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Request for Applicants to Participate in a Dynamic Purchasing System

For the Provision of Library Databases and Online Resources to

Atlantic Technological University

Tender Procedure: Dynamic Purchasing System –

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Part 1: Introduction

1.1 The Education Procurement Service (the "Contracting Authority") on behalf the Atlantic Technological University ("DPS Client") is issuing this Request For Applicants To Participate ("RFATP") in a Dynamic Purchasing System ("DPS"). The Education Procurement Service (the "EPS") is a sector sourcing hub within the Department of Education tasked with sourcing goods and services on behalf of the public service.

1.2 This public procurement competition ("Competition") is being conducted in accordance with the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 284 of 2016) (the "Regulations").

1.3 The Contracting Authority invites requests to participate ("Applications") from economic operators ("Applicants") for appointment to a DPS for the provision of the goods and associated services described in Appendix 1 to this RFATP (the "Goods").

1.4 In summary, the Goods and associated services comprise:

The provision of Library Databases and Online Resources, covering databases including but not limited to: Academic Integrity/Referencing, Arts & Humanities, Business, Computing, Education, Engineering, Health, Hotel and Tourism, Environment, Language, Law, Newspapers, Multidisciplinary, Science & Technology, Miscellaneous.

Please note this is a non-exhaustive list, and additional items falling within these categories may be required over the lifetime of the DPS.

The DPS is for the goods and associated services broken down into Lots as described below:

LOT Number	Product Description
Lot 1	Academic Integrity/Referencing
Lot 2	Arts & Humanities
Lot 3	Business
Lot 4	Computing
Lot 5	Education
Lot 6	Engineering
Lot 7	Health
Lot 8	Hotel and Tourism
Lot 9	Environment
Lot 10	Language
Lot 11	Law
Lot 12	Newspapers
Lot 13	Multidisciplinary
Lot 14	Science & Technology

Applicants may respond to one or more Lots. There are no restrictions on the number of Lots that an Applicant can participate in. Applicants must, using the Applicant Response Document (ARD), indicate the Lot(s) they wish to participate in.

In addition to the information in this Part 1, please also see Appendix 1 of this document for further information on appointment to the DPS and the award of Goods Contracts.

1.5 Overview of Admittance to the DPS and Award of Contracts

Admittance to the DPS and subsequent award of contracts thereunder comprises of the following two stages:

Stage 1 – Admittance to the DPS:

EPS invites Applications from economic operators ("Applicants") in response to the Compliance and Selection Criteria in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of Part 3 of this RFATP. While Applicants are required to submit a response to and fulfil the Compliance and Selection Criteria, Applicants are not required to submit a tender proposal or pricing at this Stage 1 of the Competition (which will instead, be required in response to future Stage 2 mini competitions conducted under the DPS). All Applicants that meet the Compliance and Selection Criteria will be admitted to the DPS provided they enter into the DPS Agreement (at Appendix 5 to this RFATP) with the Contracting Authority.

Economic operators may apply for admission to the DPS or re-apply in the case of Applicants who fail to satisfy the Compliance or Selection Criteria, at any point throughout the entire Term (as defined in paragraph 1.8 below) of the DPS.

The DPS will be established for five (5) years. The DPS will be continually open for access. Should the DPS cease to operate, all members will be notified via www.etenders.gov.ie. This will not affect the delivery of any contracts awarded under the DPS.

Stage 2 – Award of Contracts:

All Applicants that enter into the DPS Agreement with the Contracting Authority in Stage 1 (each a "DPS Member") will be invited to future Stage 2 competition(s) ("Mini-Competitions") to submit a tender based on the requirements set out in the Stage 2 request for tenders ("RFT"). Mini-Competition(s) will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in clauses 5 and 6 of the DPS Agreement. After the assessment of the tenders received in response to the RFT the Contracting Authority/ DPS Client(s) may decide to award the contract(s) to the DPS Member that has submitted the most economically advantageous tender based on the award criteria set out in the RFT.

1.6 Overview of Application Process

The DPS will be hosted on the eTenders web platform www.etenders.gov.ie (the "Electronic Platform"). All communications arising out of or in connection with the DPS will be by electronic means. No hard copy documents will be issued or accepted by the OGP and all communications with the Contracting Authority must be via the Electronic Platform.

The following is an overview of the electronic process Applicants must follow when submitting an application for admittance to the DPS.

1. Applicants must register with E-tenders and/or login to the Electronic Platform.
2. Applicants must review in full and comply with all requirements for this Competition set out in the RFATP and any published DPS documents for this Competition.
3. Applicants must complete and upload the electronic European Single Procurement Document ("eESPD") to the Electronic Platform.
4. Applicants must complete the DPS Applicant Response Document ("ARD"), available to download from the Electronic Platform, in response to the Selection Criteria as detailed in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of Part 3 of this RFATP and upload it to the Electronic Platform by the Application Deadline. Applicants are **not** required to submit a tender proposal nor pricing in response to the Appendix 1 requirements at this Stage 1, the tender proposal and pricing will instead be required to be submitted in response to future Stage 2 "Mini Competitions" conducted under the DPS.
5. Applicants that fulfil the Compliance and Selection Criteria in this RFATP will be sent confirmation via the eTenders web platform of their admittance to the DPS and will be required to sign the DPS Agreement at Appendix 5 to this RFATP.
6. Applicants that do not meet the Compliance and Selection Criteria in this RFATP will not be admitted to the DPS and will be notified accordingly via the eTenders web platform.
7. Unsuccessful Applicants may re-apply for admittance onto the DPS at any stage throughout the Term (as defined in paragraph 1.8 below) of the DPS.
8. Economic Operators that did not submit an application in response to this RFATP by the application deadline specified in paragraph 2.6 of this RFATP may apply for admittance onto the DPS at any stage throughout the Term (as defined in paragraph 1.8 below) of the DPS.
9. It is envisaged that all successful DPS Members will be invited to all future Mini-Competitions conducted under the DPS for the lot to which they have been appointed.
10. Future Mini-Competitions will be conducted in accordance with the DPS Agreement at Appendix 5 and contracts will be awarded in accordance with clauses 5 and 6 of the DPS Agreement.

1.7 DPS Clients

The following entities, (each a 'DPS Client') may award (or 'call off') contracts (each a 'Contract') under the DPS Agreement in accordance with the rules set out in the DPS Agreement at Appendix 5. It is expected that the predominant DPS Client will be Atlantic Technological University.

1. St. Angela's College, Clogherevagh, Co. Sligo.
   **(Pending Statutory Order to allow St. Angela's College, Sligo to become part of the Atlantic Technological University (ATU). The incorporation is effective from 1 November 2023.)*
2. The following Third Level Technological Universities:
   - Atlantic Technological University
   - Munster Technological University
   - Technological University of Dublin
   - South East Technological University
   - Technological University of Shannon
3. The following third level institutes of Technology
   - Dundalk Institute of Technology
   - Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology

1.8 Term

Any DPS that may result from this Competition will, subject to paragraph 1.9 below, be for a period of validity of up to 5 (five) years. The maximum term of this DPS will be 5 (five) years ("the Term").

1.9 Termination of DPS

Applicant's attention is drawn to Clause 17 of the DPS Agreement in Appendix 5. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to terminate the DPS Agreement at any stage throughout its Term in accordance with the termination provisions set out at Clause 17 of the DPS Agreement.

1.10 Estimated Value of Contracts to be Awarded.

The Contracting Authority estimates that the aggregate expenditure on the Goods to be covered by the proposed DPS Agreement may amount to some €14 million excl. VAT over the Term.

Applicants must understand that the figure is an estimate only based on current and future expected usage. There is no guaranteed level of expenditure under this DPS Agreement and the DPS Clients shall be under no obligation to purchase any minimum value of services under this DPS.

1.11 SME Participation

Contracting Authority policy seeks to encourage participation on a fair and equal basis by Small and Medium Enterprises ("SME"s) in this Application to Participate in the DPS and, if successful, in future Mini-Competitions. SMEs that believe the scope of this Application is beyond their technical or business capacity are encouraged, subject to paragraph 2.5, to explore the possibilities of forming relationships with other SMEs or with larger enterprises. Through such relationships they can participate and contribute to the successful implementation of any Contracts that may result from this Application and therefore increase their social and economic benefits.

Larger enterprises are also encouraged, subject to paragraph 2.5, to consider the practical ways that SMEs can be included in their proposals to maximise the social and economic benefits of any Contracts that may result from this Application.

Part 2: Instructions to Applicants

2.1 Important Notices

2.1.1 While every effort has been made to provide comprehensive and accurate information in all notices and documents prepared for the purposes of this DPS, the Contracting Authority does not accept any liability or provide any express or implied warranty in respect of any such information. Applicants must form their own conclusions about the solution needed to meet the requirements set out in this RFATP and may wish to consult their legal advisers.

2.1.2 The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept any Application.

This RFATP does not constitute an offer or commitment to establish a DPS and/or to enter into a DPS Agreement.

Admittance of an Applicant to the DPS will not take place unless and until a DPS Agreement has been signed by the Applicant and the Contracting Authority.

Admittance of an Applicant to the DPS does not guarantee the award of any Contract.

No contractual rights in relation to any DPS Client will exist unless and until a formal Contract has been executed by or on behalf of the DPS Client. Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority / a DPS Client shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the Applicant.

The Contracting Authority may cancel this Competition at any time prior to a formal DPS Admission or terminate the DPS Agreement at any time during the Term in accordance with the termination provisions set out at clause 17 of the DPS Agreement.

Admission to the DPS or award of a Contract under a Mini-Competition does not confer exclusivity on the successful Applicant(s).

Applicants should note that the Contracting Authority or DPS Clients shall be under no obligation to purchase any minimum value of Goods under the DPS Agreement or any Contract.

2.1.3 This RFATP supersedes and replaces any and all previous documentation, communications and correspondence between the Contracting Authority and Applicants, and Applicants should place no reliance on such previous documentation and correspondence.

2.1.4 In this clause 2.1.4, "Data Protection Laws" means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "General Data Protection Regulation"), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time.

The Contracting Authority will be a Data Controller (where Data Controller has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) in respect of any Personal Data (where Personal Data has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) required to be provided by the Applicant in response to this RFATP.

The Applicant, as Data Controller in respect of any Personal Data provided by it in its Application, is required to confirm in the statement required under paragraph 2.4 below that all Data Subjects (where Data Subject has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) whose Personal Data is provided by the Applicant have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Applicant, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the Applicant in this Competition or that the Applicant otherwise has a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of its participation in this Competition.

2.2 Compliant Applications

2.2.1 If an Applicant fails to comply in any respect with the requirements of this paragraph 2.2.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to reject the Applicant's Application as non-compliant or, without prejudice to this right and subject to its obligations at law, to take any other action it considers appropriate including but not limited to:

- seeking written (electronic) clarification from the Applicant;
- seeking further information from the Applicant;
- waiving a requirement, which in the Contracting Authority's view, is non-material or procedural.

Applicants are required:

(a) To complete and submit with their Application the electronic version of the European Single Procurement Document ("eESPD") available to download separately from www.etenders.gov.ie. Alternatively, Applicants may submit an eESPD which has already been used in a previous procurement procedure PROVIDED THAT they confirm that:

i. the information contained in it continues to be correct; and

ii. that they satisfy the Selection Criteria for this DPS as set out at part 3.2 below;

(b) To submit all documentation which this RFATP requires to be submitted;

(c) To follow the format of this RFATP and respond to each element in the order as set out in this RFATP;

(d) To conform to and comply with all instructions and requirements set out in this RFATP;

(e) To submit the Applicant statement (Appendix 2) required under paragraph 2.4, below;

(f) Not to alter or edit this RFATP in any way; and

(g) To complete and submit with their Application the DPS Applicant Response Document ("ARD"), at Attachment 1 to this RFATP and available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie, in line with instructions provided in that document.

2.2.2 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2.2.1, failure to comply with paragraph 2.6 below will render the Application non-compliant and it will be rejected.

2.3 DPS Agreement and Contract

2.3.1 Applicants should note the terms and conditions of the DPS Agreement and the Contract set out at Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 to this RFATP respectively. The Contract at Appendix 6 is a template which may be revised or amended at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority at any stage throughout the Term of the DPS. Any such updated amended contract shall be appended to the RFT at Mini-Competition stage and by tendering for a Mini-Competition a DPS Member agrees to enter into any such amended Contract.

2.3.2 Applicants are required to confirm their acceptance of the DPS Agreement and the Contract in the Applicant's Statement at Appendix 2. Applicants may not amend the DPS Agreement or the Contract.

2.4 Acceptance of RFATP Requirements

Each Applicant is required to accept the provisions of this RFATP. ALL APPLICANTS MUST RETURN, with their application, a scanned signed copy of the Applicant's Statement, as set

out in Appendix 2, printed on the Applicant's letterhead. The Contracting Authority must be able to read the scanned signature of the Applicant. If possible, please sign documents using blue ink. If the Contracting Authority cannot read the scanned signature, Applicants may be requested to resubmit. Applicants may not amend the Applicant's Statement.

2.5 Consortia and Prime / Subcontractors

Where a group of undertakings (in whatever form and regardless of the legal relationship between them) come together to submit an application in response to this RFATP the Contracting Authority will deal with all matters relating to this Competition through a single nominated entity authorised to represent all members of the group of undertakings and who will carry overall responsibility for the DPS Agreement and performance of any Contract (the "Prime Contractor"), irrespective of whether or not tasks are to be performed by a subcontractor or other consortium member (the "Subcontractor").

The Applicant must provide details of all members of the group of undertakings and their role in the Application and clearly and comprehensively set out the name, title, telephone number, postal address, and email address of the nominated contact personnel of the Prime Contractor authorised to represent the Applicant and to whom all communications shall be directed and accepted until this Competition has been completed or terminated. Correspondence from any other person (including from any Subcontractor) will NOT be accepted, acknowledged, or responded to.

2.6 Application Submission Requirements

2.6.1 Applications must be submitted via the electronic post-box available on www.etenders.gov.ie (the "Electronic Platform"). Only Applications submitted to the electronic post-box will be accepted. Applications submitted by any other means (including but not limited to by email, fax, post, or hand delivery) will NOT be accepted.

Applicants must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required Application documentation before the initial Application Deadline (as defined in paragraph 2.6.2) has passed. Applicants should take into account the fact that upload speeds vary. There is a maximum of 4GB for the total (combined) documents sent to the electronic postbox. In order to submit a document to the electronic post-box, please note that you must click "Submit Response". After submitting you can still modify and re-send your response up until response deadline. Applicants should be aware that the "Submit Response" button will be disabled automatically upon the expiration of the response deadline.

2.6.2 Application Deadline

Subject to paragraph 2.8.1 of this RFATP, Applications must be received no later than **14.00 on 29th September 2023** (the "Application Deadline").

2.6.3 Applications must be submitted in English.

2.6.4 Each Applicant is limited to submitting one Application in its own capacity and one Application as part of a consortium/ group of undertakings under this RFATP for admittance to the DPS.

2.6.5 All parts of the Applications must be submitted in soft copy to the Electronic Platform and must be compiled such that they can be read immediately using Microsoft Office applications e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, etc. or a PDF Reader. **Applicants should ensure that all supporting documents to be included as part of their Application are uploaded on to ETenders as one zipped folder**. The Contracting Authority is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Applicants must ensure electronic documents are not corrupt.

2.7 Queries and Clarifications

2.7.1 All queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or of this RFATP must be directed to the messaging facility on the Electronic Platform www.etenders.gov.ie. Subject to paragraph 2.8.1 of this RFATP, queries must be submitted by no later than **14.00 20th September 2023.** For the avoidance of doubt, Applicants may not contact potential DPS Clients regarding any aspect of this Competition.

2.7.2 All responses to queries will be issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on the Electronic Platform www.etenders.gov.ie Where appropriate, queries may be amalgamated. Applicants should note that the Contracting Authority will not respond to individual Applicants privately.

2.7.3 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to issue or seek written clarifications via the Electronic Platform.

2.7.4 The Contracting Authority reserves the right, at any time before the Application Deadline, to update or amend the information contained in this document and/or to extend the Application Deadline. Participating Applicants will be informed of any such amendment or extension through the Electronic Platform.

2.7.5 Candidates should ensure that they register their interest in this Competition, by clicking on the "Accept" button on the Electronic Platform, in order to receive all responses to queries and other updates in relation to this Competition.

2.8 Applications for Admittance to DPS and Applicant Costs

2.8.1 Notwithstanding the Application Deadline in paragraph 2.6.2 and deadline for submission of clarification queries in paragraph 2.7.1, both unsuccessful Applicants that submit an Application but fail to fulfil the Compliance and Selection criteria in this RFATP, and economic operators that did not submit an Application in response to this RFATP by the Application Deadline may raise clarification queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or of this RFATP and apply / re-apply and submit an Application in response to this RFATP at any stage throughout the Term of the DPS. The Contracting Authority shall evaluate any such Application(s) against the Compliance and Selection Criteria set out in this RFATP and shall duly notify the Applicant of the outcome of that Application in accordance with paragraph 3.4.1 of this RFATP.

2.8.2 All costs and expenses incurred by Applicants relating to their participation in this Competition shall be borne by and are a matter for discharge by the Applicants exclusively.

2.9 Confidentiality

2.9.1 All documentation, drawings, data, statistics, information, patterns, samples or material disclosed or furnished by the Contracting Authority to Applicants during the course of this Competition:

(a) are furnished for the sole purpose of replying to this RFATP only;

(b) may not be used, communicated, reproduced or published for any other purpose without the prior written permission of the Contracting Authority;

(c) shall be treated as confidential by the Applicant and by any third parties (including subcontractors) engaged or consulted by the Applicant; and

(d) must be returned immediately to the Contracting Authority upon cancellation or completion of this Competition if so requested by the Contracting Authority.

2.10 Pricing

2.10.1 Applicants are reminded that they are **not** required to submit a Pricing Schedule in response to this RFATP. Successful Applicants appointed to a DPS will however be required to submit pricing in response to future Mini-Competitions on value of contract) conducted under the DPS.

2.10.2 All prices quoted in any subsequent Mini-Competitions must be all-inclusive (i.e., including but not being limited to shipping, packaging, delivery, ancillary costs, and all other costs/expenses), be expressed in Euro only and exclusive of VAT. The VAT rate(s) where applicable should be indicated separately.

2.10.3 *Not Used*

2.10.4 Any currency variations occurring over the term of any Contract shall be borne by the Applicant.

2.10.5 Payments for Goods provided pursuant to this RFATP shall be made subject to and in accordance with the Contract at Appendix 6 to this RFATP and the terms of any subsequent RFT.

2.10.6 *Not Used*

2.11 Environmental, Social and Labour Law

2.11.1 In the performance of any Contract awarded, the successful Applicant(s) and their Subcontractors (if any), shall be required to comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social, and labour law that apply at the place where the Goods and related services are provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the Regulations.

2.11.2 Applicants shall be required to include an undertaking to comply fully with the provisions of Council Directive 2001/23/EC of 12 March 2001 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, business or parts of undertakings or business and as implemented in Irish law by Statutory Instrument S.I. No. 131 of 2003, the European Communities (Protection of Employees on Transfer of Undertakings) Regulations 2003 and to indemnify the Contracting Authority for any claim arising or loss or costs incurred as a result of its failure or incapacity to fulfil its obligations under the said Directive and Statutory Instrument.

2.11.3 The Protection of Employees (Temporary Agency Work) Act 2012 (the "2012 Act") provides that an Agency Worker (as defined in the 2012 Act) is entitled to the same basic working and employment conditions as those which apply to employees recruited directly by the Hirer (as defined in the 2012 Act) to do the same or a similar job. Where the provision of the Goods will involve the provision to the Contracting Authority of Agency Workers (within the meaning of the 2012 Act), Applicants should ensure that they consider their obligations under the 2012 Act when pricing their application. The Contracting Authority shall have no liability for

any increase in salaries that may be payable as a result of the application of the 2012 Act to the provision of the Goods.

2.12 Publicity

No publicity regarding this DPS or any DPS Admission, Mini Competition, or Contract pursuant to this DPS is permitted unless and until the Contracting Authority has given its prior written consent to the relevant communication.

2.13 Registrable Interest

Any Registrable Interest involving any Applicant or Subcontractor and the Contracting Authority, any DPS Client, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas, or employees and officers of the Contracting Authority or the DPS Clients and their relatives must be fully disclosed in the Application or, in the event of this information only coming to the notice of the Applicant or Subcontractor after the submission of an Application, must be communicated to the Contracting Authority immediately upon such information becoming known to the Applicant/Subcontractor. The terms "Registrable Interest" and "Relative" shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, copies of which are available at www.irishstatutebook.ie. The Contracting Authority will, in its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating this Applicant from this Competition or a Mini-Competition or terminating any DPS Agreement and / or Contract entered into by such Applicant.

2.14 Anti-Competitive Conduct

Applicants' attention is drawn to the Competition Act 2002 (as amended, the "2002 Act"). The 2002 Act makes it a criminal offence for Applicants to collude on prices or terms in a public procurement competition.

2.15 Industry Terms Used in this RFATP

Where reference is made to a particular item, source, process, trademark, or type in this RFATP then all such references are to be given the meaning generally understood in the relevant industry and operational environment.

2.16 Freedom of Information

2.16.1 Applicants should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, information provided by them during this Competition may be liable to be disclosed.

2.16.2 Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their Application should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Applicants consider that certain information is not to be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, Applicants must, when providing such information, clearly identify such information and specify the reasons for its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Applicants do not identify information as confidential or commercially sensitive, it is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further notice to or consultation with the Applicant. The Contracting Authority will, where possible, consult with Applicants about confidential or commercially sensitive information so identified before making a decision on a request received under the Freedom of Information Act. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations.

2.17 Tax Clearance

It will be a condition of admission to the DPS or to enter into any Contract resulting from this a Mini-Competition that the successful Applicant(s) shall, for the term of such contract(s), comply with all EU and domestic tax laws. Applicants are referred to www.revenue.ie for further information. Prior to the award of any DPS Admission or Contract arising out of a Mini-Competition, the successful Applicant shall be required to supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority. By supplying these numbers, the successful Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Applicant to verify its tax cleared position online.

2.18 Conflicts of Interest

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest on the part of an Applicant, Subcontractor or individual employee(s) or agent(s) of the Applicant or Subcontractor(s) must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority as soon as the conflict or potential conflict is or becomes apparent. In the event of any actual or potential conflict of interest, the Contracting Authority may invite Applicants to propose means by which the conflict of interest might be removed. The Contracting Authority will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating an Applicant from this Competition or any Mini-Competition or terminating any DPS Agreement or Contract entered into by an Applicant.

2.19 Withdrawal from participation in this DPS

Applicants are required to notify the Contracting Authority immediately, via the Electronic Platform, if at any stage they decide to withdraw from participation in this Competition.

2.20 Site Visit

Not Used

2.21 Insurance

2.21.1 The successful Applicant(s) shall be required to hold, for the term of any Contract awarded pursuant to a Mini-Competition, insurances of the type and to the level specified in each Mini-Competition. Applicants should note that they are not obliged to have insurance in place in order to enter into a DPS Agreement with the Contracting Authority. The types of and levels of insurance required are not likely to exceed the following insurances:

Type of Insurance	Indemnity Limit
Employer's Liability	€13m
Public Liability	€6.5m
Product Liability	€6.5m

2.21.2 By signing the Applicant's Statement at Appendix 2, Applicants confirm, that if awarded a Contract arising from a Mini-Competition to the DPS Agreement, they will, from the Effective Date of the Contract (as defined in the Contract), obtain and hold the types and levels of insurance as specified in the relevant RFT. A formal confirmation from the Applicant's insurance company or broker to this effect will be requested from the successful DPS Member(s) prior to the award of (and shall be a condition of) any Contract.

2.21.3 The successful Applicant will, during the term of the Contract, be required to:

(a) immediately advise the Contracting Authority and the DPS Client of any material change to its insured status;

(b) produce proof of current premiums paid upon request;

(c) produce valid certificates of insurance upon request.

Part 3: Selection Criteria

3.1 Compliant Applications

3.1 Only those Applicants who have:-

(a) Submitted compliant Applications pursuant to part 2.2 above, and

(b) Declared by way of eESPD that either:

(i) no grounds for exclusion of the Applicant pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations (the "Exclusion Grounds") apply to them or that, or

(ii) where any such Exclusion Grounds apply, and where the Applicant is not precluded from doing so under Regulation 57(17) of the Regulations, it can provide evidence to the effect that measures taken by the Applicant are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of any relevant Exclusion Ground, and

(c) Declared by way of eESPD that they satisfy the selection criteria for this Competition as set out in part 3.2 below (the "Selection Criteria"), will be admitted to the DPS.

Applicants should note that where an Applicant (Prime Contractor) is relying on the capacity of other entities (Subcontractors) for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part 3.2 below it must:

(i) complete and submit a separate eESPD in respect of each such Subcontractor and

(ii) When requested by the Contracting Authority, submit proof, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, that each such Subcontractor will place the necessary resources at the disposal of the Prime Contractor.

However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this part 3.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to ask Applicants at any moment during the Competition to submit any or all of the following for the purposes of verification of the status of the Applicant (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractor):

(i) a Declaration in the form attached at Appendix 4;

(ii) evidence to the effect that measures taken by the entity concerned are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground;

(iii) in the case of the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractor on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies, all or any of the supporting documents specified

at paragraph 3.2 below, and the Applicant must provide that documentary evidence no later than five (5) calendar days following that request.

If, upon request by the Contracting Authority, an Applicant does not provide evidence which is considered by the Contracting Authority as sufficient to demonstrate (i) its fulfilment of the Selection Criteria (or any one of them) in accordance with this RFATP and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds, or its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground, it shall not be admitted to the DPS or shall be excluded from this Competition.

If, upon request by the Contracting Authority, an Applicant does not provide evidence which is considered by the Contracting Authority as sufficient to demonstrate (i) the fulfilment by any Subcontractor on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies of the Selection Criteria (or any one of them) in accordance with this RFATP and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds in respect of any Subcontractor, or the reliability of any Subcontractor despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground, it shall be excluded from participation in this Competition unless it replaces the Subcontractor with one which meets all relevant requirements of this RFATP.

3.2 Selection Criteria for Admittance to DPS

Applicants will either PASS or FAIL each of the Selection Criteria in this part 3.2. An Applicant who fails any one of the following Selection Criteria will be eliminated from this Competition and shall not be admitted to the DPS.

Applicants must declare by way of eESPD that they satisfy the Financial and Economic standing and Technical and Professional ability requirement(s) set out below.

The Contracting Authority may require Applicants to submit supporting documents at any stage of the process no later than 5 calendar days from the time of the request, unless notified otherwise in writing, via the Electronic Platform. However, where the Applicant is unable, for a valid reason, to provide the documentation specified below, the Applicant must inform the Contracting Authority of the reason why the documentation cannot be supplied and, if the Contracting Authority considers the reason given to be valid, provide such other suitable alternative documentation to prove, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, their economic and financial capacity.

Applicants must complete the relevant sections of the DPS **Applicant Response Document ("ARD"), at Attachment 1** to this RFATP and available to download from the Electronic Platform, in line with instructions provided in that document, and upload it to the Electronic Platform by the Application Deadline.

Applicants are reminded that they may (1) rely on the capacities of other entities in order to meet any of the Selection Criteria, and (2) re-apply for admittance onto the DPS at any stage throughout the Term of the DPS.

Where the Applicant is unable, for a valid reason, to provide the specified documentation, the Applicant must inform the Contracting Authority of the valid reason as to why the documentation cannot be supplied and, if the Contracting Authority considers the reason given to be valid, provide such other suitable alternative documentation to prove, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, their economic and financial capacity.

3.2.1 Financial & Economic Standing

Financial & Economic Standing Requirements		
	Requirement	**Qualifying Threshold**
Tax Compliance	Applicants must supply a Tax Clearance Certificate or Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number issued by the Irish Revenue Commissioner to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority as detailed in section 2.17. Applicants must complete the self-declaration (A5) in the Applicant Response Document ("ARD"), at Attachment 1 to this RFATP, providing information regarding their tax compliance.	Pass / Fail
Financial Capacity	Applicants must confirm they have the financial capacity to pay its debts identified on the current statement of assets and liabilities as being the debts as they fall due. The firm must be in existence for at least 6 months. Applicants must provide the following documentary evidence to support this application. 1. Objective evidence from an appropriate source (accountant / auditor) confirming their turnover per annum for the last 3 financial years (2020, 2021, 2022) 2. Subject to turnover thresholds, either audited accounts or a statement of accounts from the company's accountants. In the case of an applicant being a grouping, this condition may be satisfied by the group members as a whole, or by reliance on the lead applicant. Where group members are relying on the lead applicant's	Pass / Fail

	financial capacity, self-declaration / evidence will only be required of the lead.	

3.2.2 - Technical and Professional Ability

Technical & Professional Ability Requirements		
	Requirement	**Qualifying Threshold**
Quality Assurance Measures	Applicants must provide information on the measures in place to ensure the delivery of a quality service, for example by way of an externally or independently certified system, or an equivalent in-house quality control process or system.	Pass / Fail
Contract References	Applicants must demonstrate in a clear and comprehensive manner that they have the level of experience and competence to deliver the contracts to be procured under the DPS. Applicants must submit in their application details of two (2) contract references delivered to either public sector and/or the private sector clients which must have been delivered within the last three years of the date the Applicant submitted their application and which must be of a similar scope, nature and complexity to the Goods and associated services required in Appendix 1 described in Appendix 1 (Requirements and Specifications) of this RFATP. Applicants should ensure that permission is sought from referees for the use of any references associated with this DPS application. The Contracting Authority may contact the referees provided for verification purposes without any prior notice being given to the Applicant.	Pass / Fail

Environmental Requirements	Applicants must demonstrate compliance with all the relevant Environmental legislation and guidelines. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to seek further information to verify compliance.	Pass/Fail

3.3 Presentation of Proposals

Not Used

3.4 Notification and Admittance to the DPS

3.4.1 The Contracting Authority will notify Applicants of its decision in relation to the establishment of the DPS and/or of the outcome of their application to participate in the DPS.

3.4.2 Admittance to the DPS will be conditional upon the successful Applicant(s) (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractors) submitting (to the extent not already provided) within five (5) calendar days of request by the Contracting Authority:

(i) a Declaration of Personal Circumstances in the form attached at Appendix 4.

(ii) if applicable, evidence to the effect that measures taken by the entity concerned are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground.

(iii) all or any of the evidence and supporting documents specified at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above.

3.5 DPS Agreement

3.5.1 The successful Applicant(s) must sign and return the DPS Agreement(s) to the Contracting Authority, no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of request by the Contracting Authority.

A signed DPS Agreement returned by the successful Applicant(s) is not binding on the Contracting Authority until the Contracting Authority has signed the DPS Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2.1.2 above.

Appendix 1: Requirements and Specifications

SECTION 1 – OVERVIEW OF DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACTS AT MINI COMPETITION STAGE 2.

1.1 Background to the Dynamic Purchasing System

The Contracting Authority is establishing a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the supply of the Goods and related services for the Provision of Library Databases and Online Resources.

1.2 (A) Atlantic Technological University

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) is one of the largest multi-campus universities on the island, serving a diverse group of learners, staff, communities, and organisations from our region and further afield.

The University was established in April 2022. The result of a merger between three institutes of technology, GMIT, LYIT and IT Sligo. It accommodates more than 20,000 students and is supported by 2,200 staff. ATU will offer almost 600 academic programmes from pre-degree to doctoral level.

As a northern and western multi-campus technological university, we are dedicated to enabling sustainable economic, social, and cultural development; connected to our region and with a mindset that reaches far beyond it.

As a TU of scale, quality and impact, the University will have greater capacity for collaboration with international partners and ATU graduates will have excellent employment potential nationally and internationally.

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) has 9 campuses across the counties of Galway, Mayo, Sligo, and Donegal in the West of Ireland:

- ATU Galway City, Dublin Road, Galway, H91 T8NW
- ATU Galway City Centre for Creative Arts and Media, Monivea Road, Galway, H91 DY9Y
- ATU Mayo, Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 X853
- ATU Connemara, National Centre for Excellence in Furniture Design and Technology, Letterfrack, Co. Galway, H91 AH5K
- ATU Mountbellew Agricultural College, Mountbellew, Co. Galway, H53WE00
- ATU Sligo, Ash Lane, Sligo, F91 YW50
- ATU St Angela's, Clogherevagh, Lough Gill, Co. Sligo, F91 C634
- ATU Letterkenny, Port Road, Letterkenny, County Donegal, F92 FC93,
- ATU Killybegs, Shore Road, Glebe, Killybegs, Co.Donegal, F94 DV52

Further information is available at our corporate website www.atu.ie

1.2 (B) The Education Procurement Service (EPS)

The Education Procurement Service (EPS) is the Department of Educations (DoE) sector sourcing hub and operates as a shared service for the DoE, its agencies, the school's sector, Education and Training Boards and the Higher Education Sector.

EPS is one of the four sector specific procurement functions comprising Education, Health, Defence and Local Government. They operate together with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) under the national procurement model as part of the Government's Public Service Reform agenda.

1.3 Aims and Objectives

The DPS is designed to encourage volume discounts thereby providing reductions in administrative and transaction costs, for both public sector purchasers and suppliers, across sustainable and environmentally friendly delivery solutions.

There will be a robust contract management process, which will focus in particular on delivery of value for money.

1.4 Overview of how the Tender Process will operate.

Suppliers of library databases who wish to participate in the DPS are invited to respond to this RFATP. Applications will be evaluated in response to this RFATP. Those suppliers included in the DPS will be invited to participate in "Mini-Competitions" depending on value of contract, over the lifetime of the DPS. Further details of how the DPS will operate is set out at paragraph 1.6 below.

This Appendix 1 provides a general overview of potential requirements under the DPS. Full specifications and requirements for DPS Clients will be set out in future Mini Competitions conducted under the DPS at Stage 2. Applicants are reminded that while they are required to submit a response to and fulfil the Compliance and Selection Criteria in Part 3 of the RFATP and complete the ARD (Applicant Response Document), Applicants are **not** required to submit a tender proposal nor pricing in response to the RFATP at this Stage 1 of the Competition, which will instead be required in response to future Mini-Competitions, (Stage 2) conducted under the DPS.

1.5 DPS Clients

Paragraph 1.7 of Part 1 of the RFATP lists the entities that are DPS Clients. The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time during the Term of the DPS to increase or decrease the list of eligible DPS Clients subject to its obligations at law.

1.6 Overview of how the DPS will operate

On each occasion that the Contracting Authority / DPS Client(s) proposes to award a Contract by way of a Mini-Competition, it shall issue a Request for Tender ("RFT") in accordance with the procedure set out at clauses 5 and 6 of the DPS Agreement at Appendix 5. The RFT issued at Mini-Competition shall provide further particulars of the Goods and associated services required by the DPS Clients and the methodology for evaluating bids.

The EPS will establish and administer the DPS Agreement and will co-ordinate and manage any Mini-Competition the DPS Clients.

1.7 Contracts to be awarded under the DPS

The Contracting Authority estimates that the aggregate expenditure value of Contracts to be awarded under the DPS may amount to approximately €2,800,000 (excl. VAT) on average per annum. This figure is an estimate based on current and future expected usage but there is no guaranteed level of expenditure under this DPS Agreement and the DPS Clients shall be under no obligation to purchase any minimum value of services under this DPS.

A successful DPS Member that enters into a Contract is referred to as the “Contractor” in this Appendix 1.

1.8 Subcontractors

Where an Applicant is relying on the capacity of Subcontractors for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part 3.2 above: (i) each such Subcontractor must complete and submit a separate eESPD and (ii) when requested by the Contracting Authority, submit proof, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, that each such Subcontractor will place the necessary resources at the disposal of the Prime Contractor.

Subcontractors nominated and relied upon by the DPS Member in their Application for admission to the DPS may not be changed throughout the Term of the DPS without the prior consent in writing of the Contracting Authority. The DPS Member must set out the rationale for the proposed change in Subcontractor. The responsibility will be on the DPS Member to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, including by way of submitting updated documentary evidence as set out in clause 3.2 of the DPS Agreement, that by changing Subcontractor the DPS Member continues to fulfil the compliance and selection requirements specified at part 3 of the RFATP.

Where an Applicant is **not** relying on the capacity of a Subcontractor to fulfil the Selection Criteria in paragraph 3.2 of part 3 of the RFATP but intends relying on Subcontractors to deliver a share of the Contract, the Applicant must **in so far as known** identify such

Subcontractor(s) in their eESPD in their application for admittance to the DPS. Only where such Subcontractors are unknown at the time of submission of their Application and will instead be known or determined at a later stage such as at Mini-Competition stage, the DPS Member must instead identify such Subcontractors when they become known, for example, upon submission of a Mini-Competition stage.

The Contractor and Subcontractors shall have the use of sufficient appropriate resources to satisfy the delivery of Goods and associated services to meet the requirements of all DPS Clients for the duration of any Contract awarded under the DPS.

SECTION 2 – REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

EPS wishes to establish a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) under 14 lots for Library Databases, covering databases and Online Resources including but not limited to: Academic Integrity/Referencing, Arts & Humanities, Business, Computing, Education, Engineering, Health, Hotel and Tourism, Environment, Language, Law, Newspapers, Multidisciplinary, Science & Technology, Miscellaneous.

Please note this is a non-exhaustive list, and additional items falling within these categories may be required over the lifetime of the DPS.

LOT Number	Product Description
Lot 1	Academic Integrity/Referencing
Lot 2	Arts & Humanities
Lot 3	Business
Lot 4	Computing
Lot 5	Education
Lot 6	Engineering
Lot 7	Health
Lot 8	Hotel and Tourism
Lot 9	Environment
Lot 10	Language
Lot 11	Law
Lot 12	Newspapers
Lot 13	Multidisciplinary
Lot 14	Science & Technology

POTENTIAL AWARD CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE MINI COMPETITIONS

The DPS Client shall specify their own requirements and award criteria in future Mini Competitions conducted under the DPS. The following are examples only of award criteria and technical requirements that may be applied by DPS Clients (and which DPS Members may be required to demonstrate they fulfil) in future Mini Competitions and are included in this Appendix 1 to provide Applicants with an overview of potential award criteria and requirements in future Mini Competitions at Stage 2.

Applicants are reminded that while they are required to submit a response to and fulfil the Compliance and Selection Criteria in Part 3 of the RFATP, Applicants are **not** required to submit a tender proposal nor pricing in response to the award criteria and requirements below at this Stage 1 of the Competition, which will instead be required in response to future Stage 2 Mini- Competitions conducted under the DPS.

DPS Clients may use some or all of the following award criteria in awarding contracts under the DPS. Percentages can range from 0%-100%.

Award Criteria	Weighting (range)
Ultimate Cost	0% - 100%
Contract Management & Reporting	0% - 100%
Scalability	0% - 100%
Quality Control Procedures & Verification	0% - 100%
Continuous Improvement & Innovation	0% - 100%
Social, Sustainability & Environmental Criteria	0% - 100%
Reliability & Continuity of Supply	0% - 100%

Appendix 2: Applicant's Statement

TO: The Education Procurement Service (the "Contracting Authority").
RE: Request to Participate in the DPS for the Provision of Library Databases and Online Resources to Atlantic Technological University.

Having examined the Request for Application to Participate in the DPS (the "RFATP") including the Instructions to Applicants, the Selection Criteria, the Requirements and Specifications, and the terms and conditions of the DPS Agreement and the Contract we hereby agree and declare the following:

1. We understand the nature and extent of the Goods and associated services required to be delivered as described in the Requirements and Specifications at Appendix 1 to the RFATP.
2. We accept all of the Terms and Conditions of the RFATP and the Confidentiality Agreement of the RFATP.
3. We confirm that we have complied with all requirements as set out at Part 2 of the RFATP.
4. We accept all the Selection Criteria as set out in Part 3 of the RFATP.
5. We agree to provide the Goods and associated services in accordance with the RFATP, our Application, the RFT and our response to the RFT if awarded any Contract pursuant to the DPS Agreement.
6. We agree that, if admitted to the DPS, we will be bound by the DPS Agreement at Appendix 5 and that, if awarded any contract pursuant to a Mini-Competition, we shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Contract at Appendix 6, subject in each case to any prior amendments agreed by the parties before the start of each contract.
7. We shall, if awarded any Contract pursuant to the DPS, have in place on the Effective Date of the Contract all insurances (if any) as required by paragraph 2.21.1 of the RFATP or as required by the RFT issued at Mini-Competition.
8. We agree that, if awarded any Contract, we shall, in the performance of such contract, comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law.
9. We confirm that all Data Subjects whose Personal Data is provided in our Application have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by us, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of our participation in this Competition or that we otherwise have a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of our participation in this Competition and that we will provide evidence of such consent and / or legal basis to the Contracting Authority upon request.

10. We do not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

11. The origin of goods connected to our Tender, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

12. The subcontractor(s) on whose capacity we rely as part of our Tender (where the value of that subcontract exceeds 10% of the value of the Services Contract) does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

Signed: (Authorised Signatory)	
Print Name in Block Capitals:	Click here and insert name
Position:	Click here and insert details
Company:	Click here and insert details
Registered Office Address:	Click here and insert address
	Click here and insert address
Date:	Click here and insert date

Appendix 3: Electronic European Single Procurement Document (eESPD)

The Electronic European Single Procurement Document is available to download separately from www.etenders.gov.ie and must (in accordance with paragraph 3.1 of the RFATP) be submitted with the Applicant's Application in response to this RFATP.

Appendix 4: Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Applicant

Re: Request to Participate in a Dynamic Purchasing System for the Provision of Library Databases and Online Resources to Atlantic Technological University.

NAME: *[Click here and insert name]*

ADDRESS: *[Click here and insert name]*

I, *[click here and insert name of Declarant]* having been duly authorised by *[click here and insert name of entity]*, sincerely declare that *[click here and insert name of entity]* itself or any person who has is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of *[click here and insert name of entity]* or has powers of representation, decision or control in *[click here and insert name of entity]* :

(a) Has never been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA.

(b) Has never been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA as well as corruption as defined in the national law of the Contracting Authority or [*click here and insert name of entity].*

(c) Has never been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests.

(d) Has never been the subject of a conviction for terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA respectively, or for inciting or aiding or abetting or attempting to commit an offence, as referred to in Article 4 of that Framework Decision.

(e) Has never been the subject of a conviction for money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

(f) Has never been the subject of a conviction for child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

(g) Is not in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.

(h) Has, in the performance of all public contracts, complied with applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law that apply at the place where the works are carried out or the Goods provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (SI 284 of 2016).

(i) Is not bankrupt or the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, its assets are not being administered by a liquidator or by the court, it is not in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are not suspended nor is it in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations.

(j) Is not guilty of grave professional misconduct.

(k) Has not entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting the DPS.

(l) Is not aware of any conflict of interest due to its participation in the DPS.

(m) Has not had any prior involvement in the preparation of the DPS.

(n) Is not guilty of significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions.

(o) Is not guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the Selection Criteria for this DPS and did not withhold such information and did not fail to submit supporting documents in respect of this DPS as required under Regulation 59 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (SI 284 of 2016).

(p) Has not undertaken to unduly influence the decision-making process of the Contracting Authority in respect of the DPS or obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in respect of the DPS; or negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.

I understand and acknowledge that the provision of inaccurate or misleading information in this declaration may lead to my business/firm/company/partnership being excluded from participation in this or future Applications to participate in this DPS, and I make this solemn

declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938. This declaration is made for the benefit of the Contracting Authority.

_____	_____
Signature of Declarant	**Name of Declarant in print or block capitals**

Declared before me by _____who is personally known to me

(or who is identified to me by _____who is personally known to me)

at _____ this _____day of _____20___

_____(signed)
Practising Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths

Appendix 5: Dynamic Purchasing System Agreement

Dynamic Purchasing Agreement for the Provision of Library Databases and Online Resources to The Atlantic Technological University

THIS DYNAMIC PURCHASING AGREEMENT IS MADE ON THE ____DAY OF _____ 20__

("the DPS Agreement")

BETWEEN:

The Education Procurement Service whose offices are located at _____ ("the Contracting Authority"); and

[Insert name of DPS Member] whose principal place of business is at _____("the DPS Member")

(each a "Party" and together the "Parties")

WHEREAS:

1. By Request to Participate in Dynamic Purchasing System ("DPS") advertised in the supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union, OJEU Notice Number _____ of _____and entitled *"Request for Applications to Participate in a Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of Library Databases and Online Resources to The Atlantic Technological University"* ("the RFATP") the Contracting Authority invited Applicants to participate in a DPS agreement for the provision of the goods and associated services described in Appendix 1 of the RFATP (the "Goods"). References to the RFATP shall include any clarifications in relation to the RFATP issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie (the "Electronic Platform") between **[insert date]** and **[insert date]** (the "RFATP Clarifications"). The RFATP (including the RFATP Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this DPS Agreement.

2. The DPS Member submitted a response to the RFATP dated **[insert date of Application]** ("the Application"). References to the Application shall include any clarifications issued in writing via the Electronic Platform by the DPS Member to the Contracting Authority between **[insert date]** and **[insert date]** (the "Application Clarifications"). The Application (including the Application Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this DPS Agreement.

3. The DPS Member was appointed to the DPS as a result of the evaluation of its Application in accordance with the RFATP.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

"Commencement Date" means _____;

"Contract" means a contract which is awarded in accordance with this DPS Agreement;

"DPS Client" means any party identified in Part 1, paragraph 1.7 of the RFATP who may award Contracts pursuant to this DPS Agreement;

"DPS Term" means the period set out in Clause 2.5 of this DPS Agreement;

"Month" means a calendar month;

"Prime Contractor" has the meaning set out in Part 1, paragraph 2.5 of the RFATP;

"Subcontractor" has the meaning set out in Part 1, paragraph 2.5 of the RFATP;

Unless otherwise specified herein, a defined term used in this DPS Agreement shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the RFATP.

1.1 To the extent that any specific provision in a Contract is inconsistent or conflicts with any term or condition of this DPS Agreement, the relevant provision of the Contract shall prevail.

1.2 Headings are included for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this DPS Agreement.

1.3 Unless the context requires otherwise, words in the singular may include the plural and vice versa.

1.4 References to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other legislative instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended, unless specifically indicated otherwise.

2. APPOINTMENT OF DPS MEMBER, SCOPE, AND TERM OF THE DPS AGREEMENT

2.1 In consideration of payment by the Contracting Authority of the sum of €2.00, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the DPS Member, the DPS Member accepts its appointment under the provisions of this DPS Agreement and agrees to comply with the terms of this DPS Agreement.

2.2 This DPS Agreement does not entitle the DPS Member to be consulted in respect of or awarded any Contract during the DPS Term. The DPS Client(s) may at its or their sole discretion choose not to enter into any Contract pursuant to this DPS Agreement.

2.3 The Contracting Authority does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of any Goods and/or number of Contracts (if any) which may be procured in connection with this DPS Agreement and the Parties acknowledge that the DPS Client(s) are not bound to enter into any Contract or other arrangement with the DPS Member as a result of entering into this DPS Agreement. Without prejudice to the foregoing the DPS Member hereby acknowledges that the Contracting Authority intends (but shall be under no obligation) to promote the DPS Agreement and to encourage use of the DPS Agreement by the DPS Client(s) and the DPS Member may be required to provide reasonable assistance in this respect.

2.4 This DPS Agreement does not confer exclusivity on any DPS Member. The DPS Clients may at their sole discretion opt to carry out a separate contract award procedure for contracts falling within the scope of this DPS Agreement. In this event, the DPS Client(s) shall observe all obligations at law and shall not afford any advantage to the DPS Member.

2.5 This DPS Agreement shall take effect on the Commencement Date and expire five (5) years thereafter ("the DPS Term") unless terminated earlier in accordance with this DPS Agreement or extended pursuant to clause 2.6 subject to compliance with regulation 34(27) of the Regulations.

2.6 "Not Used"

2.7 The DPS Member agrees that any information relating to this DPS Agreement and/or the performance of this DPS Agreement may be passed by the DPS Clients to the Contracting Authority and that the Contracting Authority may use this information in relation to the provision of the Goods and in the analysis and reporting of spend data including the preparation and publishing of reports. Reporting obligations to the Contacting Authority are outlined in Annex 1 of this agreement.

3. DPS AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

3.1 The DPS Member hereby agrees and undertakes to comply with the DPS Agreement or

as may be notified in writing via the Electronic Platform by the Contracting Authority to the DPS Member from time to time.

3.2 The DPS Member shall provide up-to-date documentary evidence that each entity concerned fulfils the compliance and selection requirements as set out in Part 3 of the RFATP no later than five (5) calendar days following receipt of a request from the Contracting Authority.

3.3 Subcontractors nominated and relied upon by the DPS Member in their Application for admission to the DPS may not be changed throughout the Term of this DPS Agreement without the prior consent in writing of the Contracting Authority. The DPS Member must set out the rationale for the proposed change in Subcontractor. The responsibility will be on the DPS Member to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, including by way of submitting updated documentary evidence as set out in clause 3.2 of this DPS Agreement, that by changing Subcontractor the DPS Member continues to fulfil the compliance and selection requirements specified at part 3 of the RFATP.

4. CONTRACT

4.1 This DPS Agreement relates to the provision of the Goods and associated services.

4.2 Where the DPS Member is awarded a Contract further to the procedure set out in accordance with clauses 5 and 6, it shall provide the Goods to the DPS Client(s) in accordance with the Contract. Subject to the provisions of this DPS Agreement and to the satisfaction of any pre-conditions to the award of a Contract, the successful DPS Member shall be required to enter into the Contract with the DPS Client. In so far as any Contract(s) awarded under this DPS Agreement is in place and for the duration of such Contract(s), the provisions of this DPS Agreement shall continue in force in relation to such Contract(s) after the expiry, completion or termination of this DPS Agreement.

5. PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF CONTRACTS

5.1 On each occasion that the Contracting Authority, a DPS Client or group of DPS Clients propose(s) to award a Contract under this DPS Agreement, the Contracting Authority / DPS Client shall issue by electronic means a Request for Tenders ("RFT") to all DPS Members in accordance with the following procedure (a "Mini-Competition").

5.1.1 The RFT shall set out:

- the scope and term of the Contract to be awarded.
- the specific DPS Client participating in each Mini-Competition.
- the relevant Award Criteria;

- the deadline (date and time) for the receipt of responses to the RFT (each a "Response") taking into account the complexity of the Contract and the time needed to prepare an appropriate Response. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered;
- the types and levels of insurance required for the Contract;
- the type of service(s) required by the DPS Client(s);
- the Pricing Matrix that will apply to the relevant Mini-Competition
- any additional conditions (if any) that will apply to the Contract to be awarded in addition to the terms and conditions of the Contract at Appendix 6 of the RFATP.

5.1.2 All Responses to the RFT must be submitted via the Electronic Platform only. Responses received in any other manner including e-mail or hardcopy will not be considered. The Response submitted by the DPS Members will remain confidential until the deadline for submission of the Response.

5.1.3 Any clarifications issued by the Contracting Authority or the DPS Client, as applicable, in relation to a RFT will be communicated via the Electronic Platform only.

5.1.4 The Contracting Authority/DPS Client may award a Contract following an evaluation of the Responses based on the award criteria set out in Clause 6.1 below.

5.1.5 The Contracting Authority/DPS Client reserve the right to issue or seek written clarifications via the Electronic Platform.

6. MANDATORY REQUIREMENT AND AWARD CRITERIA

6.1 Award Criteria for Mini-Competitions

The award criteria for Mini-Competition shall be:

Most Economically Advantageous Tender ("MEAT")

The Award Criteria shall include all, or some, of the following criteria:

Award Criteria	Weighting (range)
Ultimate Cost	0% - 100%
Contract Management & Reporting	0% - 100%
Scalability	0% - 100%
Quality Control Procedures & Verification	0% - 100%
Continuous Improvement & Innovation	0% - 100%
Social, Sustainability & Environmental Criteria	0% - 100%
Reliability & Continuity of Supply	0% - 100%

The Contracting Authority/DPS Client shall include the weightings for all required sub-criteria in their RFT.

6.2 Where the DPS Member cannot provide up-to-date evidence as required in clause 3.2 of this DPS Agreement to demonstrate that each entity concerned meets the compliance and selection requirements specified at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the RFATP, then the Contracting Authority may proceed to offer the Contract to the next highest-ranked DPS Member.

6.3 No enforceable commitment of any kind, contractual or otherwise will exist unless and until a formal written Contract has been executed by or on behalf of the DPS Client.

6.4 The Contracting Authority/DPS Client(s) may cancel a Mini-Competition at any time prior to a Contract being executed by the DPS Client. Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority/DPS Client shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the DPS Member.

7. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

This DPS Agreement and any Contract(s) awarded under it will be subject to the laws of Ireland and to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The DPS Member shall comply with all applicable laws relating to the discharge of its obligations under this DPS Agreement and any and all Contract(s).

9. TAX CLEARANCE

9.1 The DPS Member shall comply with all EU and domestic taxation laws and requirements.

9.2 Prior to the award of any Contract, the DPS Member shall promptly supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority or any DPS Client. By supplying these numbers, the DPS Member acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Applicant to verify its tax cleared position online. Where relevant, the provisions of this paragraph 9.2 apply equally to Subcontractors.

10. ANTI COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

Without prejudice to the generality of clause 8.1, the DPS Member shall comply with the Competition Act 2002 (as amended, the "2002 Act"). The 2002 Act makes it a criminal offence for Applicants to collude on prices or terms in a public procurement competition.

11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any actual or potential conflict of interest on the part of a DPS Member (including for the purposes of this clause 11 any employee(s), suppliers agents or Subcontractor) (a "Conflict") must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority and any relevant DPS Client(s) immediately in writing via the Electronic Platform as soon as the Conflict becomes apparent to the DPS Member. In the event of any Conflict, the Contracting Authority and / or the DPS Client(s) may invite the DPS Member to propose means by which the Conflict might be removed. The Contracting Authority and / or the DPS Client(s) will, in their absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action.

12. REGISTERABLE INTEREST

Any registerable interest involving a DPS Member and the Contracting Authority, any DPS Client, member of the Government, member of the Oireachtas (Parliament), or employees of the Contracting Authorities and/or divisions/agencies under the aegis of the relevant Ministers, and their relatives, must be fully disclosed in any Response. In the event of this information only coming to the notice of a DPS Member after the submission of a Response, it must be communicated to the Contracting Authority and / or DPS Client(s) immediately upon such information becoming known. The terms 'registerable interest' and 'relative' shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act 1995.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY

13.1 All communications between the Contracting Authority or any DPS Client(s) and the DPS Member must be treated as being strictly confidential. The DPS Member undertakes to comply with all reasonable directions of the Contracting Authority and any DPS Client with regard to the use and application of all and any confidential information and shall comply with the Confidentiality Agreement(s) executed by the DPS Member pursuant to clause 13.2 below. All of the DPS Member's employees and personnel, including Subcontractors and their employees and personnel, who provide the Goods may be required, at the absolute discretion of the Contracting Authority and/or the DPS Client(s), to sign a confidentiality agreement in a format as determined by the Contracting Authority and/or the DPS Client(s).

13.2 The DPS Member shall execute a Confidentiality Agreement in the form set out at Appendix 7 to the RFATP.

13.3 No publicity regarding this DPS Agreement or any Mini-Competition or Contract pursuant to this DPS Agreement is permitted unless and until the Contracting Authority

and any relevant DPS Client(s) has given their prior written consent to the relevant communication.

14 NOTICES

14.1 Any notice or other written communication to be given under this DPS Agreement shall be delivered through the Electronic Platform, via e-mail or in exceptional circumstances by post. The Parties will from time to time agree primary and alternative contact persons and details for the purposes of this clause 14.

14.2 All notices shall be deemed to have been served as follows:

a. if personally delivered, at the time of delivery.
b. if posted by registered post, at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities (and not returned undelivered); and
c. if communicated by email, on the next calendar day following transmission.

15. GIFTS

The DPS Member shall not offer, give or agree to give to any person holding an office in the Contracting Authority or any DPS Client, any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward in relation to the obtaining or execution of any Contract. In the event of any breach of this clause 15.1, the Contracting Authority and the DPS Client(s) may terminate this DPS Agreement and any existing Contract(s) respectively and recover from the DPS Member any loss resulting from any such termination.

16. COSTS AND EXPENSES OF DPS AGREEMENT

All costs and expenses incurred by the DPS Member relating to its participation in this DPS Agreement and in any Mini-Competition shall be borne solely by the DPS Member. Neither the Contracting Authority nor any DPS Client shall have any responsibility or liability for any costs or expenses of whatsoever nature incurred by the DPS Member in this regard.

17 TERMINATION

17.1 This DPS Agreement may be terminated by the Contracting Authority, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving three (3) months written notice to the DPS Member through the Electronic Platform.

17.2 The Contracting Authority shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this DPS Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages on the happening of any of the following events:

17.2.1 if the DPS Member commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any provision of this DPS Agreement and fails to remedy such breach(es) to the reasonable satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, (if the breach(es) are capable of remedy), within 30 days after receipt of a request in writing via the Electronic Platform from the Contracting Authority. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a failure to comply with the DPS Agreement shall be deemed to be a serious breach of this DPS Agreement.

17.2.2 if the DPS Member commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any Contract awarded pursuant to this DPS Agreement and fails to remedy such breach(es) to the reasonable satisfaction of the Contracting Authority and the DPS Client(s), within 30 days after a receipt of a request in writing via the Electronic Platform from the Contracting Authority or any DPS Client.

17.2.3 if the DPS Member becomes insolvent, becomes bankrupt, is wound up, enters into examinership, commences winding up, has a receiving order made against it, makes any arrangement with its creditors generally or takes or suffers any similar action as a result of debt, or an event having an equivalent effect.

17.2.4 in circumstances where the Contracting Authority becomes aware that any of the exclusion grounds listed in Regulation 57 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (SI 284 of 2016) apply to the DPS Member.

17.2.5 In circumstances where the DPS Member fails to provide up-to-date evidence when requested to do so by the Contracting Authority in accordance with clause 3.2 of this DPS Agreement to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority that they meet the compliance and selection requirements specified at Part 3 of the RFATP.

17.2.6 In circumstances where the DPS Member changes the Subcontractor(s) nominated and relied upon by the DPS Member in their Application for admission to the DPS but fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, including by way of submitting updated documentary evidence as required in clause 3.2 of this DPS Agreement, that by changing Subcontractor the DPS Member continues to fulfil the compliance and selection requirements specified at Part 3 of the RFATP.

17.2.7 in circumstances where the Contracting Authority becomes aware of any conflict of interest on the part of the DPS Member which cannot, in the opinion of the Contracting Authority, be removed by other means; and

17.2.8 in circumstances where the Contracting Authority becomes aware of any registrable interest on the part of the DPS Member.

17.3 Subject to clause 17.2.2, the termination of a Contract awarded under this DPS Agreement does not affect the validity of this DPS Agreement.

17.4 Termination of this DPS Agreement shall not affect any antecedent and accrued rights, obligations or liabilities of either Party, nor shall it affect any provision of this DPS Agreement which is expressly or by implication intended to come into or continue in force on or after such termination.

18. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The DPS Member acknowledges that the Contracting Authority and or the DPS client is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Information furnished to the Contracting Authority or the DPS client by the DPS Member may be released pursuant to the Contracting Authority's or the DPS client's statutory obligations. If the DPS Member considers that any of the information supplied by it to the Contracting Authority or the DPS client under this DPS Agreement or any Contract should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity it should, when providing the information, indicate this and specify the reason for its sensitivity. The Contracting Authority or the DPS client will consult the DPS Member about this sensitive information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information request received. The Contracting Authority and or the DPS client accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations.

19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

19.1 In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement (the "Dispute"), the Parties shall first seek settlement of the Dispute as set out below.

19.2 The Dispute shall be referred as soon as practicable to [insert DPS Member senior contact] within the DPS Member and to [insert Contracting Authority contact] within the Contracting Authority respectively.

19.3 If the Dispute has not been resolved within fifteen (15) Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed in writing via the Electronic Platform by the Parties) of being referred to the nominated representatives, then either Party may refer the Dispute to an independent mediator, the identity of whom shall be agreed in advance by the Parties.

19.4 If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator or if the mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party may within twenty-one (21) days from the date

of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within twenty-one (21) days of notice to either Party that the mediator is unable to act, apply to CEDR Ireland to appoint a mediator.

19.5 Any submissions made to and discussions involving the mediator, of whatever nature, shall be treated in strict confidence and without prejudice to the rights and/or liabilities of the Parties in any legal proceedings and, for the avoidance of doubt, are agreed to be without prejudice and legally privileged. The Parties shall make written submissions to the mediator within ten (10) Business Days of his/her appointment.

19.6 The Parties shall share equally the cost of the mediator. The costs of all experts and any other third parties who, at the request of any Party, shall have been instructed in the mediation, shall be for the sole account of, and shall be discharged by that Party.

19.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation. The DPS Member shall comply fully with the requirements of the Agreement at all times.

19.8 If, and to the extent that, any Dispute has not been settled pursuant to the mediation within 30 days of the commencement of the mediation, either party may apply to the Irish courts at any time thereafter.

20. KEY PERSONNEL

The DPS Member undertakes and acknowledges that it is responsible for ensuring that all key personnel ("Key Personnel"), assigned by it to provide the services related to the Goods shall be available for the term of this Agreement. The DPS Member acknowledges that the Key Personnel are essential to the proper provision of the Goods and associated services to the Contracting Authority and the DPS Clients. In the event that any of the Key Personnel assigned by the Contractor to deliver the Goods and related services under this Agreement becomes unable to provide the Goods and associated services for whatever reason then, the DPS Member acknowledges and undertakes that it shall immediately notify the Contracting Authority in writing of the inability of any Key Personnel and replace that person with a person of equivalent experience and expertise ("Replacement Personnel"). The DPS Member shall provide to the Contracting Authority such details as the Contracting Authority may reasonably require in writing regarding any Replacement Personnel. The Contracting Authority shall have absolute discretion as to the suitability of any proposed Replacement Personnel.

21. FORCE MAJEURE AND CONTINGENCY PLAN

21.1 In the event of any failure, interruption or delay in the performance of the Parties' obligations (or of any of them) resulting from any Force Majeure Event not reasonably

within the control of the Party concerned ("the Affected Party"**)**, the Affected Party shall promptly notify the other Party in writing specifying:

1. the nature of the Force Majeure Event;
2. the anticipated delay in the performance of obligations;
3. the action proposed to minimise the impact of the Force Majeure.

and the Affected Party shall not be liable or have any responsibility of any kind for any loss or damage thereby incurred or suffered by the other party; **provided always** that the Affected Party shall use all reasonable efforts to minimise the effects of the same and shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably possible after the removal of the cause.

21.2 If the Force Majeure Event continues for 60 calendar days either Party may terminate at 14 days' notice.

21.3 The DPS Member shall have in place a credible contingency plan (the "Contingency Plan") approved by the Contracting Authority that can be activated in case of an emergency or in unforeseen circumstances that will guarantee continuity of supply to all DPS Clients without exception within a reasonable timeframe. The DPS Member shall advise the Contracting Authority of any material change to the Contingency Plan (as approved by the Contracting Authority prior to the execution of this Agreement) from time to time and comply with any reasonable directions of the Contracting Authority with regard to same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this DPS Agreement has been executed by the Parties hereto as of the date first above written.

SIGNED by _____**,** being an Officer so authorised by the **CONTRACTING AUTHORITY** in the presence of: _____ **Witness**	**SIGNED** by _____**,** being an Officer so authorised by the **DPS MEMBER** in the presence of: _____ **Witness**

Annex 1 – Management Provisions

DPS Members will be required to deliver copies of DPS Client quarterly reports and invoice details for each contract awarded pursuant to Mini-Competitions to the Contracting Authority, on request. DPS Members will be required to provide the Contracting Authority with a copy of any Contract awarded to it pursuant to the DPS. DPS Members may be required to provide information to the Contracting Authority from time to time on request. This may be either provision of existing information given in a different format, or provision of new information.

Appendix 6 : Goods Contract

[Insert name of Contracting Authority]

and

[Insert successful Tenderer's full legal name - to be completed on signing.]

AGREEMENT

Relating to the Supply of Goods pursuant to

Request for Tenders for the supply of Provision of Library Databases and Online Resources

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the [date e.g. 2nd] day of [month] 20[year] BETWEEN:

[Insert name of Contracting Authority], of [Address] ("the Client");
and
[Contractor's full legal name], of [Address:] ("the Contractor")
(each a "Party" and together "the Parties").

WHEREAS:

A. By Request for Tender entitled **"**[Title of RFT]"advertised in the supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union, OJEU Notice Number _____of _____and dated [insert date of RFT] ("the RFT"), the Contracting Authority invited tenders from economic operators ("Tenderers") for the provision of the goods described in Appendix 1 to the RFT (the "Goods"). References to the RFT shall include any clarifications issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie between [insert date] and [insert date] (the "RFT Clarifications"). The RFT (including the RFT Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

B. The Contractor submitted a response to the RFT dated [insert date of tender] ("the Submission"). References to the Submission shall include any clarifications issued by the Contractor in writing to the Contracting Authority between [insert date] and [insert date] (the "Submission Clarifications"). The Submission (including the Submission Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Agreement consists of the following documents, and in the case of conflict of wording, in the following order of priority:
   i. This Agreement and Schedules A to E attached hereto;
   ii. The RFT;
   iii. The Submission.
2. The Contractor shall sell and the Client shall purchase in accordance with this Agreement ("Agreement") the Goods described in Schedule B ("Goods"). Schedule B details the nature, quantity, quality, time of delivery and functional specifications of the Goods in accordance with the RFT and the Submission ("the Specification").
3. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Client agrees to pay to the Contractor the charges as stipulated in Schedule C ("the Charges"). The Charges are exclusive of VAT which shall be due at the rate applicable on the date of the VAT invoice.
4. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Client's Contact is [insert contact name] of [insert contact address]; the Contractor's Contact is [Contractor contact name] of [Contractor contact address].
5. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of this Agreement ("the Effective Date") and shall expire on [Insert date], unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or otherwise lawfully terminated or otherwise lawfully extended as agreed between the Parties ("the Term").
   Delete and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:
   The Client reserves the right to extend the Term for a period or periods of up to [Insert number] months with a maximum of [Insert number] such extensions permitted subject to its obligations at law.

6. Unless otherwise specified herein, a defined term used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the RFT.
7. Headings are included for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.
8. Unless the context requires otherwise, words in the singular may include the plural and vice versa.
9. References to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other legislative instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended, unless specifically indicated otherwise.
10. In the event that any ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises in relation to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favouring or disfavouring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Client	SIGNED for and on behalf of the Contractor
_____	_____
(being a duly authorised officer)	
Witness	Witness

Schedule A: Terms and Conditions

1. Contractor's Obligations

A. The Contractor undertakes to act with due care, skill and diligence in the supply of Goods and generally in the carrying out of its obligations under this Agreement and in the appointment, monitoring and retention of its agents and Subcontractors. The Contractor shall require its agents and Subcontractors to exercise due care, skill and diligence in the supply of the Goods and generally in the carrying out of obligations allocated by the Contractor to its agents and Subcontractors under this Agreement.

B. In consideration of the payment of the Charges and subject to clause 5 the Contractor shall:

1. supply the Goods in accordance with the Specification, the RFT, the Client's directions and the terms of this Agreement;
2. comply with and implement any policies, guidelines and/or any project governance protocols issued by the Client from time to time and notified to the Contractor in writing;
3. comply with all local security and health and safety arrangements as notified to it by the Client; and
4. supply the Goods in accordance with good industry practice and comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to all obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law. that apply at the place where the Goods provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements and by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) (the "Regulations") . The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all statutory requirements of an employer and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing shall be solely responsible in law for the employment, remuneration, taxes, immigration and work permits of all personnel retained for the purposes of complying with this Agreement.

C. The Contractor is deemed to be the prime contractor under this Agreement and the Contractor assumes full responsibility for the discharge of all obligations under this Agreement and shall assume all the duties, responsibilities and obligations associated with the position of prime contractor. The Contractor as prime contractor under the Submission hereby assumes liability for its Subcontractors and shall ensure that its Subcontractors shall comply in all respects with the relevant terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to clause 1B(4) above, to the extent that it or they are retained by the Contractor. Subject to clause 15, the Contractor shall notify the Client as soon as possible of any changes to the name, contact details and legal representatives of its Subcontractors.

D. Without prejudice to clause 1C, where the Client becomes aware that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to any Subcontractor, the Client reserves the right to require the Contractor to immediately replace such Subcontractor and the Contractor shall comply with such requirement. The Contractor shall include in every sub-contract a right for the Contractor to terminate the sub-contract where any of the exclusion grounds apply to the Subcontractor and a requirement that the Subcontractor, in turn, includes a provision having the same effect in any sub-contract which it awards.

E. During this Agreement the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and not the employee of the Client. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind or commit the other. Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to create a joint venture, partnership, and/or fiduciary or other relationship between the Parties for any purpose. The officers, employees or agents of the Contractor are not and shall not hold themselves out to be (and shall not be held out by the Contractor as being) servants or agents of the Client for any purposes whatsoever.

F. The Client acknowledges that the Contractor may from time to time be dependent on the Client to facilitate the Contractor in the carrying out of its duties under this Agreement. The Client agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to so facilitate the Contractor within the timescales and in the manner agreed by it in writing in accordance with clause 11.

G. The Contractor agrees that any information relating to this Agreement and / or the performance of this Agreement may be passed by the Client to the Office of Government Procurement ("OGP") and that the OGP may use this information in the analysis and reporting of spend data including the preparation and publishing of reports.

2. The Goods

A. The Contractor shall deliver the Goods at the time(s), to the location(s) and on the date(s) specified in the Specification or otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties.

B. Unless otherwise stated in the Specification:

1. Where the Goods are delivered by the Contractor, the point of delivery shall be when the Goods are removed from the transporting vehicle at the Client's premises as notified to the Contractor. Where the Goods are collected by the Client, the point of delivery shall be when the Goods are loaded on the Client's vehicle.
2. Delivery shall include the unloading, stacking or installation of the Goods by the Contractor's staff, agents or carriers at such place as the Client or a duly authorised person shall reasonably direct.
3. The Goods shall be packed and marked in a proper manner and in accordance with the Client's instructions and any statutory requirements and any requirements of the carriers and manufacturers. In particular the Goods shall be marked with the contract number (or other reference number if appropriate) and the net, gross and tare weights. The name of the contents shall be clearly marked on each container and all containers of hazardous Goods (and all documents relating thereto) shall bear prominent and adequate warnings.
4. Unless expressly agreed to the contrary, the Client shall not be obliged to accept delivery by instalments. If, however, the Client does specify or agree to delivery by instalments, delivery of any instalment later than the date specified or agreed for its delivery shall, without prejudice to other rights or remedies of the Client, entitle the Client to terminate the whole of any unfulfilled part of the Agreement without further liability to the Client.
5. The Client shall be under no obligation to accept or pay for any Goods delivered in excess of the quantity ordered. The risk in any over-delivered Goods shall remain with the Contractor.

6. The Client shall be under no obligation to accept or pay for any Goods supplied earlier than the date for delivery stated in the Specification.

C. Any Contractor pre-printed terms and conditions produced, signed or stamped by either Party and for whatever purpose during the Term are hereby disallowed.

D. *Select either D or E and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*
Time of delivery shall be of the essence and if the Contractor fails to deliver the Goods within the time period promised or specified in the Specification, the Client may by notice in writing to the Contractor's Contact release itself from any obligation to accept and pay for the Goods and / or terminate this Agreement in either case without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the Client.

E. *Select either D or E and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*
Without prejudice to any general right to damages under this Agreement where the Contractor does not deliver the ordered amount within delivery dates or lead times in accordance with this Agreement, the Client may, at his discretion, deduct [insert amount] per week/day, or part thereof, for each week/day of late delivery of the value of the entire relevant invoice or order as liquidated damages up to a maximum amount of [insert amount]. Where the Liquidated Damages Threshold is met or exceeded (being that delivery continues not to be performed after the Liquidated Damages Threshold is met), the Client shall be entitled to:

1. claim any remedy available to it (whether under this Agreement or otherwise) for loss or damage incurred or suffered by it after the end of the Liquidated Damages Period; and;
2. without prejudice to sub-clause (1), the Client shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement with immediate effect by giving notice in writing to the Contractor.

3. Inspection of Goods

A. The Client or its authorised representative may inspect (to include a call for advance samples) or test the Goods either completed or in the process of manufacture, during normal business hours on reasonable notice at the Contractor's premises (including the premises of any subcontractor or agent) and the Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance in relation to any such inspection or test free of charge. A failure to make a complaint at the time of any such inspection or test and / or the approval given during or after such inspection or test shall not constitute a waiver by the Client of any rights or remedies in respect of the Goods and the Client reserves the right to reject the Goods in accordance with clause 3B.

B. The Client may by written notice to the Contractor reject any of the Goods which fail to conform to the approved sample or fail to meet the Specification. Such notice shall be given within a reasonable time after delivery to the Client of such Goods. If the Client rejects any of the Goods pursuant to this clause the Client may (without prejudice to other rights and remedies) either:

1. treat the Agreement as discharged by the Contractor's breach and obtain a refund (if payment for the Goods has already been made) from the Contractor in respect of the Goods concerned together with payment of any additional expenditure reasonably incurred by the Client in obtaining other Goods in replacement provided that the Client uses its reasonable endeavours to mitigate any additional expenditure in obtaining replacement Goods.

or

2. have such Goods promptly, and in any event within [insert number] calendar days, either repaired by the Contractor or replaced by the Contractor with Goods which conform in all respects with the approved sample or with the Specification and due delivery shall not be deemed to have taken place until such repair or replacement has occurred.

C. Rejected Goods shall be removed by the Contractor from the Client within [insert number] calendar days from the date of the notification to the Contractor of their rejection. In the event of failure by the Contractor to remove Goods within [insert number] calendar days of such notification, the Client may dispose of such Goods as he sees fit and pending such removal, the Goods will remain with the Client at the risk of the Contractor. Any costs incurred by the Client relating to such disposal shall at the option of the Client be borne by the Contractor.

D. For the avoidance of doubt, the Client will be deemed to have accepted the Goods if it expressly states the same in writing or fails to reject the Goods in accordance with clause 3B.

E. The issue by the Client of a receipt note for the Goods shall not constitute any acknowledgement of the condition, quantity or nature of those Goods, or the Client's acceptance of them.

F. The Contractor hereby guarantees the Goods for [insert period] from the date of delivery (the "Guarantee Period") against faulty materials or workmanship. The Client shall within such Guarantee Period, or within 14 calendar days thereafter, give notice in writing to the Contractor of any defect in any of the Goods as may have arisen during such Guarantee Period under proper and normal use. The Contractor shall (without prejudice to any other rights and remedies which the Client may have) promptly remedy such defects (whether by repair or replacement as the Client shall elect) free of charge, which replaced or repaired Goods shall also have the benefit of this clause for the Guarantee Period.

4. Risk and Title

A. The Goods ordered under this Agreement shall be delivered to any location specified by the Client, in Ireland, without limit to the number of locations, in the quantities and by the dates specified in the orders, unless otherwise stated. Any extension of the delivery time shall not constitute a general waiver or acquiescence on the part of the Client. All such Goods shall be delivered free of encumbrances or retention of title clauses or similar provision. The Charges quoted shall be based on the understanding that the Goods are to be delivered carriage paid to the various locations as specified in the order, along with the necessary delivery documentation. Pending such delivery, the Goods shall remain at the risk of the Contractor.

B. Title shall pass to the Client on payment for the Goods.

5. Payment

A. Subject to the provisions of this clause 5 the Client shall pay and discharge the Charges (plus any applicable VAT), in the manner specified at Schedule C. Invoicing arrangements shall be on such terms as may be agreed between the Parties.

B. Discharge of the Charges is subject to:

1. Compliance by the Contractor with the provisions of this Agreement including but not limited to any milestones, compliance schedules and/or operational protocols in place pursuant to clause 11A from time to time;

2. The furnishing by the Contractor of a valid invoice and such supporting documentation as may be required by the Client from time to time. Any Contractor pre-printed terms and conditions are hereby disallowed;
3. Invoices being submitted to the Client's Contact (as set out in this Agreement or such other alternative contact as may be agreed between the Parties). All and any queries relating to the invoice and/or the Goods for any billing period (including whether or not Goods have been accepted, rejected, satisfactorily repaired or replaced as the case may be) must be raised by the Client's Contact within 14 calendar days of receipt of invoice. In circumstances where no queries are raised within the said 14 day period the invoice shall be deemed accepted. Upon resolution of any queries on the invoice to the satisfaction of the Client or upon such deemed acceptance the invoice shall be payable by the Client. Payment is subject to any rights reserved by the Client under any other provision of this Agreement; and
4. The Client being in possession of the Contractor's current Tax Clearance Certificate. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable EU and domestic taxation law and requirements.

C. The European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2012 shall apply to all payments. Incorrect invoices will be returned for correction with consequential effects on the due date of payment.

D. Wherever under this Agreement any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Client in respect of any breach of this Agreement), the Parties may agree to deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Agreement or under any other agreement or contract with the Client. Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Charges or of VAT or otherwise, shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.

E. Where indicated in the Specification, the Charges shall include the cost of instruction of the Client's personnel in the use and maintenance of the Goods and such instructions shall be in accordance with the requirements detailed in the Specification.

F. The Charges shall be discharged as provided for in this clause subject to the retention by the Client in accordance with section 523 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 of any Professional Services Withholding Tax payable to the Contractor. Any and all taxes applicable to the supply of the Goods will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

6. Warranties, Representations and Undertakings

A. The Contractor acknowledges, warrants, represents and undertakes that:

1. it has the authority and right under law to enter into, and to carry out its obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement and to supply the Goods hereunder;

2. it is entering into this Agreement with a full understanding of its material terms and risks and is capable of assuming those risks;
3. it is entering into this Agreement with a full understanding of its obligations with regard to taxation, employment, social and environmental protection and is capable of assuming and fulfilling those obligations;

4. it has acquainted itself with and shall comply with all legal requirements or such other laws, recommendations, guidance or practices as may affect the supply of the Goods (to include manufacture and distribution process) as they apply to the Contractor;
5. it has taken all and any action necessary to ensure that it has the power to execute and enter into this Agreement;
6. *Delete and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:* it has inspected the Client's premises, lands and facilities before submitting its Submission and has made appropriate enquiries so as to be satisfied in relation to all matters connected with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
7. the status of the Contractor, as declared in the "Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Tenderer" dated [Insert Date]which confirms that none of the excluding circumstances listed in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor, remains unchanged; and
8. the Client shall be under no obligation to purchase any minimum number or value of Goods.

B. The Contractor shall be and undertakes to be responsible for and to take due precautions for the safe custody of any Goods on his premises which are the property of the Contractor and shall insure the same against any form of loss or damage and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

C. The Contractor confirms and undertakes that the Goods supplied will, at the time of delivery (and for the Guarantee Period), correspond to the description given by the Contractor in accordance with the Submission (to include any samples furnished thereunder) and the Specification (Schedule B) and that the manufacture, distribution and processes employed will comply in all material respects with the representations made in the Submission. None of the provisions of the Sale of Goods Acts 1893 and 1980 shall be excluded or limited under this Agreement.

D. The Contractor undertakes to ensure that all and any necessary consents and/or licences are obtained and in place for the purposes of this Agreement. The Contractor hereby indemnifies the Client and shall keep and hold the Client harmless from and in respect of all and any losses (whether direct, indirect or consequential), liability, damages, claims, costs or expenses which arise by reason of any breach of third party intellectual property rights in so far as any such rights are used for the purposes of this Agreement.

E. The Contractor undertakes to notify the Client forthwith of any material change to the status of the Contractor with regard to the warranties, acknowledgements, representations and undertakings as set out in clause 6A and to comply with all reasonable directions of the Client with regard thereto which may include termination of this Agreement.

7. Remedies

Prior to publication please ensure to insert amounts/figures where applicable. When finished, delete these instructions.

A. The Contractor shall be liable for and shall indemnify the Client for and in respect of all and any losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses which the Client may suffer due to and arising directly as a result of the negligence, act or omission, breach of contract, breach of duty, insolvency, recklessness, bad faith, wilful default or fraud of the Contractor, its employees, Subcontractors or agents or any of them or as a result of the Contractor's failure to exercise skill, care and diligence as outlined in clause 1. The terms of this clause 7A shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason.

B. Save in respect of fraud (including fraudulent misrepresentation), personal injury or death or in respect of the Contractor's indemnity under clause 6(D), neither Party will be liable for any indirect losses (including loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of goodwill, indirectly arising damages, costs and expenses) of any kind whatsoever and howsoever arising even if such Party has been advised of their possibility.

C. Should the Client find itself obliged to order elsewhere in consequence of the failure of the Contractor to deliver Goods of approved quality, the Client shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor any excess prices which may be paid by the Client.

D. Except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement, all remedies available to either Party for breach of this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.

E. *Delete and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*
Save in respect of fraud, personal injury or death or in respect of the Contractor's indemnity under clause 6(D) (for which no limit applies), the limit of the Contractor's aggregate liability to the Client under this Agreement whatsoever and howsoever arising shall not under any circumstances exceed [insert amount – eg: [number] per cent of the Charges paid or projected to be paid (whichever is higher) under this Agreement] regardless of the number of claims.

F. If for any reason the Client is dissatisfied with the performance of the Contractor, a sum may be withheld from any payment otherwise due calculated as follows: [insert]
("the Retention Amount") which Retention Amount shall not at any given time exceed [number] per cent of the Charges. In such event the Client shall identify the particular Goods with which it is dissatisfied together with the reasons for such dissatisfaction. Payment of the Retention Amount will be made upon replacement and/or remedy of the Goods as identified by the Client or resolution of outstanding queries. The Client shall hold the Retention Amount on behalf of the Contractor but without any obligation to invest. The terms of this clause 7F shall be without prejudice to and not be in substitution for any remedy of the Client under this Agreement.

8. Confidentiality

A. Each of the Parties to this Agreement agrees to hold confidential all information, documentation and other material received, provided or obtained arising from their participation in this Agreement ("Confidential Information") and shall not disclose same to any third party except to:-

1. its professional advisers subject to the provisions of this clause 8; or
2. as may be required by law; or
3. as may be necessary to give effect to the terms of this Agreement subject to the provisions of this clause 8; or
4. in the case of the Client by request of any person or body or authority whose request the Client or persons associated with the Client (including but not limited to the Legislature and/or the Executive and/or the Civil Service) considers it necessary or appropriate to so comply.

B. The Contractor undertakes to comply with all reasonable directions of the Client with regard to the use and application of all and any of its Confidential Information and shall comply with the confidentiality agreement as exhibited at Appendix 6 to the RFT ("the Confidentiality Agreement").

The obligations in this clause 8 will not apply to any Confidential Information:

1. in the receiving Party's possession (with full right to disclose) before receiving it from the other Party; or
2. which is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause; or
3. is independently developed by the disclosing Party without access to or use of the Confidential Information; or
4. is lawfully received by the disclosing Party from a third party (with full right to disclose).

C. In circumstances where the Client is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 or the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, then in the event of the Client receiving a request for information related to this Agreement, the Client shall consult with the Contractor in respect of the request. The Contractor shall specifically identify any information that is not to be disclosed on grounds of confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, and shall state the reasons for this sensitivity. The Client will consult the Contractor about this confidential or commercially sensitive information before making a decision on any request received under the above legislation. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations

D. The terms of this clause 8 shall survive expiry, completion or termination for whatever reason of this Agreement.

9. Force Majeure

A. A 'Force Majeure Event' means an event or circumstance or combination of events and/or circumstances not within the reasonable control of the Affected Party (as defined in clause 9B below) which has the effect of delaying or preventing that Party from complying with its obligations under this Agreement including but not limited to acts of God, war, out-break of disease, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, rebellion, acts of terrorism, government regulations, embargoes, explosions, fires, floods, tempests, or failures of supply of electrical power, or public telecommunications equipment or lines, excluding industrial action of whatever nature or cause (strikes, lockouts and similar) occurring at the Contractor (or Subcontractor or agent) places of business.

B. In the event of any failure, interruption or delay in the performance of either Party's obligations (or of any of them) resulting from any Force Majeure Event, that Party ("the Affected Party") shall promptly notify the other Party in writing specifying:

1. the nature of the Force Majeure Event;
2. the anticipated delay in the performance of obligations;
3. the action proposed to minimise the impact of the Force Majeure Event;

and the Affected Party shall not be liable or have any responsibility of any kind for any loss or damage thereby incurred or suffered by the other Party; provided always that the Affected Party shall use all reasonable efforts to minimise the effects of the same and shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably possible after the removal of the cause.

C. If the Force Majeure Event continues for [insert number] calendar days either Party may terminate at 14 days notice.

D. In circumstances where the Contractor is the Affected Party, the Client shall be relieved from any obligation to make payments under this Agreement save to the extent that payments are properly due and payable for obligations actually fulfilled by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10. Termination

A. This Agreement may be terminated by the Client, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving [insert period of time months] written notice to the Contractor. This Agreement may be terminated by the Contractor, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving [insert period of time months] written notice to the Client.

B. Either Party shall have the right (in addition to its rights under clause 10(a) and any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages on the happening of any of the following:

1. if the other Party commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any provision of this Agreement and fails to remedy such breach(es) (if the breach(es) are capable of remedy) within 30 days after receipt of a request in writing from the other Party;
2. if the other Party becomes insolvent, becomes bankrupt, enters into examinership, is wound up, commences winding up, has a receiving order made against it, makes any arrangement with its creditors generally or takes or suffers any similar action as a result of debt, or an event having an equivalent effect;

3. in circumstances where the Client becomes aware of any conflict of interest on the part of the Contractor which cannot, in the opinion of the Client, be removed by other means; and

4. in circumstances where the Client becomes aware of any registrable interest on the part of the Contractor.

C. The Client shall have the right, in addition to any other rights which it has at law, to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages in circumstances where the Client becomes aware that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor.

D. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect any antecedent and accrued rights, obligations or liabilities of either Party, nor shall it affect any provision of this Agreement which is expressly or by implication intended to come into or continue in force on or after such termination.

11. Contract Management

A. The Client's Contact and the Contractor's Contact shall liaise on a regular basis to address any issues arising which may impact on the performance of this Agreement and to agree milestones, compliance schedules and operational protocols as required by the Client from time to time. If requested in writing by the Client the

Contractor shall meet formally with the Client to report on progress and shall comply with all written directions of the Client.

B. The Contractor agrees to:

1. liaise with and keep the Client's Contact fully informed of any matter which might affect the observance and performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement;

2. maintain such records and comply with such reporting arrangements and protocols required by the Client from time to time;

3. comply with all reasonable directions of the Client; and

4. comply with the service levels and performance indicators set out in Schedule D.

C. The Client or its authorised representative may inspect the Contractor's premises, lands and facilities (or such part or parts thereof relating solely to this Agreement) with due access to relevant personnel and records upon reasonable notice in writing to ensure compliance with the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client thereby arising. The cost of inspection shall be borne by the Client.

D. The Contractor shall be required to hold for the Term insurances of the nature and amount as set out in the RFT and shall immediately advise the Client of any material change to its insured status. The Contractor shall produce proof of current premiums paid upon request and where required produce valid certificates of insurance for inspection. The Contractor shall carry out all directions of the Client with regard to compliance with this clause 11D.

12. Disputes

A. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement (the "Dispute"), the Parties shall first seek settlement of the Dispute as set out below.

B. The Dispute shall be referred as soon as practicable to [insert Contractor contact] within the Contractor and to [insert Client contact] within the Client respectively.

C. If the Dispute has not been resolved within fifteen (15) Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties) of being referred to the nominated representatives, then either Party may refer the Dispute to an independent mediator, the identity of whom shall be agreed in advance by the Parties.

D. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator or if the mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party may within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the proposal to appoint a Mediator or within twenty-one (21) days of notice to either Party that the mediator is unable to act, apply to Mediators' Institute of Ireland to appoint a mediator.

E. Any submissions made to and discussions involving the mediator, of whatever nature, shall be treated in strict confidence and without prejudice to the rights and/or liabilities of the Parties in any legal proceedings and, for the avoidance of doubt, are agreed to be without prejudice and legally privileged. The Parties shall make written submissions to the mediator within ten (10) Business Days of his/her appointment.

F. The Parties shall share equally the cost of the mediator. The costs of all experts and any other third parties who, at the request of any Party, shall have been

instructed in the mediation, shall be for the sole account of, and shall be discharged by that Party.

G. For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation. The Contractor shall comply fully with the requirements of the Agreement at all times

13. Governing Law, Choice of Jurisdiction and Execution

A. This Agreement shall in all aspects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland and the Parties hereby agree that the courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

B. This Agreement shall be executed in duplicate and each copy of the Agreement shall be signed by all the Parties hereto. Each of the Parties to this Agreement confirms that this Agreement is executed by their duly authorised officers.

14. Notices

A. Any notice or other written communication to be given under this Agreement shall either be delivered personally or sent by registered post or email. The Parties will from time to time agree primary and alternative contact persons and details for the purposes of this clause 14.

B. All notices shall be deemed to have been served as follows:

1. if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;

2. if posted by registered post at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities (and not returned undelivered); and
3. if communicated by email, on the next calendar day following transmission.

15. Assignment and Subcontract

A. Subject to a Party's obligations at law, any assignment to a third party, or other transfer of a Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement (the "Assignment") requires the prior written consent of the other Party. Prior to any such Assignment, the assignee will be obliged to sign an undertaking to comply with all obligations under this Agreement. Any attempted Assignment not complied with in the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void.

B. Subject to a Party's obligations at law, any sub-contract of a Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement requires the prior written consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempted subcontract not complied with in the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void .

16. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties, and any and all other previous agreements, arrangements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement (save where fraudulently made) are hereby excluded.

17. Severability

If any term or provision herein is found to be illegal or unenforceable for any reason, then such term or provision shall be deemed severed and all other terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

18. Waiver

No failure or delay by either Party to exercise any right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver of it, nor shall any partial exercise preclude further exercise of same or some other right, power or remedy.

19. Non-exclusivity

Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Client from purchasing goods (or Goods) from a third party at any time during the currency of the Agreement.

20. Media

No media releases, public announcements or public disclosures relating to this Agreement or its subject matter, including but not limited to promotional or marketing material, shall be made by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Client.

21. Conflicts, Registrable Interests and Corrupt Gifts

A. The Contractor confirms that it has carried out a conflicts of interest check and is satisfied that neither it nor any Subcontractor nor agent as the case may be has any conflicts in relation to the Goods and its obligations undertaken under this Agreement. The Contractor hereby undertakes to notify the Client immediately should any conflict or potential conflict of interest come to its attention during the currency of this Agreement and to comply with the Client's directions in respect thereof. In the event of such notification, the Client shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages.

B. Any registrable interest involving the Contractor (and any Subcontractor or agent as the case may be) and the Client, the Ceann Comhairle (Speaker), or any member of the Government, or any member of the Oireachtas, or their relatives must be fully disclosed to the Client immediately upon such information becoming known to the Contractor (Subcontractor or agent as the case may be) and the Contractor shall comply with the Client's directions in respect thereof to the satisfaction of the Client. In the event of such disclosure, the Client shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages. The terms "registrable interest" and "relative" shall be interpreted as per section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act 1995 (as amended) a copy of which is available on request.

C. The Contractor shall not offer or agree to give any public servant or civil servant any gift or consideration or commission of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do or for having done or forborne to do any action in relation to the obtaining or execution of this or any other public contract. Any breach of this clause 21C or the commission of any offence by the Contractor, any Subcontractor, agent or employee under the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 shall entitle the Client to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages and to recover the amount of any loss resulting from

such cancellation, including but not limited to recovery from the Contractor of the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission.

22. Access to Premises

A. Any of the Client's premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the Client in connection with this Agreement, shall be made available to the Contractor on a non-exclusive licence basis and shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall have use of such premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of this Agreement.

B. The Contractor shall upon reasonable notice by the Client allow the Client access to its premises (including the premises of any Subcontractor or agent) where the Goods are being performed for the Client under this Agreement.

23. Non Solicitation

A. For the Term and for a period of 12 months thereafter (and save in respect of publicly advertised posts) neither the Client nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party's employees without that other Party's prior written consent.

24. Change Control Procedure

A. At any time during the Term of this Agreement, either Party may propose a change or changes to any part or parts of this Agreement.

B. The change control procedures set out in this Schedule will apply to all changes irrespective of whether the Contractor or the Client proposes the change.

C. A change control notice ("Change Control Notice") shall be prepared for all change requests. The Change Control Notice will provide an outline description of the change requested, the rationale for the change, the effect that the change will have on the supply of the Goods (where known) and an estimate of the effort and cost required to prepare an impact assessment ("Impact Assessment").

D. All Change Control Notices proposing changes to this Agreement must be submitted for review to the other Party's Contact.

E. The Parties must indicate their acceptance or rejection of the change control request and/or Impact Assessment within a reasonable timeframe of its completion and Tender Submission for review, subject to a maximum of twenty (20) calendar days or such other period agreed between the Parties.

F. On approval of an Impact Assessment, this Agreement and/or the Schedules should be updated and revised as appropriate and in writing.

G. In the event that either Party rejects the Impact Assessment, the change(s) shall not take place and the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement.

H. The Contractor and the Client will agree a reasonable charge in advance for investigating each proposed variation and preparing each estimate, whether or not the variation is implemented. If the Client's request for any variation is subsequently withdrawn but results in a delay in the supply of the Goods then the Contractor will not be liable for such delay and will be entitled to an extension of time equal to not less than the period of the delay.

25. DATA PROTECTION AND SECURITY

A. In this Agreement the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

"Data" means all Confidential Information, whether in oral or written (including electronic) form, created by or in any way originating with the Client (including but not limited to his employees, agents, independent contractors and/or Sub-contractors) and all information that is the output of any computer processing, or other electronic manipulation of any information that was created by or in any way originating with the Client provided under this Agreement and includes any Personal Data;

"Data Controller" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

"Data Processor" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

"Data Protection Laws" means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "General Data Protection Regulation"), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland.

"Data Subject" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

"Data Subject Access Request" means a request made by a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted under the Data Protection Laws to access his or her Personal Data;

"Personal Data" has the meaning given under Data Protection Laws;

"Processing" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Laws.

C. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws, the Client is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor in respect of Data which is Personal Data. Schedule E sets out the scope, nature and purpose of Processing by the Contractor, the duration of the Processing and the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject.

D. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 25B, the Contractor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under this Agreement:-

(1) process that Personal Data only on the written instructions of the Client;

(2) ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures, reviewed and approved by the Client, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Personal Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage

to, Personal Data, appropriate to the harm that might result from the unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the data to be protected, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementing any measures (those measures may include, where appropriate, pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of its systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the technical and organisational measures adopted by it);

(3) ensure that all personnel who have access to and/or process Personal Data are obliged to keep the Personal Data confidential;

(4) not transfer any Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area unless the prior written consent of the Client has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled;

i. appropriate safeguards are in place in relation to the transfer, to ensure that Personal Data is adequately protected in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation);

ii. the data subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

iii. The Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and

iv. The Contractor complies with reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Client with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;

E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Client if it receives a Data Subject Access Request to have access to any Personal Data or any other complaint, correspondence, notice, request any order of the Court or request of any regulatory or government body relating to the Client's obligations under the Data Protection Laws and provide full co-operation and assistance to the Client in relation to any such complaint, order or request (including, without limitation, by allowing Data Subjects to have access to their data).

F. The Contractor shall without undue delay report in writing to the Client any data compromise involving Personal Data, or any circumstances that could have resulted in unauthorised access to or disclosure of Personal Data.

G. The Contractor shall assist the Client in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws with respect to security, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities and regulators.

H. The Contractor shall at the written direction of the Client, amend, delete or return Personal Data and copies thereof to the Client on termination of this Agreement unless the Contractor is required by the laws of any member of the European Union or by the laws of the European Union applicable to the Contractor to store the Personal Data.

I. The Contractor shall permit the Client, the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland, and/ or their nominee to conduct audits and or inspections of the Contractor's facilities, and to have access to all data protection, confidentiality and security procedures, data equipment, mechanisms, documentation, databases, archives, data storage devices, electronic communications and storage systems used by the Contractor in any way for the provision of the services. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client arising out of any such inspection, audit or review.

J. The Contractor shall fully comply with, and implement policies which are communicated or notified to the Contractor by the Client from time to time.

K. The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause 25 and allow for inspections and contribute to any audits by the Client or the Client's designated auditor.

L. The Contractor shall:-

(1) take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity of any Personal Data which it processes and to prevent any corruption or loss of such Personal Data;

(2) ensure that a back-up copy of any and all such Personal Data is made [insert frequency] and this copy is recorded on media from which the data can be reloaded if there is any corruption or loss of the data; and

(3) in such an event and if attributable to any default by the Contractor or any Sub-contractor, promptly restore the Personal Data at its own expense or, at the Client's option, reimburse the Client for any reasonable expenses it incurs in having the Personal Data restored by a third party.

M. (IF YOU ARE NOT CONSENTING TO A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR – DELETE IF NOT IN USE)

The Client does not consent to the Contractor appointing any third party processor of Personal Data under this agreement

(OR IF USING A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR – DELETE IF NOT IN USE)

the Client consents to the Contractor appointing [insert third-party processor] as a third-party processor of Personal Data under this Agreement. The Contractor confirms that it has entered or (as the case may be) will enter into a written agreement incorporating terms which are substantially similar to those set out in this clause 25 as between the Client and the Contractor, the Contractor shall remain fully

liable for all acts or omissions of any third-party processor appointed by it pursuant to this clause 25.

N. Save for clauses 25B, 25C, 25D(4) and 25E, all the obligations on the Contractor in this clause 25 relating to the processing of Personal Data shall apply to the processing of all Data.

O. The provisions of this clause 25 shall survive termination and or expiry of this Agreement for any reason.

26. Additional Condition(s)

[Delete and replace with 'not used' if not applicable:
This is a free text area to allow the Client to include any additional conditions to the Contract, for example a price review clause. Such additional conditions can be set out here by the Client]

Schedule B: Goods: The Specification

[Insert when completing contract]

Schedule C: Charges

[Insert when completing contract]

Schedule D: Service Levels

[Insert at RFT stage, if applicable, or when completing contract]

Schedule E: Data Protection

[complete when completing the contract]

Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects

1. Processing by the Contractor

    1.1 Subject matter of processing

    1.2 Nature of processing

    1.3 Purpose of processing

    1.4 Duration of the processing

2. Types of personal data

3. Categories of data subject

APPENDIX 7: CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the [date] day of [month] 20[year] BETWEEN:

The [insert name of Contracting Authority], of [insert Address] (hereinafter "the Contracting Authority") of the one part;
and

[DPS Member's legal name], of [DPS Member's address] (hereinafter called "the Contractor") of the other part.

WHEREAS

A. By Request for Applications to Participate in a Dynamic Purchasing System dated [insert date] entitled *"Request for Applications to Participate in a Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of Library Databases to The Atlantic Technological University"* (the "RFATP") the Contracting Authority invited applications ("Applications") to participate in a DPS for the supply of the goods described in Appendix 1 to the RFATP (the "Goods"). The Contractor submitted an Application to the RFATP dated the [insert date of Tender].

The Contractor and the Client have entered into a DPS Agreement dated [insert date] ("the DPS Agreement")**.**

B. For the purposes of the tender process referred to in the RFATP (the " Competition"), the DPS Agreement and any subsequent contract or contracts awarded thereunder (if any) (the "Contract(s)") certain confidential information as defined at clause 2 of this Agreement, will be furnished to the Contractor. The Confidential Information is confidential to the Contracting Authority and the DPS Clients (as defined in the RFATP).

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED in consideration of the sum of €2.00 (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Contractor) as follows:

1. The Contractor acknowledges that Confidential Information may be provided to them by the Contracting Authority and/or the DPS Clients and that each item of Confidential Information shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement "Confidential Information" means:

   2.1 unless specified in writing to the contrary by the Contracting Authority all and any information (whether in documentary form, oral, electronic, audio-visual, audio-recorded or otherwise including any copy or copies thereof and whether scientific, commercial, financial, technical, operational or otherwise) relating to the Contracting Authority, any DPS Client, the provision of Goods under the Contract and all and any information supplied or made available to the Contractor (to include employees, agents, Subcontractors and other suppliers) for the purposes of the DPS Agreement and/or the Contract(s) including personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Laws; and

   2.2 any and all information which has been derived or obtained from information described in sub-paragraph 2.1.

3. For the purposes of this Agreement "Data Protection Laws" means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "General Data Protection Regulation"), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time.

4. Save as may be required by law, the Contractor agrees in respect of the Confidential Information:

4.1 to treat such Confidential Information as confidential and to take all necessary steps to ensure that such confidentiality is maintained;

4.2 not, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority and any relevant DPS Client, to communicate or disclose any part of such Confidential Information to any person except:

i to those employees, agents, Subcontractors and other suppliers on a need to know basis; and/or

ii to the Contractor's auditors, professional advisers and any other persons or bodies having a legal right or duty to have access to or knowledge of the Confidential Information in connection with the business of the Contractor

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Contractor shall ensure that all such persons and bodies are made aware, prior to disclosure, of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and that they owe a duty of confidence to the Contracting Authority and the DPS Clients; and shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that such persons and bodies comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

5. The obligations in this Agreement will not apply to any Confidential Information:

i in the Contractor's possession (with full right to disclose) before receiving it from the Contracting Authority or the DPS Client, as applicable; or

ii which is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause; or

iii is independently developed by the Contractor without access to or use of the Confidential Information; or

iv is lawfully received from a third party (with full right to disclose).

6. The Contractor undertakes:

6.1 to comply with all directions of the Contracting Authority and the DPS Clients with regard to the use and application of all and any Confidential Information (including personal data as defined in the Data Protection Law);

6.2 to comply with all directions as to local security arrangements deemed reasonably necessary by the Contracting Authority and / or any DPS Client including, if required, completion of documentation under the Official Secrets Act 1963 and comply with any vetting requirements of the Contracting Authority and / or any DPS Client including by police authorities;

6.3 upon termination of the Competition (or the DPS Agreement or the Contract) for whatever reason to furnish to the Contracting Authority and / or the DPS Client, as applicable, all Confidential Information or at the written direction of the Contracting Authority and / or the DPS Client to destroy in a secure manner all (or such part or parts thereof as may be identified by the Contracting Authority and / or the DPS Client) Confidential Information in its possession and shall erase any Confidential Information held by the Contractor in electronic form. The Contractor will upon request furnish a certificate to that effect should the Contracting Authority and / or the DPS Client so request in writing. For the avoidance of doubt "document" includes documents stored on a computer storage medium and data in digital form whether legible or not

7. The Contractor shall not obtain any proprietary interest or any other interest whatsoever in the Confidential Information furnished to them by the Contracting Authority or any DPS Client and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

8. The Contractor shall, in the performance of the DPS Agreement and any Contract, access only such hardware, software, infrastructure, or any part of the databases, data or ICT system(s) of the Contracting Authority or any DPS Client as may be necessary for the purposes of the Competition (and obligations thereunder or arising therefrom) and only as directed by the Contracting Authority and/or the DPS Client, as applicable, and in the manner agreed in writing between the Parties.

9. The Contractor agrees that this Agreement will continue in force notwithstanding any court order relating to the Competition or termination of the DPS Agreement or termination of the Contract (if awarded) for any reason.

10. The Contractor agrees that this Agreement shall in all aspects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland and the Contractor hereby further agrees that the courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

11. A. In this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

"Data Controller" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
"Data Processor" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
"Data Subject" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
"Data Subject Access Request" means a request made by a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted under the Data Protection Laws to access his or her Personal Data;
"Personal Data" has the meaning given under Data Protection Laws;
"Processing" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Laws.

C. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws, the Client is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor in respect of Confidential Information which is Personal Data. Schedule A sets out the scope, nature and purpose of Processing by the Contractor, the duration of the Processing and the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject.

D. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 10(B), the Contractor shall, in relation to any Confidential Information which is Personal Data:-

(1) process that Personal Data only on the written instructions of the Client;

(2) ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures, reviewed and approved by the Client, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Personal Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Personal Data, appropriate to the harm that might result from the unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the data to be protected, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementing any measures (those measures may include, where appropriate, pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of its systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the technical and organisational measures adopted by it);

(3) ensure that all personnel who have access to and/or process Personal Data are obliged to keep the Personal Data confidential;

(4) not transfer any Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area unless the prior written consent of the Client has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:

i. appropriate safeguards are in place in relation to the transfer, to ensure that Personal Data is adequately protected in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation);
ii. the data subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
iii. The Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
iv. The Contractor complies with reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Client with respect to the processing of the Personal Data.

E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Client if it receives a Data Subject Access Request to have access to any Personal Data or any other complaint, correspondence, notice, request any order of the Court or request of any regulatory or government body relating to the Client's obligations under the Data Protection Laws and provide full co-operation and assistance to the Client in relation to any such complaint, order or request (including, without limitation, by allowing Data Subjects to have access to their data).

F. The Contractor shall without undue delay report in writing to the Client any data compromise involving Personal Data, or any circumstances that could have resulted in unauthorised access to or disclosure of Personal Data.

G. The Contractor shall assist the Client in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws with respect to security, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities and regulators.

H. The Contractor shall at the written direction of the Client, amend, delete or return Personal Data and copies thereof to the Client on termination of this Agreement unless the Contractor is required by the laws of any member of the European Union or by the laws of the European Union applicable to the Contractor to store the Personal Data.

I. The Contractor shall permit the Client, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland, and / or their nominee to conduct audits and or inspections of the Contractor's facilities, and to have access to all data protection, confidentiality and security procedures, data equipment, mechanisms, documentation, databases, archives, data storage devices, electronic communications and storage systems used by the Contractor in any way for the provision of the services. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client arising out of any such inspection, audit or review.

J. The Contractor shall fully comply with, and implement policies which are communicated or notified to the Contractor by the Client from time to time.

K. The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause 11 and allow for inspections and contribute to any audits by the Client or the Client's designated auditor.

L. The Contractor shall:-

1. take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity of any Personal Data which it processes and to prevent any corruption or loss of such Personal Data;
2. ensure that a back-up copy of any and all such Personal Data is made [insert frequency] and this copy is recorded on media from which the data can be reloaded if there is any corruption or loss of the data; and
3. in such an event and if attributable to any default by the Contractor or any Sub-contractor, promptly restore the Personal Data at its own expense or, at the Client's option, reimburse the Client for any reasonable expenses it incurs in having the Personal Data restored by a third party.

M. The Client does not consent to the Contractor appointing any third party processor of Personal Data under this agreement.

N. Save for clauses 11B, 11C, 11D(4) and 11E, all the obligations on the Contractor in this clause 11 relating to the processing of Personal Data shall apply to the processing of all Confidential Information.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Contracting Authority	SIGNED for and on behalf of the Contractor
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(being a duly authorised officer)	
Witness	Witness