



Ministry  
of Defence

**MOD Terms and Conditions for Contracting  
for Innovation – Core Terms**

## 1 Definitions - In the Contract:

**The Authority** means the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, (referred to in this document as "the Authority"), acting as part of the Crown;

**Business Day** means 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday, excluding public and statutory holidays;

**Control** means the power of a person to secure that the affairs of the Contractor (or Subcontractor) are conducted in accordance with the wishes of that person by the means of holding shares, or possession of voting powers in, or in relation to the Contractor; or by virtue of any powers conferred by the constitutional or corporate documents, or by any other document regulating the Contractor (or Subcontractor, as the case may be); 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;

**Contract** means the agreement concluded between the Authority and the Contractor, including all terms and conditions, schedules, specifications, plans, drawings, and other documentation, expressly made part of the agreement in accordance with Clause 2.b;

**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, firm or company specified as such in 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;

**Contractor Commercially Sensitive Information** means the information listed as such in Schedule 5 (Contractor's Commercially Sensitive Information Form), which is information notified by the Contractor to the Authority, which is acknowledged by the Authority as being commercially sensitive;

**Contractor Deliverables** means the goods and / or services including packaging (and supplied in accordance with any QA requirements if specified) which the Contractor is required to provide under the Contract in accordance with the schedule of requirements. **Effective Date of Contract** means the date stated on the Contract or, if there is no such date stated, the date upon which both Parties have signed the Contract;

**Firm Price** means a price excluding Value Added Tax (VAT) which is not subject to variation;

**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;

**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, any exercise of Royal Prerogative or any enforceable community right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972;

**Notices** means all notices, orders, or other forms of communication required to be given in writing under or in connection with the Contract;

**Parties** means the Contractor and the Authority, and Party shall be construed accordingly;

**Subcontractor** means any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor or by any other subcontractor of the Contractor at any level of subcontracting to provide Contractor Deliverables wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of this Contract and 'Subcontract' shall be interpreted accordingly;

**Transparency Information** means the content of this Contract in its entirety, including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract, and details of any payments made by the Authority to the Contractor under the Contract; and

**Quality Assurance Requirements** means those requirements specified in Schedule 3 – Contract Data Sheet.

## 2 General

a. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Legislation, whether specifically referenced in this Contract or not  
b. If there is any inconsistency between these terms and conditions and the associated documents expressly referred to therein, the conflict shall be resolved according to the following descending order of priority:

- (1) these terms and conditions;
- (2) the schedules; and
- (3) the documents expressly referred to in the agreement.

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

d. Failure or delay by either Party in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of its rights or remedies. No waiver in respect of any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver in respect of any other right or remedy.

e. The Parties to the Contract do not intend that any term of the Contract shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a Party to it.

f. The Contract and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law, and subject to Clause 16 and without prejudice to the dispute resolution procedure set out therein, the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. Other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this Clause 2.f and for enforcement of any judgement, order or award given under English jurisdiction.

g. 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.

h. 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.

i. 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 its obligations under the Contract. Where the Authority has terminated the Contract under Clause 2.i 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.

j. The Authority shall have the right to terminate the Contract if the Contractor is declared bankrupt or goes into liquidation or administration. This is without prejudice to any other rights or remedies under this Contract.

### **3 Amendments to Contract**

a. Any variation to the Contract shall have no effect unless expressly agreed in writing and signed by both Parties  
b. Without prejudice to Clause 3.a, where the Authority or the Contractor wishes to introduce a change which is not minor or which is likely to involve a change to the Contract Price, the provisions of Schedule 4 (Contract Change Control Procedure) shall apply.

c. All amendments to this Contract shall be serially numbered, in writing, issued only by the Authority's representative (Commercial), and agreed by both Parties.

d. The Contractor shall not carry out any work until any necessary change to the Contract Price has been agreed and a written amendment in accordance with Clause 3.a above has been issued.

### **4 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.

### **5 Transparency**

a. Subject to Clause 5.b, but notwithstanding Clause 6, the Contractor understands that the Authority may publish the Transparency Information to the general public. The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish the Transparency Information.

b. Before publishing the Transparency Information to the general public in accordance with Clause 5.a, the Authority shall redact any information that would be exempt from disclosure if it was the subject of a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, including the Contractor Commercially Sensitive Information.

c. The Authority may consult with the Contractor before redacting any information from the Transparency Information in accordance with Clause 5.b. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts that its representations on redactions during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to redact information is a matter in which the Authority shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

d. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Clause 5 shall affect the Contractor's rights at law.

### **6 Disclosure of Information**

a. Information received or in connection with the Contract shall be managed in accordance with DEFCON 531 (ISC) and Clause 5.

### **7 Publicity and Communications with the Media**

a. 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.

### **8 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 the Contract;

(4) marked with the number of the Contract; and

(5) delivered by hand, prepaid post (or airmail), facsimile transmission or, if agreed in the Contract, 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.

### **9 Change of Control of Contractor**

a. The Contractor shall notify the representative of the Authority at the address given in Clause 9.b, as soon as practicable, in writing of any intended, planned or actual change of Control of the Contractor, including any

Subcontractors. 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.

b. 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

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 Effective Date of Contract

c. The Authority may terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor within six months of the Authority being notified in accordance with clause 9.a. The Authority shall act reasonably in exercising its right of termination under this condition.

d. If the Authority exercises its right to terminate in accordance with clause 9.c the Contractor shall be entitled to request the Authority to consider making a payment representing any commitments, liabilities or expenditure incurred by the Contractor in connection with the Contract up to the point of termination. Such commitments, liabilities or expenditure shall be reasonably and properly chargeable by the Contractor and shall otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract. Any payment under this clause 9.d must be fully supported by documentary evidence. The decision whether to make such a payment shall be at the Authority's sole discretion.

e. 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.

#### **10 Progress Monitoring, Meetings and Reports**

a. The Contractor shall attend progress meetings and deliver reports at the frequency or times (if any) specified in the Contract and shall ensure that its Contractor's representatives are suitably qualified to attend such meetings. Any additional meetings reasonably required shall be at no cost to the Authority.

#### **11 Supply of Contractor Deliverables and Quality Assurance**

a. The Contractor shall supply the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority at the Contract Price. Unless otherwise stated in Schedule 3, the Contract Price shall be a Firm Price.

b. The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor Deliverables:

(1) correspond with Schedule 2;

(2) are of satisfactory quality (within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979, as amended) except that fitness for purpose shall be limited to the goods being fit for the particular purpose held out expressly by or made known expressly to the Contractor and in this respect the Authority relies on the Contractor's skill and judgement; and

(3) comply with any applicable Quality Assurance Requirements specified in the Contract.

c. The Contractor shall apply for and obtain any licences required to import any material required for the performance of the Contract in the UK. The Authority shall provide to the Contractor reasonable assistance with regard to any relevant defence or security matter arising in the application for any such licence.

#### **12 Delivery / Collection**

a. The Contract 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. Title and risk in the Contractor Deliverables shall pass from the Contractor to the Authority on delivery or on collection in accordance with Clause 12.a.

c. The Authority shall be deemed to have accepted the Contractor Deliverables within a reasonable time after title and risk has passed to the Authority unless it has rejected the Contractor Deliverables within the same period.

#### **13 Third Party Intellectual Property**

a. Claims, liabilities and indemnities in respect of infringements or alleged infringements of third party intellectual property rights shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of DEFCON 632 (Edn 08/12).

b. 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.

#### **14 Payment**

a. Payment for Contractor Deliverables will be made by electronic transfer and prior to submitting any claims for payment under Clause 14.b.

b. Where the Contractor submits an invoice to the Authority in accordance with Clause 14.a, the Authority will consider and verify that invoice in a timely fashion.

c. The Authority shall pay the Contractor any sums due under such an invoice no later than a period of 30 days from the date on which the Authority has determined that the invoice is valid and undisputed.

- d. Where the Authority fails to comply with Clause 14.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 14.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 this 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.

#### **15 Subcontracting and Prompt Payment**

- a. Subcontracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Contractor of any of the Contractor's obligations, duties or liabilities under the Contract.
- b. Where the Contractor enters into a Subcontract, he shall cause a term to be included in such 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 an invoice 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 15.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 15.b(2) after a reasonable time has passed; and
  - (4) requiring the counterparty to that Subcontract to include in any Subcontract which it awards, provisions having the same effect as Clauses 15.b(1) to 15.b(4).

#### **16 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 16.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration and 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 it is agreed between the Parties that the arbitration process and anything said, done or produced in or in relation to the arbitration process (including any awards) shall be confidential as between the Parties, except as may be lawfully required in judicial proceedings related to the arbitration or otherwise. No report relating to the same shall be made beyond the tribunal, the Parties, their legal representative and any person necessary to the conduct of the arbitration, without the concurrence of all the Parties to the arbitration.

#### **17 Termination for Corrupt Gifts**

The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect, without compensation, by giving written notice to the Contractor at any time after any of the following events:

- a. where the Authority becomes aware that the Contractor, its employees, agents or any Subcontractor (or anyone acting on its behalf or any of its or their employees):
- (1) has offered, promised or given to any Crown servant any gift or financial or other advantage of any kind as an inducement or reward;
  - (2) commits or has committed any prohibited act or 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;
  - (3) has entered 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 it or on its behalf, or to its 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.
- b. In exercising its rights or remedies to terminate the Contract under Clause 17.a. 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 committing the prohibited act;
  - (2) give 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 its or their behalf;
    - (b) requiring the Contractor to procure the dismissal of an employee (whether its own or that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on its behalf) where the prohibited act is that of such employee.
- c. Where the Contract has been terminated under Clause 17.a. the Authority shall be entitled to purchase substitute Contractor Deliverables from elsewhere and recover from the Contractor any costs and expenses incurred by the Authority in obtaining the Contractor Deliverables in substitution from another supplier.

#### **18 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 20 (twenty) business days written notice (or such other period as may be stated Schedule 3 – Contract Data Sheet).
- b. Subject to Clause 18.d, the Authority shall indemnify the Contractor against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor, 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 thereof.
- c. 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 18.a to 18.b except that:
- (1) the notice period for termination shall be as specified in the Subcontract, or if no period is specified 20 (twenty) business days; and
  - (2) the Contractor's right to terminate shall be restricted by including the following additional clause "Provided that this right is not exercised unless the main contract, or relevant part, has been terminated by the Secretary of State for Defence in accordance with the provisions of Clause 18".
- d. The Authority's total liability under the provisions of this Clause 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.

## **19 Contractor's Records**

- a. The Contractor and its 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 its 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 19.a, and subject to the provisions of Clause 6, 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.

## **20 Goods Specific Conditions**

### **a. Supply of Data for Hazardous Contractor Deliverables**

- (1) The Contractor shall establish if the Contractor Deliverables are, or contain, Dangerous Goods as defined in the Regulations set out in this Clause 20.a(1). Any that do shall be packaged for UK or worldwide shipment by all modes of transport in accordance with the following unless otherwise specified in the Contract.:
- (a) the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO), IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations;
  - (b) the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code;
  - (c) the Regulations Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID); and
  - (d) the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR).
- (2) Certification markings, incorporating the UN logo, the package code and other prescribed information indicating that the package corresponds to the successfully designed type shall be marked on the packaging in accordance with the relevant regulation.
- (3) As soon as possible and in any event within the period specified in the Contract (or if no such period is specified no later than one month prior to the delivery date), the Contractor shall provide to the Authority's representatives in the manner and format prescribed in the Contract:
- (a) confirmation as to whether or not to the best of its knowledge any of the Contractor Deliverables are Hazardous Contractor Deliverables; and
  - (b) for each Hazardous Contractor Deliverable, a Safety Data Sheet containing the data set out at Clause 20.a(4) which shall be updated by the Contractor during the period of the Contract if it becomes aware of any new relevant data.
- (4) Safety Data Sheets if required under Clause 20.a(3) shall be provided in accordance with the REACH Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006 and any additional information required by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and shall contain:
- (a) Information required by the Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation 1272/2008 or any replacement thereof; and
  - (b) where the Hazardous Contractor Deliverable is, contains or embodies a radioactive substance as defined in the Ionising Radiation Regulations SI 1999/3232, details of the activity, substance and form (including any isotope); and
  - (c) where the Hazardous Contractor Deliverable has magnetic properties, details of the magnetic flux density at a defined distance, for the condition in which it is packed.
- (5) The Contractor shall retain its own copies of the Safety Data Sheets provided to the Authority in accordance with Clause 20.a(4) for 4 years after the end of the Contract and shall make them available to the Authority's representatives on request.
- (6) Nothing in this Clause 20.a reduces or limits any statutory or legal obligation of the Authority or the Contractor.
- (7) 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 Supplier Manual.

**b. Marking of Contractor Deliverables**

- (1) Each Contractor Deliverable shall be marked in accordance with the requirements specified in Contract, or if no such requirement is specified, the Contractor shall mark each Contractor Deliverable clearly and indelibly in accordance with the requirements of the relevant DEF-STAN 05-132 as specified in the Contract.. In the absence of such requirements, the Contractor Deliverables shall be marked with the MOD stock reference, NATO Stock Number (NSN) or alternative reference number specified in Schedule 2.
- (2) Any marking method used shall not have a detrimental effect on the strength, serviceability or corrosion resistance of the Contractor Deliverables.
- (3) The marking shall include any serial numbers allocated to the Contractor Deliverable.
- (4) Where because of its size or nature it is not possible to mark a Contractor Deliverable with the required particulars, the required information should be included on the package or carton in which the Contractor Deliverable is packed, in accordance with Clause 20.c (Packaging and Labelling (excluding Contractor Deliverables containing Ammunition or Explosives)).

**c. Packaging and Labelling of Contractor Deliverables (Excluding Contractor Deliverables Containing Ammunition or Explosives)**

- (1) The Contractor shall pack or have packed the Contractor Deliverables in accordance with any requirements specified in the Contract and Def Stan 81-041 (Part 1 and Part 6).

**21 Project Specific Conditions**

**Contractors Personnel - Research Workers**

- a. The Authority accepts the following students, supervisors or other representatives, agents or employees of the Contractor (or any sub-contractor) to work directly on the contract (“Research Workers”):

**[XXXX – To be inserted on Award of Contract]**

- b. The Contractor (and any sub-contractor) shall take all reasonable steps to avoid changes in the Research Workers once accepted. Where such a change is necessary, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the Authority, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c. Should it be necessary to change the Research Workers assigned to and accepted for the work under the Contract the Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing prior to the personnel starting work on the Contract. A Personal Particulars Form shall be completed for each additional person and sent to the Authority’s Representative (Commercial – see Box 1 of Schedule 3 Annex A to the Contract – DEFFORM 111). The appropriate Dstl and MOD administrative procedures shall need to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Authority before any additional Contractor’s Personnel may start work on this Contract.
- d. All Research Workers engaged in support of the Contract shall have appropriate qualifications and competence and be in all respects acceptable to the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to reject any proposed Research Worker(s) whom it considers unsuitable for any reason. The decision of the Authority shall be final and it shall not be obliged to provide any reasons.
- e. The only exception to process described in this condition is when all of the Contractors proposed Research Workers hold a full current SC clearance with no restrictions. In that case, even if the classification of the contract work is below SECRET a Personal Particulars form is not required. The SC provides the Authority with the requisite level of assurance that the individual is who they say they are and is appropriate to work on the contract. The Contractor will be required to provide appropriate evidence to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Authority that the proposed Research Workers hold a full current SC clearance.

**Deliverable Report Marking**

- a. All Reports included as Deliverables under the Contract e.g. Progress and/or Final Reports etc. must comply with the Defence Research Reports Specification (DRRS) @ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/submit-a-report-to-athena> which defines the requirements for the presentation, format and production of scientific and technical reports prepared for MOD.
- b. Interim or Progress Reports: The report should detail, document, and summarise the results of work done during the period covered and shall be in sufficient detail to comprehensively explain the results achieved; substantive performance; a description of current substantive performance and any problems encountered and/or which may exist along with proposed corrective action. An explanation of any difference between planned progress and actual progress, why the differences have occurred, and if behind planned progress what corrective steps are planned.
- c. Final Reports: shall describe the entire work performed under the Contract in sufficient detail to explain comprehensively the work undertaken and results achieved including all relevant technical details of any hardware, software, process or system developed there under. The technical detail shall be sufficient to permit independent reproduction of any such process or system.
- d. The Contractor is to supply, at no additional cost to the Authority, a Minutes Secretary and produce minutes of the meetings if necessary.
- e. The front page of any Minutes produced as a result of any Meeting between the Authority and the Contractor shall state:  
“Nothing in these Minutes shall be construed as giving authority to proceed on work beyond that provided in the Contract or vary the terms and conditions of the Contract.”
- g. Reports shall be signed on the Contractor’s behalf by a person authorised to commit the Contractor.
- h. Marking of Deliverables (Documents)
  - (1) In accordance with DEFCON 705 there are two categories of Technical Deliverable:
    - Full Rights Version
    - Limited Rights Version

- (2) In accordance with DEFCON 705 there are two categories of Technical Information:
- Full Rights Information
  - Limited Rights Information
- (3) In accordance with DEFCON 705 the Contractor shall provide a Full Rights Version of each specified Technical Deliverable.
- (4) In any instance where the Full Rights Version does not provide all of the Technical Information the Contractor shall also provide a Limited Rights Version containing the balance of deliverable Technical Information.
- (5) In accordance with DEFCON 705, the Contractor shall mark each Technical Deliverable in such a manner that the ownership of the Intellectual Property Rights and the rights of the Authority under DEFCON 705 are clearly stated. For this purpose the Contractor shall follow the Document Marking Scheme attached at Schedule 6.
- (6) If subcontractor information is to be included in reports subject to DEFCON 705 then, unless the IPR in that information is owned by the Contractor, the name of the subcontractor(s) should be entered in the bracketed fields below in addition to the name of the Contractor.

#### **IPR - Subcontracts**

a. The Contractor shall not place any subcontract or order involving the design or development of equipment required under this contract without the prior written consent of the Authority. Unless otherwise agreed, such consent will be conditional on the proposed subcontractor concluding a direct agreement with the Authority in the form set out in Schedule 7 to the Contract. Wherever possible the request for approval should be accompanied by two copies of the agreement signed by the subcontractor. If, in any case the Contractor is unable to comply with this condition he shall report the matter to the Authority's Representative (Commercial – see Box 1 of Schedule 3 Annex A to the Contract – DEFFORM 111) and await further instructions before placing the subcontract or order.

#### **Government Furnished Assets**

a. The Government Furnished Assets as detailed at Schedule 8 to the Contract shall be made available to the Contractor by the Authority, free of charge, for the purpose of performing the Contract under the loan terms of either contract embodiment item, contract support item, or contract work item as specified by the Authority. Any such issue shall be in accordance with the provisions of DEFCON 611 (ISC) and DEFCON 694 (ISC).

b. The Government Furnished Assets provided to the Contractor will be returned on completion of the Contract or disposed of with written consent.

#### Government Furnished Information

c. The Authority does not give any warranty or undertaking as to the completeness, accuracy or fitness for any purpose of any of the Authority provided information and neither the Authority nor its agents or employees shall be liable to the Contractor in contract (save as expressly provided elsewhere in the Contract), tort, statute or otherwise as a result of any inaccuracy, omission, unfitness for any purpose, or inadequacy of any kind in the Authority provided information.

#### **Test and Evaluation**

a. The Contractor shall provide the Authority's Representative (Project – see Box 2 of Schedule 3 Annex A to the Contract – DEFFORM 111) with all appropriate paperwork, to the requirements of the Authority's Representative to support conduct of test and evaluation; including but not limited to:

- (1) Trial Plans;
- (2) Evaluation Plans;
- (3) Risk Assessment;
- (4) Health and Safety;
- (5) Certificates of Insurance;

#### **Contractor Acquired Material**

a. Upon purchase, legal title in any items costing £10,000 or more and with an economic life of more than 12 months purchased by the Contractor within the total contract price for the purposes of performing the contract shall vest with the Authority. Such items shall become Government Furnished Equipment provided to the Contractor by the Authority on loan in accordance with DEFCON 611 (ISC) (Issued Property).

#### **Limitation of Contractors Liability**

a. Subject to Clause b the Contractor's liability to the Authority in connection with this Contract:

- (1). Under Clause (i) of condition 2 ("General") condition above shall not exceed 150% of the contract value or £5m in aggregate, whichever is the greatest amount; and
- (2). under Clause 9 of DEFCON 611 (ISC) (where DEFCON 611 is detailed under Condition 22 – Project Specific DEFCONs) shall not exceed 150% of the contract value or £5m in aggregate, whichever is the greatest amount;

b. Nothing in this Contract shall operate to limit or exclude the Contractor's liability:

- (1). for:
  - i. any liquidated damages (to the extent expressly provided for under this Contract);
  - ii. any amount(s) which the Authority is entitled to claim, retain or withhold in relation to the Contractor's failure to perform or underperform its obligations under this Contract, including service credits or other deductions (to the extent expressly provided for under this Contract);
  - iii. Any interest payable in relation to the late payment of any sum due and payable by the Contractor to the Authority under this Contract;
  - iv. Any amount payable by the Contractor to the Authority in relation to TUPE or pensions to the extent expressly provided for under this Contract;



(2). for any liability that would not have been incurred but for the Contractor failing to carry out one or more of the risk mitigation activities specified [*in the Contractors proposal*]

(3). in relation to any matter governed by Clause a above, where any applicable limitation of liability forming part of that provision has been agreed by the Authority in reliance on information (including in relation to insurance) submitted by or on behalf of the Contractor prior to contract award, such information being inaccurate or untrue;

(4). under DEFCONs 632, Condition 13 and DEFCON 91 (where DEFCON 91 is detailed under Condition 22 – Project Specific DEFCONs);

(5). for death or personal injury caused by the Contractor's negligence or the negligence of any of its personnel, agents, consultants or subcontractors;

(6). for fraud, fraudulent misrepresentation, wilful misconduct or negligence;

(7). in relation to the termination of this Contract on the basis of abandonment by the Contractor;

(8). for breach of the terms implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or

(9). for any other liability which cannot be limited or excluded under general (including statute and common) law.

c. The rights of the Authority under this Contract are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any rights or remedies provided by English (including statute and common) law

#### **COVID-19: Extension of time and relief from performance**

a. The parties recognise that the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic may have an adverse impact on the ability of the Contractor to perform its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor shall not therefore be in breach of its obligations under this Contract, nor liable for late or non-performance of any of its obligations under this Contract, if such delay or failure is a sole and direct result of the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Authority in writing that the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic has solely and directly resulted or is likely to solely and directly result in a delay or failure to perform its obligations under the Contract, which obligations are adversely impacted, and the actions proposed to mitigate such adverse impact.

c. Subject to clause d below, the Contractor shall be entitled to request an appropriate period of:

(1) additional time for performing; and/or

(2) relief from other contractual consequences, of late or non-performance of such obligations provided always that the Contractor has used, to the satisfaction of the Authority, all reasonable endeavours, both to mitigate the adverse impact of the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to facilitate the continued performance of its obligations under the Contract.

d. The maximum period of additional time and/or for which relief will be granted under this clause shall be limited to Zero days, after which the Authority may terminate the Contract on giving 20 days' notice in writing to the Contractor. On termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall be entitled to be paid an amount equal to any and all charges payable (but as yet unpaid) for Contractor Deliverables delivered up to the date of termination but shall otherwise have no claim against the Authority in relation to such termination.

## **22 Project Specific DEFCONs**

DEFCON 76 (ISC)	Edn 12/19	Contractor's Personnel at Government Establishments [Note: Will be included in all Contracts where a Contractor is required to carry out work at Government Establishments or HM Ships. If a Contract does not include such a requirement then this DEFCON would be removed prior to placement of a Contract.]
DEFCON 126	Edn 11/06	International Collaboration
DEFCON 514A	Edn 03/16	Failure of Performance under Research and Development Contracts
DEFCON 532A	Edn 04/20	Protection of Personal Data (Where Personal Data is not being Processed on behalf of the authority) [Note: This will be included where Personal data is not being processed on behalf of the authority]
DEFCON 532B	Edn 04/20	Protection of Personal Data (Where Personal Data is being Processed on behalf of the authority) [Note: This will be included where Personal data is being processed on behalf of the authority]
DEFCON 601 (SC)	Edn 03/15	Redundant Materiel

		[Note: Will be included in all Contracts that include DEFCON 611. If a Contract does not require DEFCON 611 then this DEFCON would be removed prior to placement of a Contract.]
DEFCON 608	Edn 10/14	Access and Facilities to be provided by the Contractor
DEFCON 611 (ISC)	Edn 12/19	Issued Property [Note: Will be included in all Contracts where Government Furnished Assets (GFA) are supplied by the Authority as Issued Property. If a Contract does not include such a requirement then this DEFCON would be removed prior to placement of a Contract.]
DEFCON 658 (ISC)	Edn 12/19	Cyber [Note: Will be included in all Contracts where the Authority has conducted a Cyber Risk Assessment and this has resulted in a cyber risk level higher than Not Applicable. If a Contract does not include such a requirement then this DEFCON would be removed prior to placement of a Contract.]
DEFCON 694 (ISC)	Edn 12/19	Accounting for Property of the Authority [Note: Will be included in all Contracts where Government Furnished Assets (GFA) are supplied by the Authority as Issued Property. If a Contract does not include such a requirement then this DEFCON would be removed prior to placement of a Contract.]
DEFCON 705	Edn 09/20	Intellectual Property Rights - Research and Technology ( Note: Will be Included in joint funded projects with other government departments to ensure the sharing of deliverables under the contract)