

Framework Schedule 4 (Framework Management)

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Schedule, the following words shall have the following meanings and they shall supplement Joint Schedule 1 (*Definitions*):

"Supplier Framework Manager" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.1 of this Schedule; and

"Supplier Review Meetings" has the meaning given to it in Paragraph 3.9 of this Schedule.

2. How CCS and the Supplier will work together

2.1 The successful delivery of this Contract will rely on the ability of the Supplier and CCS to develop a strategic relationship immediately following the conclusion of this Contract and maintaining this relationship throughout the Framework Contract Period.

2.2 To achieve this strategic relationship, there will be a requirement to adopt proactive framework management activities which will be informed by quality Management Information, and the sharing of information between the Supplier and CCS.

2.3 This Schedule outlines the general structures and management activities that the Parties shall follow during the Framework Contract Period.

3. Framework Management

Framework Management Structure

3.1 The Supplier shall provide a suitably qualified nominated contact (the **"Supplier Framework Manager"**) who will take overall responsibility for delivering the Goods and/or Services required within this Contract, as well as a suitably qualified deputy to act in their absence.

3.2 The Supplier shall put in place a structure to manage this Contract in accordance with Framework Schedule 1 (*Specification*) and the Framework Performance Measures.

3.3 A governance structure will be agreed between the Parties as soon as reasonably practicable following the Framework Start Date.

3.4 Following discussions between the Parties following the Framework Start Date, where requested by CCS the Supplier shall produce and issue to CCS a draft supplier action plan (the **"Supplier Action Plan"**). CCS shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its agreement to the draft Supplier Action Plan. The Supplier Action Plan shall be agreed between the Parties and come into effect within two weeks from receipt by the Supplier of the draft Supplier Action Plan.

3.5 The Supplier Action Plan shall be maintained and updated on an ongoing basis by CCS. Any changes to the Supplier Action Plan shall be notified

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by CCS to the Supplier. The Supplier shall not unreasonably withhold its agreement to any changes to the Supplier Action Plan. Any such changes shall, unless CCS otherwise approves in writing, be agreed between the Parties and come into effect within two weeks from receipt by the Supplier of CCS's notification.

- 3.6 The Supplier agrees to comply with its obligations in the Supplier Action Plan as updated from time to time.
- 3.7 The Supplier shall comply with all requests from CCS in regard to compliance requirements as required including:
 - 3.7.1 Dun and Bradstreet risk failure score monitoring;
 - 3.7.2 regular evidence that the Required Insurances and Additional Insurances have been renewed and maintained;
 - 3.7.3 invoice payment performance; and
 - 3.7.4 verification of required accreditations & certifications.
- 3.8 Suppliers should participate in Competitive Selection Processes when identified as part of the final bidder list. Failure to bid on further competitions without an acceptable reason may result in the Supplier being suspended from the Framework, in accordance with Clause 13.6 (*Partially ending and suspending the contract*) of the General Terms, for a period as decided by CCS.

Supplier Review Meetings

- 3.9 Regular performance review meetings will take place at CCS's premises throughout the Framework Contract Period ("**Supplier Review Meetings**") at such times and frequencies as CCS determine from time to time (which are anticipated to be at least once a Month). The Parties shall be flexible about the timings of these meetings.
- 3.10 The Supplier Review Meetings will review the Supplier's performance under this Contract and, where applicable, the Supplier's adherence to the Supplier Action Plan. The agenda for each Supplier Review Meeting shall be set by CCS and sent to the Supplier in advance.
- 3.11 CCS may ask the Supplier to discuss any instances known to the Supplier where any Other Contracting Authority decided not to use this Framework Contract for their order.
- 3.12 The Supplier Review Meetings shall be attended, as a minimum, by CCS Representative(s) and the Supplier Framework Manager.

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4. How the Supplier's Performance will be measured

- 4.1 The Supplier's performance will be measured by the following Framework Performance Measures ("FPM"):

Framework Performance Measure (FPM)	FPM Target	Measured by
[Description of Framework Performance Measure]		
[...]	[...]	[...]
[...]	[...]	[...]

- 4.2 The Supplier shall comply with the Framework Performance Measures and establish processes to monitor its performance against them and the Supplier's achievement of FPMs shall be reviewed during the Supplier Review Meetings.
- 4.3 CCS reserves the right to adjust, introduce new, or remove FPMs throughout the Framework Contract Period, however any significant changes to FPMs shall be agreed between CCS and the Supplier in accordance with the Variation Procedure.
- 4.4 CCS reserves the right to use and publish the performance of the Supplier against the FPMs without restriction.

5. What the Supplier must do to measure their performance

- 5.1 The Supplier shall cooperate in good faith with CCS to develop efficiency tracking performance measures for this Contract. This shall include the following (but this list is not exhaustive and may be developed during the Framework Contract Period):
- 5.1.1 tracking reductions in product volumes and product costs, in order to demonstrate that Buyers are consuming less and buying more smartly;
 - 5.1.2 developing additional FPMs to ensure that this Contract supports the emerging target operating model across central government (particularly in line with centralised sourcing and category management, procurement delivery centres and payment processing systems and shared service centres).
- 5.2 The metrics that are to be implemented to measure efficiency shall be developed and agreed between CCS and the Supplier. Such metrics shall be incorporated into the list of FPMs set out in this Schedule.
- 5.3 The ongoing progress and development of the efficiency tracking performance measures shall be reported through framework management activities as outlined in this Schedule.

6. What to do if CCS and the Supplier can't agree about the performance

- 6.1 In the event that CCS and the Supplier are unable to agree the performance score for any FPM during a Supplier Review Meeting, the disputed score shall be recorded and the matter shall be referred to CCS Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative in order to determine the best course of action to resolve the matter (which may involve organising an ad-hoc meeting to discuss the performance issue specifically).
- 6.2 In cases where CCS Authorised Representative and the Supplier Authorised Representative fail to reach a solution within a reasonable period of time, the matter shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

7. Marketing

- 7.1 The Supplier shall ensure that a person is appointed as Supplier Marketing Contact who shall be responsible for the marketing obligations of the Supplier in relation to this Contract.

How the Supplier must contribute to CCS publications

- 7.2 The Supplier shall supply current information relating to the Goods and/or Services it offers for inclusion in CCS marketing materials when required by CCS from time to time.
- 7.3 Such information shall be provided in such form and at such time as CCS may request.
- 7.4 Failure to comply with the provisions of Paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 may result in the Supplier's exclusion from the use of such marketing materials.

What Suppliers can say in its own publications

- 7.5 All marketing materials produced by the Supplier in relation to this Framework shall at all times comply with the CCS branding guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crown-commercial-service-supplier-logo-and-brand-guidelines>.
- 7.6 The Supplier will periodically update and revise its marketing materials to ensure ongoing compliance.
- 7.7 The Supplier shall regularly review the content of any information which appears on its website and which relates to each Contract and ensure that such information is up to date at all times.
- 7.8 The Supplier shall obtain all appropriate approvals prior to publishing any content in relation to a Contract with that Party using any media, including on any electronic medium, and the Supplier will ensure that such content is regularly maintained and updated. In the event that the Supplier fails to maintain or update the content, CCS or the relevant Buyer may give the Supplier notice to rectify the failure and if the failure is not rectified to its reasonable satisfaction within one (1) Month of receipt of such notice, shall have the right to remove such content itself or require that the Supplier immediately arranges the removal of such content.

8. Where CCS might oversee parts of the Call-Off Contracts

8.1 CCS shall have oversight of certain processes which are operated under Call-Off Contracts. Such oversight shall be provided in relation to the operation of the following Schedules in each Call-Off Contract:

8.1.1 [Call-Off Schedule 3 (*Continuous Improvement*);]

8.1.2 [Call-Off Schedule 8 (*Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery*);]

8.1.3 [the applicable Security Schedule; and]

8.1.4 [Call-Off Schedule 16 (*Benchmarking*),]

(the "**Supported Schedules**")

How the Supplier must support CCS involvement

8.2 The Supplier shall co-operate as reasonably required by CCS in relation to the Supported Schedules including:

8.2.1 provision of information;

8.2.2 allowing CCS to act as agent for the Buyers under the Supported Schedules for such matters as CCS may notify to the Supplier from time to time; and

8.2.3 such other matters as CCS may notify to the Supplier from time to time.

Where CCS might manage the process for Buyers collectively

8.3 In addition to general oversight as referred to above the following specific oversight shall apply to the individual Supported Schedules:

[Category Guidance: provisions in Paragraph 8 are to be included where CCS would be better placed to provide support on behalf of the Buyer community as a whole in these areas.]

8.3.1 [Call-Off Schedule 3 (*Continuous Improvement*) - the Supplier shall:

(a) adopt a policy of continuous improvement in relation to the Deliverables;

(b) create, maintain and update a continuous improvement plan for improving the provision of the Deliverables and/or reducing the Charges and, where requested by CCS, incorporate any improvement identified in accordance with the Variation Procedure.]

8.3.2 [Call-Off Schedule 8 (*Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery*) - the Supplier shall:

(a) create and hold a template BCDR plan that can be used by each Buyer and shall make it available to CCS so that it can be published to potential Buyers; and

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- (b) notify CCS in the event of the invocation or potential invocation of any BCDR plan and the Supplier shall provide such support as CCS may reasonably require to coordinate the application of BCDR plans across all Call Off Contracts.]

8.3.3 [the applicable Security Schedule - the Supplier shall:

- (a) create and hold a template Security Management Plan that can be used by each Buyer and shall make it available to CCS so that it can be published to potential Buyers; and
- (b) notify CCS in the event of breach of any Security Management Plan and the Supplier shall provide such support as CCS may reasonably require to coordinate the application of Security Management Plans across all Call Off Contracts.]

8.3.4 [Call-Off Schedule 16 (*Benchmarking*) - the Supplier:

- (a) shall notify CCS in the event that any benchmarker is appointed in respect of any Call Off Contract and the Supplier recognises that CCS may want to co-ordinate how benchmarking is conducted across multiple Call Off Contracts;
- (b) shall where CCS is appointed as agent by Buyers in respect of benchmarking, co-operate with CCS in order to operate the benchmarking as efficiently as possible;
- (c) agrees that notwithstanding the remainder of Clause 18 (*What you must keep confidential*) of the General Terms, CCS shall be entitled to publish the results of any benchmarking of the Framework Prices to Other Contracting Authorities (subject to the other party entering into reasonable confidentiality undertakings).]

