Price	means the amount set out in Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) to be paid (inclusive of Packaging and exclusive of any applicable VAT) by the Authority to the Contractor, for the full and proper performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract.
Contractor	means the person who, by the Contract, undertakes to supply the Contractor Deliverables, for the Authority as is provided by the Contract. Where the Contractor is an individual or a partnership, the expression shall include the personal representatives of the individual or of the partners, as the case may be, and the expression shall also include any person to whom the benefit of the Contract may be assigned by the Contractor with the consent of the Authority;
Contractor Deliverables	means the goods and/or the services, including Packaging (and Certificate(s) of Conformity and supplied in accordance with any QA requirements if specified) which the Contractor is required to provide under the Contract;
Control	means the power of a person to secure that the affairs of the Contractor are conducted in accordance with the wishes of that person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. by means of the holding of shares, or the possession of voting powers in, or in relation to, the Contractor; or b. by virtue of any powers conferred by the constitutional or corporate documents, or any other document, regulating the Contractor; and a change of Control occurs if a person who Controls the Contractor ceases to do so or if another person acquires Control of the Contractor;
Covered Procurement	shall have the meaning as in section 1 of the Procurement Act 2023;
CPET	means the UK Government's Central Point of Expertise on Timber, which provides a free telephone helpline and website to support implementation of the UK Government timber procurement policy;
Crown Use	in relation to a patent means the doing of anything by virtue of Sections 55 to 57 of the Patents Act 1977 which otherwise would be an infringement of the patent and in relation to a Registered Design has the meaning given in paragraph 2A(6) of the First Schedule to the Registered Designs Act 1949;
Dangerous Goods	means those substances, preparations and articles that are capable of posing a risk to health, safety, property or the environment which are prohibited by regulation, or classified and authorised only under the conditions prescribed by the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 (CDG) (as amended 2011); b. European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR); c. Regulations Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID); d. International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code; e. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air; f. International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations;
DBS Finance	means Defence Business Services Finance, at the address stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
DEFFORM	means the MOD DEFFORM series which can be found at https://www.aof.mod.uk ;
DEF STAN	means Defence Standards which can be accessed at https://www.dstan.mod.uk ;
Deliver	means hand over the Contractor Deliverables to the Consignee. This shall include unloading, and any other specific arrangements, agreed in

accordance with Condition 28 and Delivered and Delivery shall be construed accordingly;

Delivery Date	means the date as specified in Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) on which the Contractor Deliverables or the relevant portion of them are to be Delivered or made available for Collection;
Denomination of Quantity (D of Q)	means the quantity or measure by which an item of material is managed;
Design Right(s)	has the meaning ascribed to it by Section 213 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988;
Diversion Order	means the Authority's written instruction (typically given by MOD Form 199) for urgent Delivery of specified quantities of Contractor Deliverables to a Consignee other than the Consignee stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
Effective Date of Contract	means the date upon which both Parties have signed the Contract;
Evidence	means either: a. an invoice or delivery note from the timber supplier or Subcontractor to the Contractor specifying that the product supplied to the Authority is FSC or PEFC certified; or b. other robust Evidence of sustainability or FLEGT licensed origin, as advised by CPET;
Firm Price	means a price (excluding VAT) which is not subject to variation;
First-Tier Sub-Contractor	means a Sub-contractor directly engaged by the Contractor to provide Contractor Deliverables wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of the Contract;
FLEGT	means the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade initiative by the European Union to use the power of timber-consuming countries to reduce the extent of illegal logging;
Government Furnished Assets (GFA)	is a generic term for any MOD asset such as equipment, information or resources issued or made available to the Contractor in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority;
Hazardous Contractor Deliverable	means a Contractor Deliverable or a component of a Contractor Deliverable that is itself a hazardous material or substance or that may in the course of its use, maintenance, disposal, or in the event of an accident, release one or more hazardous materials or substances and each material or substance that may be so released;
Independent Verification	means that an evaluation is undertaken and reported by an individual or body whose organisation, systems and procedures conform to "ISO Guide 65:1996 (EN 45011:1998) General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems or equivalent", and who is accredited to audit against forest management standards by a body whose organisation, systems and procedures conform to "ISO 17011: 2004 General Requirements for Providing Assessment and Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies or equivalent";
Information	means any Information in any written or other tangible form disclosed to one Party by or on behalf of the other Party under or in connection with the Contract;
Issued Property	means any item of Government Furnished Assets (GFA), including any materiel issued or otherwise furnished to the Contractor in connection with the Contract by or on behalf of the Authority;
Legal and Sustainable	means production and process methods, also referred to as timber production standards, as defined by the document titled "UK Government Timber Production Policy: Definition of legal and sustainable for timber procurement". The edition current on the day the Contract documents are issued by the Authority shall apply;

Legislation	means in relation to the United Kingdom any Act of Parliament, any subordinate legislation within the meaning of section 21 of the Interpretation Act 1978, or any exercise of Royal Prerogative;
Licence	means, in relation to clause 33 only, import licence, export licence or other import or export related authorisation, agreement, exception or exemption, including (but not limited to) the export licences required by the United States under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and Foreign Military Sales (FMS), or those required as a result of any applicable UK-US agreements;
Lower-Tier Sub-Contractor	means any Sub-contractor other than any First-Tier Sub-Contractor at any lower level of the supply chain engaged to provide Contractor Deliverables wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of the Contract;
Materiel	means, in relation to clause 33 only, information, technical data, and items, including all goods, components of goods and software;
Military Level Packaging (MLP)	means Packaging that provides enhanced protection in accordance with Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1), beyond that which Commercial Packaging normally provides for the military supply chain;
Military Packager Approval Scheme (MPAS)	is a MOD sponsored scheme to certify military Packaging designers and register organisations, as capable of producing acceptable Services Packaging Instruction Sheet (SPIS) designs in accordance with Defence Standard (Def Stan) 81-041 (Part 4);
Military Packaging Level (MPL)	shall have the meaning described in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1);
Mixture	means a mixture or solution composed of two or more substances;
MPAS Registered Organisation	is a packaging organisation having one or more MPAS Certificated Designers capable of Military Level designs. A company capable of both Military Level and commercial Packaging designs including MOD labelling requirements;
MPAS Certificated Designer	shall mean an experienced Packaging designer trained and certified to MPAS requirements;
NATO	means the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation which is an intergovernmental military alliance based on the North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4 April 1949;
Notices	shall mean all Notices, orders, or other forms of communication required to be given in writing under or in connection with the Contract;
Overseas	shall mean non UK or foreign;
Packaging	Verb. The operations involved in the preparation of materiel for; transportation, handling, storage and Delivery to the user; Noun. The materials and components used for the preparation of the Contractor Deliverables for transportation and storage in accordance with the Contract;
Packaging Design Authority (PDA)	shall mean the organisation that is responsible for the original design of the Packaging except where transferred by agreement. The PDA shall be identified in the Contract, see Annex A to Schedule 3 (Appendix – Addresses and Other Information), Box 3;
Parties	means the Contractor and the Authority, and Party shall be construed accordingly;
Plastic Packaging Components	shall have the same meaning as set out in Part 2 of the Finance Act 2021 together with any associated secondary legislation;

PPT	means a tax called “plastic packaging tax” charged in accordance with Part 2 of the Finance Act 2021;
PPT Legislation	means the legislative provisions set out in Part 2 and Schedule 9-15 of the Finance Act 2021 together with any secondary legislation made under powers contained in Part 2 of the Finance Act 2021. This includes, but is not limited to, The Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 and The Plastic Packaging Tax (General) Regulations 2022;
Primary Packaging Quantity(PPQ)	means the quantity of an item of material to be contained in an individual package, which has been selected as being the most suitable for issue(s) to the ultimate user, as described in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1);
Publishable Performance Information	means any of the Information in Schedule 9 (KPI Data Report) as it relates to Key Performance Indicator where it is expressed as publishable in the table in Schedule 9; and which does not constitute Sensitive Information;
Recycled Timber	means recovered wood that prior to being supplied to the Authority had an end use as a standalone object or as part of a structure. Recycled Timber covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. pre-consumer reclaimed wood and wood fibre and industrial by-products; b. post-consumer reclaimed wood and wood fibre, and driftwood; c. reclaimed timber abandoned or confiscated at least ten years previously; it excludes sawmill co-products;
Restrictions	means, in relation to clause 33 only, end use or end user restrictions including (but not limited to) restrictions on transfers to third parties or disclosure to individuals based on their nationality, residency status and/or employment status;
Robust Contractor Deliverables	shall mean Robust items as described in Def Stan 81-041 (Part 2)
Safety Data Sheet	has the meaning as defined in the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Regulations 2007 (as amended);
Schedule of Requirements	means Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements), which identifies, either directly or by reference, Contractor Deliverables to be provided, the quantities and dates involved and the price or pricing terms in relation to each Contractor Deliverable;
Sensitive Information	means the Information listed in the completed Schedule 5 (Contractor’s Sensitive Information), being Information notified by the Contractor to the Authority, which is acknowledged by the Authority as being sensitive, at the point at which the Contract is entered into or amended (as relevant) and remains sensitive information at the time of publication, being Information which is either: 1) exempt from disclosure (in the Authority’s sole determination) in accordance with Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR); or 2) Information which has been notified to the Authority by the Contractor under a Covered Procurement as sensitive commercial Information and the Authority determines (in its sole discretion) that such Information: i) constitutes a trade secret; or ii) would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Contractor if it were published or disclosed, and there is an overriding public interest in withholding its publication; or 3) Information which is exempt from disclosure on national security grounds;
Short-Rotation Coppice	means a specific management regime whereby the poles of trees are cut every

one to two years and which is aimed at producing biomass for energy. It is exempt from the UK Government timber procurement policy. For avoidance of doubt, Short-Rotation Coppice is not conventional coppice, which is subject to the timber policy;

Specification	means the description of the Contractor Deliverables, including any specifications, drawings, samples and / or patterns, and shall include any document or item which, individually or collectively is referred to in Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements). The Specification forms part of the Contract and all Contractor Deliverables to be supplied by the Contractor under the Contract shall conform in all respects with the Specification;
STANAG 4329	means the publication NATO Standard Bar Code Symbolologies which can be sourced at https://www.dstan.mod.uk/fags.html ;
Subcontract	means a Contract substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) all or any part of a public contract and 'Subcontractor' shall be interpreted accordingly;
Substance	means a chemical element and its compounds in the natural state or obtained by any manufacturing process, including any additive necessary to preserve its stability and any impurity deriving from the process used, but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition;
Timber and Wood-Derived Products	means timber (including Recycled Timber and Virgin Timber but excluding Short-Rotation Coppice) and any products that contain wood or wood fibre derived from those timbers. Such products range from solid wood to those where the manufacturing processes obscure the wood element;
Transparency Information	means the content of this Contract in its entirety, including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract, except for any Sensitive Information;
Unique Item Identifier (UII)	means a unique and unambiguous identifier that distinguishes an item from all other like and unlike items, consisting of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">NATO Stock Number (NSN);NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) code;ASSC Indicator, where applicable;serial number; andpart number;
Virgin Timber	means Timber and Wood-Derived Products that do not include Recycled Timber.

Where project specific DEFCONs are included under Condition 46 definitions shall be in accordance with DEFCON 501.

Annex A to Schedule 1 – Additional Definitions of Contract law. Conditions 46-49 (Additional Conditions)

Further definitions may be detailed in the Statement of Requirements.

Contractor may also be referred to as Supplier or Vendor.

The Authority may also be referred to as Buyer, Ministry of Defence (MOD) or Royal Navy (RN).

Schedule 2 - Schedule of Requirements

Core Requirements - Deliverables in accordance with Statement of Requirements								
Item Number	Description	Delivery Date	Unit of Measurement	Quantity	Individual Price (£) Ex VAT	Price Type	VOP Review Date	Total Price (£) Ex VAT
1	Provision of Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal with Human Performance Optimisation Training as detailed in the Statement of Requirement	Contract Period 1 – 1 November 2025 - 31 August 2026	Per Year	1	£TBC	Firm	Not Applicable	£TBC
2	Provision of Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal with Human Performance Optimisation Training as detailed in the Statement of Requirement	Contract Period 2 – 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027	Per Year	1	£TBC	Firm	Not Applicable	£TBC
Total Current Contract Value								£TBC
Optional Requirements - Deliverables in accordance with Statement of Requirements								
3	Provision of Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal with Human Performance Optimisation Training as detailed in the Statement of Requirement	Contract Period 3 – 1 September 2027 to 31 August 2028	Per Year	1	£TBC	Firm	Not Applicable	£TBC
4	Provision of Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal with Human Performance Optimisation Training as detailed in the Statement of Requirement	Contract Period 4 – 1 September 2028 to 31 August 2029	Per Year	1	£TBC + VOP adjustment	Fixed to VOP calculation	1 January 2029	£TBC
Contract Maximum Limit of Liability Value								£TBC

Item Number	Consignee Address (XY code only)
All	As detailed in the Statement of Requirement
Item Number	Payment Schedule
All	Payments to be made following successful completion of each service

Exact delivery dates will be dependent on date of signing contract and will be confirmed on contract award.

All prices stated are firm prices, to be paid in £ (GBP/Pound Sterling), not subject to any increase or exchange rates.

The Prices set for each item shall be the total maximum price the Contractor shall charge for the delivery of the goods and/or services covered within that item. No further costs shall be claimed by the Contractor and all prices quoted shall include as a minimum, but not be limited to:

- Any direct or indirect costs.
- Any labour costs or personnel salaries, pensions or contributions.
- Any costs associated with management of the contract.
- Any costs associated with providing required information to the Authority.
- Any costs for processing of orders or taskings.
- Any costs for submission of invoices.
- Any costs for manufacture or provision of goods and/or services.
- Any costs for delivery to the Authority.
- Any fuel costs.
- Any related travel and subsistence.
- Any packaging.
- Any import costs or charges.
- Any implementation or exit costs.
- Any installation or setup costs.
- Any costs to deliver training or guidance.
- Any sub-contractor costs.
- Any IT or system related costs.
- Any costs required to provide Authority access to systems or accounts.

Variation of Price (VOP)

All Prices for goods and/or services with delivery dates in Contract Periods 1, 2 or 3 are firm prices which are not subject to any adjustment.

All Prices for goods and/or services with delivery dates in Contract Periods 4 are fixed prices which shall be the subject to an adjustment in accordance with the Variation of Price clause (including calculation of $V = P \left(\frac{O_i}{O_0} \right) - P$, where the following shall apply:

P is the price for goods and/or services in Contract Period 1.

O_i The average of the Output price index in the 12 months prior to the payment date

O_0 The average of the Output price index in the 12 months prior to the base date

The Index to be used for the VOP calculation shall be the "Top Level SPPI, Sections H to U excl. Section K" produced by the Office of National Statistics.

Prior to any VOP adjustment, the prices for goods and/or services with delivery dates in Contract Periods 4 shall be recorded as the same as the prices stated for those goods and/or services in Contract Period 1.

VOP adjustments shall be made on the VOP Review Date and the new prices, calculated in accordance with above, shall be incorporated into the Contract through a formal contract amendment. The new prices shall remain in place for 12 months, until any subsequent adjustment is made at the next VOP Review Date.

When a VOP adjustment calculation is made, the Contractor shall be obliged to provide the goods and/or services at the prices calculated.

Schedule 3 - Contract Data Sheet

General Conditions
Condition 2 – Duration of Contract: The Contract expiry date shall be: TBC
Condition 4 – Governing Law: Contract to be governed and construed in accordance with: English Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scots Law <input type="checkbox"/> clause 4.d shall apply Solicitors or other persons based in England and Wales (or Scotland if Scots Law applies) irrevocably appointed for Contractors without a place of business in England (or Scotland, if Scots Law applies) in accordance with clause 4.g (if applicable) are as follows:
Condition 7 – Authority’s Representatives: The Authority’s Representatives for the Contract are as follows: Commercial: Commercial Officer as per Appendix - Addresses and Other Information Project Manager: as per Appendix - Addresses and Other Information
Condition 18 – Notices: Notices served under the Contract shall be sent to the following address: Authority: Commercial Officer Contractor: Contract Manager Notices can be sent by electronic mail? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Condition 19.a – Progress Meetings: The Contractor shall be required to attend the following meetings: To be arranged if and when required unless already detailed in Statement of Requirements.
Condition 19.b – Progress Reports: The Contractor is required to submit the following Reports: To be arranged if and when required unless already detailed in Statement of Requirements.

Supply of Contractor Deliverables

Condition 20 – Quality Assurance:

Is a Deliverable Quality Plan required for this Contract? (delete as appropriate)

Yes

No

If yes: (delete as appropriate)

A Deliverable Quality Plan is required in accordance with DEFCON 602A (SC2)

Or

A Deliverable Quality Plan with additional Quality Assurance Information is required in accordance with DEFCON 602C (SC2)

If required, the Deliverable Quality Plan and/or Deliverable Quality Plan with Assurance Information must be delivered to the Authority (Quality) within 10 Business Days of Contract Award.

Other Quality Requirements:

As detailed in the Statement of Requirement

Condition 21 – Marking of Contractor Deliverables:

Special Marking requirements:

N/A

Condition 24 - Supply of Data for Hazardous Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables:

A completed Schedule 6 ((Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Substances, Mixture or Articles Statement), and if applicable, UK REACH compliant Safety Data Sheet(s) are to be provided by e-mail with attachments in Adobe PDF or MS WORD format to:

- a) The Authority's Representative (Commercial)
- b) Defence Safety Authority – DESEngSfty-QSEPSEP-HSISMULTI@mod.gov.uk

to be Delivered no later than one (1) month prior to the Delivery Date for the Contract Deliverable or by the following date:

Condition 25 – Timber and Wood-Derived Products:

A completed Schedule 7 (Timber and Wood-Derived Products Supplied under the Contract: Data Requirements) is to be provided by e-mail with attachments in Adobe PDF or MS WORD format to the Authority's Representative (Commercial)

to be Delivered by the following date:

Condition 26 – Certificate of Conformity:

Is a Certificate of Conformity required for this Contract?

Applicable to Line Items:

If required, does the Contractor Deliverables require traceability throughout the supply chain?
(tick as appropriate)

Applicable to Line Items:

Condition 28.b – Delivery by the Contractor:

The following Line Items are to be Delivered by the Contractor:

All lines in Schedule 2 - Schedule of Requirements

Special Delivery Instructions:

Condition 28.c - Collection by the Authority:

The following Line Items are to be Collected by the Authority:

None

Special Delivery Instructions:

Consignor details (in accordance with 28.c.(4)):

Line Items: Address:

Line Items: Address:

Consignee details (in accordance with condition 23):

Line Items: Address:

Line Items: Address:

Condition 30 – Rejection:

The default time limit for rejection of the Contractor Deliverables is thirty (30) days unless otherwise specified here:

The time limit for rejection shall be Business Days.

Condition 32 – Self-to-Self Delivery:

Self-to-Self Delivery required? (tick as appropriate)

If required, Delivery address applicable:

Pricing and Payment

Condition 35 – Contract Price:

All Schedule 2 line items shall be FIRM Price other than those stated below:

Line Items	Clause 46. refers
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Termination

Condition 42 – Termination for Convenience:

The Notice period for terminating the Contract shall be twenty (20) days unless otherwise specified here:

The Notice period for termination shall be Business Days

Other Addresses and Other Information (*forms and publications addresses and official use information*)

See Annex A to Schedule 3 (DEFFORM 111)

Appendix - Addresses and Other Information

1. Commercial Officer:

Name: Gary Cornish

Address: NCHQ, Leach Building, Whale Island, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO2 8BY

Email: gary.cornish100@mod.gov.uk

☎ 0303 376 0460

2. Project Manager, Equipment Support Manager or PT Leader (from whom technical information is available):

Name: TBC on contract award

Address

Email



3. Packaging Design Authority:

Organisation and point of contact:

(where no address is shown please contact the Project Team in Box 2)



4. (a) Supply/Support Management Branch or Order Manager Branch/Name:

As per box 2



(b) U.I.N.

5. Drawings/Specifications are available from:

6. Intentionally Left Blank

7. Quality Assurance Representative:

Commercial staff are reminded that all Quality Assurance requirements should be listed under the General Contract Conditions.

AQAPS and DEF STANs are available from UK Defence Standardization, for access to the documents and details of the helpdesk visit <http://dstan.gateway.isg-r.r.mil.uk/index.html> [intranet] or <https://www.dstan.mod.uk/> [extranet, registration needed]

8. Public Accounting Authority:

- Returns under DEFCON 694 (or SC equivalent) should be uploaded to the Government Furnished Equipment Industry Portal - <https://assetmgmt.desdigital.mod.uk>
- Stock Certificates under DEFCON 694 should be returned to DBSFin-FAADMT-AiiTeam@mod.gov.uk
- For all general queries contact your Delivery Team or DBSFin-FAADMT-AiiTeam@mod.gov.uk
- For all portal queries contact

9. Consignment Instructions:

The items are to be consigned as follows:

As detailed in Schedule of Requirements

10. Transport. The appropriate Ministry of Defence Transport Offices are:

A. **DSCOM**, DE&S, DSCOM, MoD Abbey Wood, Cedar 3c, Mail Point 3351, BRISTOL BS34 8JH

Air Freight Centre

IMPORTS ☎ 030 679 81113 / 81114 Fax 0117 913 8943
EXPORTS ☎ 030 679 81113 / 81114 Fax 0117 913 8943

Surface Freight Centre

IMPORTS ☎ 030 679 81129 / 81133 / 81138 Fax 0117 913 8946
EXPORTS ☎ 030 679 81129 / 81133 / 81138 Fax 0117 913 8946

B. JSCS

JSCS Helpdesk ☎ 01869 256052 (option 2, then option 3); JSCS Fax No 01869 256837
Users requiring an account to use the MOD Freight Collection Service should contact UKStratCom-DefSp-RAMP@mod.gov.uk in the first instance

11. The Invoice Paying Authority:

Ministry of Defence ☎ 0151-242-2000
DBS Finance
Walker House, Exchange Flags Fax: 0151-242-2809
Liverpool, L2 3YL **Website is:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/procurement#invoice-processing>

12. Forms and Documentation are available through *:

Ministry of Defence, Forms and Pubs Commodity Management
PO Box 2, Building C16, C Site
Lower Arcott
Bicester, OX25 1LP (Tel. 01869 256197 Fax: 01869 256824)
Applications via fax or email: Leidos-FormsPublications@teamleidos.mod.uk

* NOTE

- Many **DEFCONs** and **DEFFORMs** can be obtained from the MOD Internet Site:
<https://www.kid.mod.uk/maincontent/business/commercial/index.htm>
- If the required forms or documentation are not available on the MOD Intranet site requests should be submitted through the Commercial Officer named in Section 1.

Schedule 4 - Contract Change Control Procedure (i.a.w. clause 6.b)

Authority Changes

1. The Authority shall be entitled to propose any change to the Contract (a " Change") or (subject to Clause 2) Changes in accordance with this Schedule 4.
2. Nothing in this Schedule shall operate to prevent the Authority from specifying more than one Change in any single proposal, provided that such changes are related to the same or similar matter or matters.

Notice of Change

3. If the Authority wishes to propose a Change or Changes, it shall serve a written notice (an "Authority Notice of Change") on the Contractor.
4. The Authority Notice of Change shall set out the Change(s) proposed by the Authority in sufficient detail to enable the Contractor to provide a written proposal (a "Contractor Change Proposal") in accordance with clauses 7 to 9 (inclusive).
5. The Contractor may only refuse to implement a Change or Changes proposed by the Authority, if such change(s):
 - a. would, if implemented, require the Contractor to deliver any Contractor Deliverables under the Contract in a manner that infringes any applicable law relevant to such delivery; and/or
 - b. would, if implemented, cause any existing consent obtained by or on behalf of the Contractor in connection with their obligations under the Contract to be revoked (or would require a new necessary consent to be obtained to implement the Change(s) which, after using reasonable efforts, the Contractor has been unable to obtain or procure and reasonably believes it will be unable to obtain or procure using reasonable efforts); and/or
 - c. would, if implemented, materially change the nature and scope of the requirement (including its risk profile) under the Contract;

and:

 - d. the Contractor notifies the Authority within 10 (ten) Business Days (or such longer period as shall have been agreed in writing by the parties) after the date of the Authority Notice of Change that the relevant proposed Change or Changes is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c providing written evidence for the Contractor's reasoning on the matter; and
 - e. further to such notification:
 - (1) either the Authority notifies the Contractor in writing that the Authority agrees, or (where the Authority (acting reasonably) notifies the Contractor that the Authority disputes the Contractor's notice under Clause 5.d) it is determined in accordance with Condition 40 (Dispute Resolution), that the relevant Change(s) is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c; and
 - (2) (where the Authority either agrees or it is so determined that the relevant Change(s) is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c) the Authority fails to make sufficient adjustments to the relevant Authority Notice of Change (and issue a revised Authority Notice of Change) to remove the Contractor's grounds for refusing to implement the relevant Change

under Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c within 10 (ten) Business Days (or such longer period as shall have been agreed in writing by the parties) after:

- i) the date on which the Authority notifies in writing the Contractor that the Authority agrees that the relevant Change(s) is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c); or
- ii) the date of such determination.

6. The Contractor shall at all times act reasonably, and shall not seek to raise unreasonable objections, in respect of any such adjustment.

Contractor Change Proposal

7. As soon as practicable, and in any event within:

a. (where the Contractor has not notified the Authority that the relevant Change or Changes is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c in accordance with Clause 5) fifteen (15) Business Days (or such other period as the Parties agree (acting reasonably) having regard to the nature of the Change(s)) after the date on which the Contract shall have received the Authority Notice of Change; or

b. (where the Contractor has notified the Authority that the relevant Change or Changes is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c in accordance with Clause 5 and:

(1) the Authority has agreed with the Contractor's conclusion so notified or it is determined under Condition 40 (Dispute Resolution) that the relevant Change(s) is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c and the Authority has made sufficient adjustments to the relevant Authority Notice of Change (and issued a revised Authority Notice of Change(s)) to remove the Contractor's grounds for refusing to implement the relevant Change(s) under Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c) fifteen (15) Business Days (or such other period as the parties shall have agreed (both parties acting reasonably) having regard to the nature of the Change(s)) after the date on which the Contractor shall have received such revised Authority Notice of Change; or

(2) the Authority has disputed such conclusion and it has been determined in accordance with Condition 40 (Dispute Resolution) that the relevant Change(s) is/are not a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c) fifteen (15) Business Days (or such other period as the parties shall have agreed (both parties acting reasonably) having regard to the nature of the Change(s)) after the date of such determination,

the Contractor shall deliver to the Authority a Contractor Change Proposal. For the avoidance of doubt, the Contractor shall not be obliged to deliver to the Authority a Contractor Change Proposal where the Contractor notifies the Authority, and the Authority agrees or it is determined further to such notification in accordance with Clause 5, that the relevant Change or Changes is/are a Change(s) falling within the scope of Clauses 5.a, 5.b and/or 5.c.

8. The Contractor Change Proposal shall comprise in respect of each and all Change(s) proposed:

- a. the effect of the Change(s) on the Contractor's obligations under the Contract;
- b. a detailed breakdown of any costs which result from the Change(s);
- c. the programme for implementing the Change(s);
- d. any amendment required to this Contract as a result of the Change(s),

including, where appropriate, to the Contract Price; and

e. such other information as the Authority may reasonably require.

9. The price for any Change(s) shall be based on the prices (including rates) already agreed for the Contract and shall include, without double recovery, only such charges that are fairly and properly attributable to the Change(s).

Contractor Change Proposal – Process and Implementation

10. As soon as practicable after the Authority receives a Contractor Change Proposal, the Authority shall:

- a. evaluate the Contractor Change Proposal; and
- b. where necessary, discuss with the Contractor any issues arising (and (in relation to a Change(s) proposed by the Authority) following such discussions the Authority may modify the Authority Notice of Change) and the Contractor shall as soon as practicable, and in any event not more than ten (10) Business Days (or such other period as the Parties shall have agreed in writing) after receipt of such modification, submit an amended Contractor Change Proposal.

11. As soon as practicable after the Authority has evaluated the Contractor Change Proposal (amended as necessary) the Authority shall:

- a. either indicate its acceptance of the Change Proposal by issuing a DEFFORM 10B in accordance with Condition 6 (Formal Amendments to the Contract), whereupon the Contractor shall promptly sign and return to the Authority the DEFFORM 10B indicating their unqualified acceptance of such amendment in accordance with, and otherwise discharge their obligations under, such Condition and implement the relevant Change(s) in accordance with such proposal; or
- b. serve Notice on the Contractor rejecting the Contractor Change Proposal and withdrawing (where issued in relation to a Change or Changes proposed by the Authority) the Authority Notice of Change (in which case such notice of change shall have no further effect).

12. If the Authority rejects the Contractor Change Proposal, it shall not be obliged to give its reasons for such rejection.

13. The Authority shall not be liable to the Contractor for any additional work undertaken or expense incurred in connection with the implementation of any Change(s), unless a Contractor Change Proposal has been accepted by the Authority in accordance with Clause 11.a and then subject only to the terms of the Contractor Change proposal so accepted.

Contractor Changes

14. If the Contractor wishes to propose a Change or Change(s), they shall serve a Contractor Change Proposal on the Authority. Such proposal shall be prepared and reviewed in accordance with and otherwise be subject to the provisions of Clauses 8 to 13 (inclusive).

**Schedule 5 - Contractor's Commercially Sensitive
Information Form
(i.a.w. condition 13)**

Contract Number:
Description of Contractor's Commercially Sensitive Information:
Cross Reference(s) to location of sensitive information:
Explanation of Sensitivity:
Details of potential harm resulting from disclosure:
Period of Confidence (if applicable)
Contact Details for Transparency / Freedom of Information matters: Name: Position: Address: Telephone Number: Email Address:

Schedule 6 - Hazardous Substances, Mixtures and Articles in Contractor Deliverables Supplied under the Contract (i.a.w. Condition 24): Data Requirements

Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Substances, Mixtures or Articles Statement by the Contractor

Contract No:

Contract Title:

Contractor:

Date of Contract:

* To the best of our knowledge there are no hazardous Substances, Mixtures or Articles in the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied.

* To the best of our knowledge the hazards associated with Substances, Mixtures or Articles in the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied under the Contract are identified in the Safety Data Sheets or UK REACH Communication attached in accordance with Condition 24.

Contractor's Signature:

Name:

Job Title:

Date:

* check box () as appropriate]

To be completed by the Authority

Domestic Management Code (DMC):

NATO Stock Number:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Address:

Copy to be forwarded to:

Hazardous Stores Information System (HSIS)

Spruce 2C, #1260

MOD Abbey Wood (South)

Bristol BS34 8JH

Email: DESEngSfty-QSEPSEP-HSISMulti@mod.gov.uk

Schedule 8 - Acceptance Procedure (i.a.w. condition 29)

There are no specific acceptance procedures for this contract other than that stated in condition 28 and 46,

Schedule 9 – Publishable Performance Information - Key Performance Indicator Data Report (i.a.w. Condition 12)

KPI's not currently due for publishing as contract value currently below threshold for publishing. Should the threshold for publishing change during the duration of the contract this table will be updated and KPI's will be published.

KPI Description*	Rating Thresholds*	Frequency of Measurement	Quarter and Year*	Average for Reporting Period	Rating*	Comment*
	Good:					
	Approaching Target:					
	Requires Improvement:					
	Inadequate:					
	Good*:					
	Approaching Target:					
	Requires Improvement:					
	Inadequate:					
	Good*:					
	Approaching Target:					
	Requires Improvement:					
	Inadequate:					

Social Value KPI (if applicable)	Good:					
	Approaching Target:					
	Requires Improvement:					
	Inadequate:					

*Publishable fields.

Please see the [DEFFORM 539B Explanatory Notes](#) for guidance on completing the KPI Data Report.

Where specific KPI's are not stated above, a date for delivery of goods or completion of each service will be stated in the contract or agreed between the Authority and the Contractor. Where this is not met by the Contractor, goods are not delivered or services are not completed, until after any stated or agreed date (unless the Authority accepts that circumstances were outside of the control of the Contractor), the Authority reserves the right to deduct 1% of the payment due for those goods or services for each week or portion of a week that passes before goods are delivered the services are completed.

Schedule 10 – Notification of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Restrictions (i.a.w. Clause 7)

Part A – Notification of IPR Restrictions

1. Contract Number 715386451				
2. ID #	3. Unique Technical Data Reference Number / Label	4. Unique Article(s)* Identification Number / Label	5. Statement Describing IPR Restriction	6. Ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights
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* Article(s), for the purpose of this form only, means part or the whole of any item, component or process which the Contractor is required under the Contract to supply or in connection with which it is required under the Contract to carry out any service and any other article or part thereof to the same design as that article.

Part B – System / Product Breakdown Structure (PBS)

The Contractor should insert their PBS here. For Software, please provide a Modular Breakdown Structure.

Completion Notes

Part A

If any information / technical data that is deliverable or delivered under the relevant Contract conditions is, or may be, subject to any IPR restrictions (or any other type of restriction which may include export restrictions) affecting the Authority's ability to use or disclose the information / technical data in accordance with the conditions of any resulting Contract, then the Contractor must identify this restricted information / technical data in this Part A. Otherwise, the Authority shall treat such information in accordance with the same rights under the Contract it would enjoy should no restrictions exist.

For example, any of the following must be disclosed:

- a) any restriction on the provision of information / technical data to the Authority; any restriction on disclosure or the use of information by, or on behalf of, the Authority; any obligations to make payments in respect of IPR, and any patent or registered design (or application for either) or other IPR (including unregistered design right) owned or controlled by you or a third party;
- b) any allegation made against the Contractor, whether by claim or otherwise, of an infringement of IPR (whether a patent, registered design, unregistered design right, copyright or otherwise) or of a breach of confidence, which relates to the performance of the Contract or subsequent use by or for the Authority of any Contract deliverables;
- c) the nature of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph (b) above, including any request or obligation to make payments in respect of the IPR of any confidential information and / or;
- d) any action the Contractor needs to take, or the Authority is requested to take, to deal with the consequences of any allegation referred to under sub-paragraph (b) above.

Block 1	Enter the associated Invitation to Tender (ITT) or Contract number as appropriate.
Block 2	No action – This sequential numbering is to assist isolation and discussion of any line item
Block 3	Identify a unique reference number for the information / technical data (i.e. a Contractor's document or file reference number) including any dates and version numbers. Documents may only be grouped and listed as a single entry where they relate to the same Article and where the restrictions and IPR owner are the same.

Block 4	Identify the Article(s) associated with the information / technical data by entering a unique identification number / label for the Article(s). This may range from platform level down to sub-system level. This is to enable the Authority to quickly identify the approximate technical boundary to any user rights limitation (e.g. The RADAR or Defensive Aid Sub-System etc). This identification shall be at the lowest level of replaceability of the Article(s) or part of it to which the restrictions apply (i.e. if the restrictions apply to a sub-system the parent system should not be used to identify the restriction boundary). <u>Any entry without a unique identifier shall be treated as a nil entry.</u> NOTE: The Authority does not accept any IPR restrictions in respect of the physical Articles themselves. Block 4 is solely to provide an applied picture to any technical data stated under Block 3 as having IPR restrictions.
Block 5	This is a freeform narrative field to allow a short explanation justifying why this information / technical data has limited rights applying to it.
Block 6	Identify who is the owner of the IPR in the information / technical data (i.e. copyright, design right etc). If it is a sub-contractor or supplier, please identify this also.

Part B

If neither hardware nor software is proposed to be designed, developed or delivered as part of the Contract, Part B should be marked "NIL RETURN".

Otherwise, the Contractor must include a System / Product Breakdown Structure (PBS) in a format which is consistent with ISO 21511 and / or the configuration requirements of DEFSTAN 05-057, unless an alternative format better represents your design configuration. For software, a modular breakdown structure must be provided. For reasons of clarity, it is acceptable to provide several levels of breakdown if this assists in organising the configuration of the Articles.

Details provided under Part B shall not imply any restriction of use over the Contract Articles, nor any restriction on associated technical data to be delivered under the Contract. Any restrictions of such technical data must be identified within Part A.

Against each unique item within the PBS / module breakdown, one of the following categories shall be recorded:

- a) (PVF) - Private Venture Funded - where the article existed prior to the proposed Contract and its design was created through funding otherwise than from His Majesty's Government (HMG).
- b) (PAF) - Previous Authority Funded (inc. HMG Funded) - where the article existed prior to the proposed Contract and its design was created through Previous Authority Funding.
- c) (CAF) - Contract Authority Funded (inc. HMG Funded) - where the article did not exist prior to the Contract and its design will be created through Contract Authority Funding under this Contract.
- d) (DNM) Design Not Mature - where the article / design configuration is not yet fixed.

In combination with one of categories (a) to (d) above, the Contractor shall further identify where an item has, or will have, foreign export control applying to it, through use of the further following category:

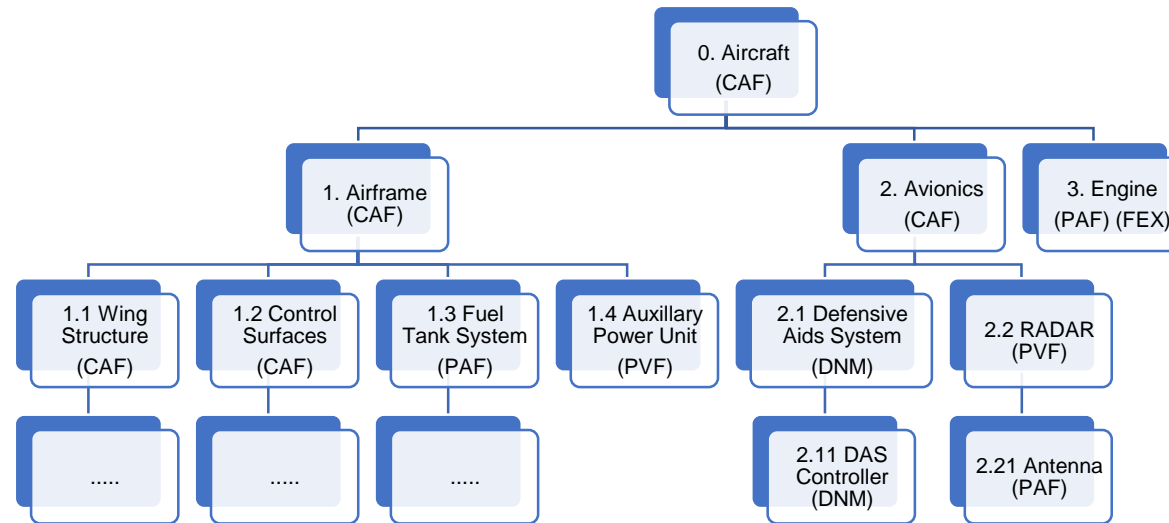
- e) (FEX) Foreign Export Controlled

Notes:

1. During the term of the Contract the Contractor may transition any items identified as category (d) above into category (b) or (c). Transitions from category (d) into category (a) may only be made with the express written agreement of the Authority's Senior Commercial Officer, and by following the amendment process set out in the Contract.
2. It is acceptable to specify the highest level of structure to which the category (a), (b) or (c) applies (i.e. there is no need to specify each sub-system / componentry if the entirety of the parent system was for example, Private Venture Funded). See guidance examples overleaf.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, where a parent system did not exist prior to the Contract yet makes use of Private Venture Funded Articles, it must be identified as (CAF). The Private Venture Funded sub-components / sub-systems can be identified as PVF.
4. Where items are identified as category (b), the Contractor should provide the number(s) of the previous Contract(s) under which the design was created and the Previous Authority Funding was applied.

Example PBS

A theoretical pictorial example is given below but it is to be noted that the configuration may equally be dealt with in a hierarchal tabularised format.



The diagram above indicates a highly simplified and hypothetical Contract scenario dealing with the procurement of a new air asset.

- i. The proposed new aircraft would be considered Contract Authority Funded (CAF) at its top level.
- ii. Items denoted as Private Venture Funded (PVF) would generally indicate that it and all of its sub-components have been funded by sources other than HMG. In this instance there is no need to proceed down the product breakdown structure any further (see 1.4), except unusually where a generally PVF regarded item has incorporated a Previous Authority Funded (PAF) item (see 2.21).
- iii. The proposed design is making use of a PAF engine.
- iv. This engine has Foreign Export Control (FEX) applying to items within it.
- v. The Defensive Aids System at 2.1 is covered as part of the Contract but the exact configuration and design has not yet been fixed “Design Not Mature” (DNM).
- vi. It is not feasible for a parent PVF system to make use of a CAF item; the parent system configuration would not have existed prior to the Contract.

Schedule 11 – Statement of Requirements

Introduction

1. This requirement is to facilitate training for Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (AIEDD) during Alpha Squadron's (Alpha Sqn) bi-annual workforce (WF) training periods. These training periods take place in both February and September.
2. Alpha Squadron (Alpha Sqn) currently utilise Exercise FELIX ASSAULT (Ex FA) to conduct all endorsed Force Generation (FGen), and licensing, for Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (AIEDD).
3. Each Royal Navy AIEDD operator will attend Ex FA annually.

Requirement & Deliverables

4. This requirement is for provision of training for 2 years, with the option to be extended for a further 2 years. The supplier must deliver the AIEDD training package across 5 weeks of training per annum. Training will be delivered to a training cohort of Alpha Sqn operators, and No2s. This is a total of 17 personnel.
5. The training package shall:
 - a. Provide up to date threat assessments during each training session, to keep Alpha Sqn operators adequately apprised of current adversary capabilities.
 - b. Provide all training and any training materials in English.
 - c. Drawing from training provider's AIEDD experience, be applicable to the assault environment, and utilise current in-service equipment and disruptors.
 - d. Expose operators to credible, realistic devices, whilst under adequate, representative cognitive and physical stress.
 - e. Provide dynamic training in both maritime and urban environments. The training must require physical vigour to complete, including a combination of both close-quarters battle and EOD action, in order to physically and mentally challenge the operator.
 - f. Include complex electronic device training, to develop Alpha Sqn operator's circuitry understanding and recognition, and ability to better understand the threat of a more complex device during an assault. Training must include use of a self-contained disruptor with an integrated shock tube firing system (or equivalent), and be designed for EOD operators in Assault IEDD operations.
 - g. Provide tactical awareness training, to complement existing Close-quarters Battle (CQB) training, incorporating EOD Operator specific tactical movement.

- h. Offer human performance optimisation training (HPO), in order to train and coach operators to make physiological adjustments whilst on target to aid cognitive clarity and informed decision making.
- i. Provide detailed feedback and assessment of each individual operator's strengths and areas for improvement (AFIs) and recommendations during each training package. Initial feedback should be delivered face to face (F2F) at the end of the training day / week and indicate if the training lane was passed or failed. More detailed feedback on the training should follow 2-4 weeks later, with in depth analysis of operator's decision making and the HPO factors which affected each decision made, with AFIs identified.
- j. Proposals or applications demonstrating equivalent quality or performance will not be disadvantaged.

Optional Requirement

6. This tender is for two years of training provision (25/26 & 26/27), with the option to individually call-off two additional years (27/28 & 28/29). Delivery will be based on five weeks of training per Training Year (TY), with the TY year starting in September.

Timescales

- 7. The intended commencement of the training is 01 Nov 2025.
- 8. The initial requirement is for TY 25/26 & TY 26/27.
- 9. The optional requirement is for TY 27/28 & TY 28/29. Option years will individually be called-off in accordance with MOD Standardised T&Cs.

Location

10. The training is to be delivered in multiple UK military training establishment locations. These include, but are not limited to: Horsea Island, Portsmouth, HMNB Portsmouth, and Longmoor Training Camp. Other training areas within the UK shall be agreed by both Supplier and Authority. T&S is not available within the realm of this contract.

Software

11. The supplier is to provide, licence, and operate any software for data analysis or collection. Information security management is to be compliant with [ISO/IEC 27001:2022](#) or equivalent as detailed in tender submission. Where used, AI is to be used in accordance with [ISO/IEC 42001:2023 - AI management](#), or equivalent as detailed in tender submission.

IPR

12. The following requirements:

Type	Is This Required	What Is Required	Who Requires	When Required	Format	Classification
	(Yes or No)		(i.e. MOD, Military Partners, Supporting Contractors)	(i.e. On Delivery, Annually Throughout Duration)	(I.e. PDF, Word, Hard Copy)	(i.e. Official Sensitive, Secret, Unclassified)
Operators Manual	No					
Repair & Maintenance Information	No					
Design & Manufacture Information	No					
Training Material	Yes	To inform operators of current threats	MOD	On Delivery	PDF / Powerpoint / Hard Copy	Unclassified
Safety Case or Plans	Yes	RA for the activity to take place to fall in line with current UK MOD Policy	MOD	On Delivery	PDF / Word	OS
Quality Plans	No					
Equipment	No					
Special Tools & Jigs	No					
Interface Information	No					
Software	No					
Source Code	No					
Licences	No					
Other (add as required)						

13. All data collected during training may be used by the supplier for operator analysis, however, remains the property of the MOD throughout and may not be used for any purposes other than training analysis. At the conclusion of the contract, all data must be transferred to MOD and deleted / removed from all the supplier's systems.

Governance

14. NA

Acceptance

15. Course Quality and Acceptance will be assessed by DTXG EOD directing staff (DS), and Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) staff. Training sessions will be observed to assure the training is of the quality expected in accordance with Defence Systems Approach to Training (DSAT).

16. Rectification plans shall be issued should training fall short of the qualities provided at tender submission. Remedy of the rectification plans will be at no additional cost to the Authority.

Performance Management

17. All training weeks will be thoroughly planned, with appropriate OSW being released prior to training taking place. All training will be analysed utilising footage, recorded on a body mounted camera (similar in specification and size as a GoPro) that is provided by supplier, and HPO data. Supplier staff will deliver thorough F2F debriefs initially and then in-depth analysis on the performance of individual operators in order to identify skill shortages and areas for improvement.

18. Post training, EOD Operators will provide individual feedback to the Authority in relation to their self-assessment of how adequately they feel upskilled and their preparedness to undertake AIEDD and to what degree they feel RtL / RtM is ALARP for all related activity. This feedback will be passed on to the supplier for remedy as applicable.

19. Authority led Safety Occurrence reporting trends and post deployment and training serial reports will provide trend analysis of training outcomes.

20. Training delivered will be discussed at AIEDD Military Judgement Panel (MJP) to ensure it remains in line with Ex FELIX ASSAULT training. Rectification plans shall be issued should training fall short of the qualities advertised, and accepted, at tender submission. Remedy of the rectification plans will be at no additional cost to the Authority, as per MOD Standardised T&Cs. Failure to meet agreed milestones for rectification or quality improvement will be addressed in accordance with MOD Standardised T&Cs.

21. Alpha Sqn will produce post activity reports to ensure all outstations are kept informed of the training progress and that all training is fit for purpose, specific and credible for Alpha Sqn operators.

Security

22. All training providers will be required to permitted access to military establishments including Horsea Island and other MOD sites in order to deliver the training. All training will be held at OFFICIAL.

Personal Data

23. Pseudonymised human performance data will be collected and stored by the supplier in accordance with their corporate data protection responsibilities and Data Protection Impact Assessments will be conducted prior to any training commencing and data collection occurring.

Quality & Standards

24. The supplier shall hold or have held advanced manual techniques qualification, or equivalent.

25. Proposals or applications demonstrating equivalent quality or performance will not be disadvantaged.

Health & Safety

25. All training shall require an endorsed MOD Form 5010 risk assessment to ensure it is ALARP at all times.

26. MySafety Occurrence reporting must be undertaken for all safety related occurrences and near misses throughout the training.

27. Alpha Sqn retains duty of care for all attendees at all times.

Implementation

26. An OP ORDER will be released by Military training staff ahead of all training to articulate the training aims and metrics of that specific training package, in accordance with the requirements & deliverables.

Exit

27. Should the winning suppliers provision be acceptable, it is the contracting authority's intention to consider carrying out a subsequent Direct Award procurement of similar goods, services or works in accordance with PA23 Schedule 5 Paragraph 8.

28. Acronyms Table

AFI – Areas for improvement

AIEDD – Assault Improvised Explosive Device Disposal

ALARP – As Low As Reasonably Practicable

Alpha Sqn – Alpha Squadron

AMT – Advanced Manual Techniques

ATO – Ammunition Technical Officer
CQB – Close-quarters Battle
DTXG – Diving & Treat Exploitation Group
DS – Directing Staff
DSAT – Defence Systems Approach to Training
EOD – Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Ex FA – Exercise Felix Assault
F2F – Face to face
FGen – Force Generation
FOST – Flag Officer Sea Training
HMNB – His Majesty's Navel Base
HPO – Human Performance Optimisation
MJP – Military Judgement Panel
MOD – Ministry of Defence
OSW – Official Staff Work
RtL – Risk to Life
RtM – Risk to Mission
T&Cs – Terms and Conditions
T&S – Travel and Subsistence
TY – Training Year
WF – Workforce