

**GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FOR SCOTLAND  
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CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES**

**These Conditions may only be varied with the written agreement of the Purchaser. No terms or conditions put forward at any time by the Supplier shall form any part of the Contract unless specifically agreed in writing by the Purchaser.**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

In these Conditions:

*'Purchaser'* means on behalf of the Registrar General for Scotland;

*'Supplier'* means the person, firm or company to whom the Contract is issued;

*'Services'* means the services to be provided as specified in the Purchase Order and shall, where the context so admits, include any materials, articles and goods to be supplied thereunder;

*'Premises'* means the location where the services are to be performed, as specified in the Purchase Order;

*'Contract'* means the contract between the Purchaser and the Supplier consisting of the Purchase Order, these Conditions and other documents (or parts thereof) specified in the Purchase Order;

*'Purchase Order'* means the document setting out the Purchaser's requirements for the Contract.

**2. CHANGE TO CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 The Purchaser may order any variation to any part of the Services that for any other reason shall in the Purchaser's opinion be desirable. Any such variation may include (but shall not be restricted to) additions, omissions, alterations, substitutions to the Services and changes in quality, form, character, kind, timing, method or sequence of the Services.
- 2.2 Save as otherwise provided herein, no variation of the Services as provided for in Condition 2.1 hereof shall be valid unless given or confirmed in the form of an order given by the Purchaser. All such orders shall be given in writing provided that if for any reason the Purchaser shall find it necessary to give any such order orally in the first instance the Supplier shall comply with such oral order which must be confirmed in writing by the Purchaser within 2 working days of the giving of such oral order by the Purchaser, failing which the variation made by such oral order shall cease to have effect on the expiry of the said 2 working day period.
- 2.3 Where any such variation of the Services made in accordance with Condition 2.1 and 2.2 has

affected or may affect the costs incurred by the Supplier in providing the Services, the Supplier will notify the Purchaser in writing of the effect which it has had or may have on the said costs and such notification shall be considered by the Purchaser, who shall take all of the facts into account (including such information as may be provided by the Supplier in respect of the effect which such variation has had or may have on the costs incurred by the Supplier in providing the service) and may authorise such alteration to the sums to be paid to the Supplier in accordance with the provisions of the Contract as are, in the Purchaser's opinion, appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances.

**3. INSPECTION OF PREMISES AND NATURE OF SERVICES**

- 3.1 The Supplier is deemed to have inspected the Premises before tendering so as to have understood the nature and extent of the Services to be carried out and is deemed to be satisfied in relation to all matters connected with the Services and Premises.
- 3.2 The Purchaser shall, at the request of the Supplier, grant such access as may be reasonable for this purpose.

**4. SUPPLIER'S STATUS**

In carrying out the Services the Supplier shall be acting as principal and not as the agent of the Purchaser. Accordingly:

- (a) the Supplier shall not (and shall procure that the Supplier's agents and servants do not) say or do anything that might lead any other person to believe that the Supplier is acting as the agent of the Purchaser, and
- (b) nothing in this Contract shall impose any liability on the Purchaser in respect of any liability incurred by the Supplier to any other person but this shall not be taken to exclude or limit any liability of the Purchaser to the Supplier that may arise by virtue of either a breach of this Contract or any negligence on the part of the Purchaser, or the Purchaser's staff or agents.

**5. SUPPLIER'S PERSONNEL**

- 5.1 The Supplier shall take the steps reasonably required by the Purchaser to prevent unauthorised persons being admitted to the Premises. If the Purchaser gives the Supplier notice that any person is not to be admitted to or is to be removed from the Premises or is not

to become involved in or is to be removed from involvement in the performance of the Contract, the Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to comply with such notice and if required by the Purchaser the Supplier shall replace any person removed under this Condition with another suitably qualified person and procure that any pass issued to the person removed is surrendered.

- 5.2 If and when instructed by the Purchaser, the Supplier shall give to the Purchaser a list of names and addresses of all persons who are or may be at any time concerned with the Services or any part of them, specifying the capacities in which they are so concerned, and giving such other particulars and evidence of identity and other supporting evidence as the Purchaser may reasonably require.
- 5.3 The decision of the Purchaser shall be final and conclusive as to whether any person is to be admitted to or is to be removed from the Premises or is not to become involved in or is to be removed from involvement in the performance of the Contract and as to whether the Supplier has furnished the information or taken the steps required of the Supplier by this Condition.
- 5.4 The Supplier shall bear the cost of any notice, instruction or decision of the Purchaser under this Condition.

## **6. MANNER OF CARRYING OUT THE SERVICES**

- 6.1 The Supplier shall make no delivery of materials, plant or other things nor commence any work on the Premises without obtaining the Purchaser's prior consent.
- 6.2 Access to the Premises shall not be exclusive to the Supplier but only such as shall enable the Supplier to carry out the Services concurrently with the execution of work by others. The Supplier shall co-operate with such others as the Purchaser may reasonably require.
- 6.3 The Purchaser shall have the power at any time during the progress of the Services to order in writing:
- (a) the removal from the Premises of any materials which in the opinion of the Purchaser are either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with the Contract, and/or
  - (b) the substitution of proper and suitable materials, and/or
  - (c) the removal and proper re-execution notwithstanding any previous test thereof or interim payment therefor of any work which, in respect of material or workmanship is not in the

opinion of the Purchaser in accordance with the Contract.

- 6.4 The Supplier shall forthwith comply with any order made under Condition 6.3.
- 6.5 On completion of the Services the Supplier shall remove the Supplier's plant, equipment and unused materials and shall clear away from the Premises all rubbish arising out of the Services and leave the Premises in a neat and tidy condition.

## **7. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Supplier shall perform the Services in such a manner as to be safe and without risk to the health or safety of persons in the vicinity of the place where the Services are being performed (whether such persons are in the vicinity of the said place at the time when the Services are being performed or otherwise) and in such a manner as to comply with any relevant health and safety or other legislation (including Statutory Instrument, Orders, or Regulations made under the said legislation) and any requirements imposed by a local or other regulatory authority in connection with the performance of services of the type supplied to the Purchaser, whether specifically or generally. The Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, costs and expenses which the Purchaser or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Condition.

## **8. TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

The Supplier shall begin performing the Services on the date stated in the Purchase Order and shall complete the Services by the date stated in the Purchase Order or continue to perform them for the period stated in the Purchase Order (whichever is applicable). Time is of the essence of the Contract. The Purchaser may by written notice require the Supplier to execute the Services in such order as the Purchaser may decide. In the absence of such notice the Supplier shall submit such detailed programmes of work and progress reports as the Purchaser may from time to time require.

## **9. PAYMENT**

- 9.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, payment will be made within 30 days of receipt and agreement of invoices, submitted monthly in arrears, for work completed to the satisfaction of the Purchaser.
- 9.2 Value Added Tax, where applicable, shall be shown separately on all invoices as a strictly net extra charge.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding Condition 19 of this Contract the Supplier may assign to another person (an "assignee") the right to receive payment of the Price or any part thereof due to the Supplier

under this Contract subject to (i) deduction of sums in respect of which the Purchaser exercises the right of recovery under Condition 18 of this Contract and (ii) all the related rights of the Purchaser under this Contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid. The Supplier shall notify or procure that any assignee notifies the Purchaser of any variations to the arrangements for payment of the Price or for handling invoices, in each case in good time to enable the Purchaser to redirect payments or invoices accordingly. In the absence of such notification the Purchaser shall be under no obligation to vary the arrangements for payment of the Price or for handling invoices.

#### **10. FREE-ISSUE MATERIALS**

Where the Purchaser for the purpose of the Contract issues materials free of charge to the Supplier such materials shall be and remain the property of the Purchaser. The Supplier shall maintain all such materials in good order and condition and shall use such materials solely in connection with the Contract. The Supplier shall notify the Purchaser of any surplus materials remaining after completion of the Services and shall dispose of them as the Purchaser may direct. Waste of such materials arising from bad workmanship or negligence of the Supplier or any of the Supplier's servants, agents or sub-Contractors shall be made good at the Supplier's expense. Without prejudice to any other of the rights of the Purchaser, the Supplier shall deliver up such materials whether processed or not to the Purchaser on demand.

#### **11. AUDIT**

11.1 The Supplier shall keep and maintain until 2 years after the Contract has been completed records to the satisfaction of the Purchaser of all expenditures which are reimbursable by the Purchaser and of the hours worked and costs incurred in connection with any employees of the Supplier paid for by the Purchaser on a time charge basis. The Supplier shall on request afford the Purchaser or the Purchaser's representatives such access to those records as may be required by the Purchaser in connection with the Contract.

11.2 The provisions of this Condition 11 shall apply during the continuance of this Contract and after its termination howsoever arising.

#### **12. CORRUPT GIFTS OR PAYMENTS**

The Supplier shall not offer or give, or agree to give, to any employee or representative of the Purchaser any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or refraining from doing or for having done or refrained from doing, any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of this or any other contract with the Purchaser or for showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to

any person in relation to this or any such contract. The attention of the Supplier is drawn to the criminal offences created by the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916.

#### **13. PATENTS, INFORMATION AND COPYRIGHT**

13.1 It shall be a condition of the Contract that, except to the extent that the Services incorporate designs furnished by the Purchaser, that nothing done by the Supplier in the performance of the Services shall infringe any patent, trade mark, registered design, copyright or other right in the nature of intellectual property of any third party and the Supplier shall **indemnify** the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, claims, demands, costs and expenses which the Purchaser or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Condition.

13.2 All rights (including ownership and copyright) in any reports, documents, specifications, instructions, plans, drawings, patents, models or designs whether in writing or on magnetic or other media:

(a) furnished to or made available to the Supplier by the Purchaser shall remain vested in the Crown absolutely.

(b) prepared by or for the Supplier for use, or intended use, in relation to the performance of this Contract are hereby assigned to and shall vest in the Crown absolutely, and (without prejudice to Condition 16.2) the Supplier shall not and shall procure that the Supplier's servants and agents shall not (except to the extent necessary for the implementation of this Contract) without the prior written consent of the Purchaser use or disclose any such reports, documents, specifications, instructions, plans, drawings, patents, models, designs or other material as aforesaid or any other information (whether or not relevant to this Contract) which the Supplier may obtain pursuant to or by reason of this Contract, except information which is in the public domain otherwise than by reason of a breach of this provision, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) the Supplier shall not refer to the Purchaser or the contract in any advertisement without the Purchaser's prior written consent.

13.3 The provisions of this Condition 13 shall apply during the continuance of this Contract and after its termination howsoever arising.

#### **14. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

14.1 Without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the Purchaser the Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, costs and expenses which the purchaser or the Crown

may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any damage to property or in respect of any injury (whether fatal or otherwise) to any person which may result directly or indirectly from any negligent or wrongful act or omission of the Supplier.

14.2 Except in the case of loss, damage or personal injury (including death) suffered by an employee of the Supplier (in respect of which the indemnity in Condition 14.1 shall apply whether or not the loss, damage or personal injury was caused by the negligent or wilful act or omission of the Purchaser, the Crown or any servant or agent of the Crown) the indemnity contained in Condition 14.1 shall not apply to the extent that the loss, damage or injury is caused by the negligent or wilful act or omission of the Purchaser, the Crown or any servant or agent of the Crown.

14.3 The Supplier shall have in force and shall require any sub-Contractor to have in force:

(a) employer's liability insurance in accordance with any legal requirements for the time being in force, and

(b) public liability insurance for such sum and range of cover as the Supplier deems to be appropriate but covering at least all matters which are the subject of indemnities or compensation obligations under these Conditions in the sum of not less than £1 million for any one incident and unlimited in total, unless otherwise agreed by the Purchaser in writing.

14.4 The policy or policies of insurance referred to in Condition 14.3 shall be shown to the Purchaser whenever the Purchaser requests, together with satisfactory evidence of payment of premiums, including the latest premium due thereunder.

## 15. DISCRIMINATION

The Supplier shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly on such grounds as race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, sex or sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Supplier shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976, the Equal Pay Act 1970, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006, the Equality Act 2006, the Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007, the Human Rights Act 1998 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to secure the

observance of this Condition by all employees and representatives of the Supplier.

## 16. OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

16.1 The Supplier undertakes to abide and procure that the Supplier's employees abide by the provisions of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989.

16.2 The Supplier shall keep secret and not disclose and shall procure that the Supplier's employees keep secret and do not disclose any information of a confidential nature obtained by the Supplier by reason of this Contract except information which is in the public domain otherwise than by reason of a breach of this provision.

16.3 All information related to the Contract will be treated as commercial in confidence by the parties except that:

(a) The Supplier may disclose any information as required by law or judicial order to be disclosed.

(b) The Purchaser may disclose any information as required by law or judicial order to be disclosed, further the Purchaser may disclose all information obtained by the Purchaser by virtue of the Contract to the Scottish or United Kingdom Parliament or any other department, office or agency of Her Majesty's Government in Scotland or the United Kingdom, and their servants or agents, when disclosing such information to either the Scottish Parliament or the United Kingdom Parliament it is recognised and agreed by both parties that the Purchaser shall if the Purchaser sees fit disclose such information but is unable to impose any restrictions upon the information that the Purchaser provides to Members of the Scottish Parliament, (MSPs) or Members of the United Kingdom Parliament (MPs). Such disclosure shall not be treated as a breach of this agreement.

16.4 The provisions of this Condition 16 shall apply during the continuance of this Contract and after its termination howsoever arising.

## 17. TERMINATION

17.1 The Supplier shall notify the Purchaser in writing immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) where the Supplier is an individual and if a petition is presented for the Supplier's bankruptcy or the sequestration of the Supplier's estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Supplier, or the Supplier is apparently insolvent, or makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of

creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignment for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage the Supplier's affairs; or

(b) where the Supplier is not an individual but is a firm, or a number of persons acting together in any capacity, if any event in (a) or (c) of this Condition occurs in respect of the firm or any partner in the firm or any of those persons or a petition is presented for the Supplier to be wound up as an unregistered company; or

(c) where the Supplier is a company, if the company passes a resolution for winding-up of dissolution (otherwise than for the purposes of and followed by an amalgamation or reconstruction) or the court makes an administration order or a winding-up order, or the company makes a composition or arrangement with its creditors, or an administrator, administrative receiver, receiver or manager is appointed by a creditor or by the court, or possession is taken of any of its property under the terms of a floating charge.

17.2 On the occurrence of any of the events described in Condition 17.1 or, if the Supplier shall have committed a material breach of this Contract and (if such breach is capable of remedy) shall have failed to remedy such breach within 30 days of being required by the Purchaser in writing to do so or, where the Supplier is an individual if the Supplier shall die or be adjudged incapable of managing his or her affairs within the meaning of Part VII of the Mental Health Act 1983 or of Part V of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984, the Purchaser shall be entitled to terminate this Contract by notice to the Supplier with immediate effect. Thereupon, without prejudice to any other of the Purchaser's rights, the Purchaser may complete the Services or have them completed by a third party, using for that purpose (making a fair and proper allowance therefor in any payment subsequently made to the Supplier) all materials, plant and equipment on the Premises belonging to the Supplier, and the Purchaser shall not be liable to make any further payment to the Supplier until the Services have been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, and shall be entitled to deduct from any amount due to the Supplier the costs thereof incurred by the Purchaser (including the Purchaser's own costs). If the total cost to the Purchaser exceeds the amount (if any) due to the Supplier, the difference shall be recoverable by the Purchaser from the Supplier.

17.3 In addition to the Purchaser's rights of termination under Condition 17.2, the Purchaser shall be entitled to terminate this

Contract by giving to the Supplier not less than 30 days notice to that effect.

17.4 Termination under Condition 17.2 or 17.3 shall not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which shall have accrued or shall thereupon accrue to the Purchaser and shall not affect the continued operation of Conditions 11, 13, 16 and 24.

## **18. RECOVERY OF SUMS DUE**

Wherever under this Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Supplier, that sum may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due, to the Supplier under this Contract or under any other agreement or contract with the Purchaser or with any department, agency or authority of the Crown.

## **19. ASSIGNATION AND SUB-CONTRACTING**

19.1 The Supplier shall not assign or sub-contract any portion of the Contract without the prior written consent of the Purchaser. Sub-contracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Supplier of any obligation or duty attributable to the Supplier under the Contract or these Conditions.

19.2 Where the Purchaser has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, copies of each sub-contract shall be sent by the Supplier to the Purchaser immediately it is issued.

19.3 Where the Supplier enters into a sub-contract for the purpose of performing the Contract, the Supplier shall cause a term to be included in such sub-contract:

19.3.1 which requires payment to be made to the sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding 30 days from receipt of a valid invoice as defined by the sub-contract requirements and provides that, for the purpose of payment alone, where the Purchaser has made payment to the Supplier and the sub-contractor's invoice includes Services in relation to which payment has been made by the Purchaser then, to the extent that it relates to such Services, the invoice shall be treated as valid and payment shall be made to the sub-contractor without deduction.

19.3.2 which notifies the sub-contractor that the contract forms part of a larger contract for the benefit of the Scottish Government and that should the sub-contractor have any difficulty in securing the timely payment of an invoice that matter may be referred by the sub-contractor to the General Register Office for Scotland, Ladywell

House, Ladywell Road, Edinburgh  
EH12 7TF.

19.3.3 in the same terms as that set out in this clause 19.3 (including for the avoidance of doubt this clause 19.3.3) subject only to modification to refer to the correct designation of the equivalent party as the Supplier and sub-contractor as the case may be.

## **20. NOTICES**

Any notice given under or pursuant to the Contract may be sent by hand or by post or by registered post or by the recorded delivery service or transmitted by telex, telemessage facsimile transmission or other means of telecommunication resulting in the receipt of a written communication in permanent form and if so sent or transmitted to the address of the party shown on the Purchase Order, or to such other address as the party may by notice to the other have substituted therefor, shall be deemed effectively given on the day when in the ordinary course of the means of transmission it would first be received by the addressee in normal business hours.

## **21. ARBITRATION**

All disputes, differences or questions between the parties to the Contract with respect to any matter or thing arising out of or relating to the Contract, other than a matter or thing as to which the decision of the Purchaser is under the Contract to be final and conclusive, shall be referred to a sole arbitrator mutually chosen by the parties or, failing agreement (within 28 days of either party requesting the other to do so), nominated by the President of the Law Society of Scotland for the time being on the application of either party. The arbitration shall be seated in Scotland and the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010 shall apply.

## **22. HEADINGS**

The headings to Conditions shall not affect their interpretation.

## **23. GOVERNING LAW**

These Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Scottish law and the Supplier hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the Scottish courts. The submission to such jurisdiction shall not (and shall not be construed so as to) limit the right of the Purchaser to take proceedings against the Supplier in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

## **24. TUPE**

24.1 The Supplier recognises that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) may apply in respect of the Contract, and that for the purposes of those Regulations, the undertaking concerned (or any relevant part of the undertaking) shall (a) transfer to the Supplier on the commencement of the Contract; (b) transfer to another supplier on the expiry of the Contract.

24.2 During the period of six months preceding the expiry of the Contract or after the Purchaser has given notice to terminate the Contract or the Supplier stops trading, and within 20 working days of being so requested by the Purchaser, the Supplier shall fully and accurately disclose to the Purchaser or to any person nominated by the Purchaser information relating to employees engaged in providing the Services in relation to the Contract in particular, but not necessarily restricted to, the following:

(a) the total number of personnel whose employment with the Supplier is liable to be terminated at the expiry of this Contract but for any operation of law; and

(b) for each person, age and gender, details of their salary, date of commencement of continuous employment and pay settlements covering that person which relate to future dates but which have already been agreed and their redundancy entitlements (the names of individual members of staff do not have to be given); and

(c) information about the other terms and conditions on which the affected staff are employed, or about where that information can be found; and

(d) details of pensions entitlements, if any.

24.3 The Supplier shall permit the Purchaser to use the information for the purposes of TUPE and of re-tendering, which shall include such disclosure to potential suppliers as the Purchaser considers appropriate in connection with any re-tendering. The Supplier will cooperate with the re-tendering of the contract by allowing the transferee to communicate with and meet the affected employees and/or their representatives.

24.4 The Supplier agrees to indemnify the Purchaser fully and to hold it harmless at all times from and against all actions, proceedings, claims, expenses, awards, costs and all other liabilities whatsoever in any way connected with or arising from or relating to the provision or disclosure of information permitted under this Clause.

24.5 In the event that the information provided by the Supplier in accordance with this Clause

becomes inaccurate, whether due to changes to the employment and personnel details of the affected employees made subsequent to the original provision of such information or by reason of the Supplier becoming aware that the information originally given was inaccurate, the Supplier shall notify the Purchaser of the inaccuracies and provide the amended information. The Supplier shall be liable for any increase in costs the Purchaser may incur as a result of the inaccurate or late production of data.

24.6 The provisions of this Condition 24 shall apply during the continuance of this Contract and after its termination howsoever arising.

**SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE**

**LATE PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

Suppliers to the Registrar General Office for Scotland are requested to address complaints regarding late payment of invoices to General Register Office for Scotland, Ladywell House, Ladywell Road, Edinburgh EH12 7TF. This procedure is suggested as the best practical way of ensuring problems of late payment are resolved, and is not intended to interfere with Suppliers legal rights.

**THIS NOTICE DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**