

**Request for Tenders dated 27/07/2026
to establish**

**Framework Agreements
for the supply of**

Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems

Tender procedure: Open procedure

Tender Deadline: 28/08/2026 15:00

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Part 1: Introduction

- 1.1 The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland (the “Contracting Authority”) is issuing this request for tenders (“RFT”) from economic operators (“Tenderers”) for appointment to a Framework Agreement (the “Framework Agreement”) for the provision of the goods as described in Appendix 1 to this RFT (the “Goods”). This RFT has 2 Lots (each a “Lot”) as described below. Each Lot will result in a separate Framework Agreement.

Tenderers may submit proposals for individual Lots or both Lots. Each Lot represents a distinct technological approach to flexible, water-filled temporary flood defence.

- 1.2 In summary, the Goods comprise the purchase of Pump-Dependent Water-Filled Mobile Barrier Systems (Lot 1) and Hydrostatic Self-Stabilising Water-Filled Flexible Barriers (Lot 2) and will include appropriate storage solutions, delivery and logistics, and staff training services. Systems must cater for nominal protection heights within the range of 0.3 metres to 1.3 metres.
- 1.3 This public procurement competition (the “Competition”) will be conducted in accordance with the open procedure under the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulation 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) (the “Regulations”). Any Framework Agreement that may result from the Competition will be for an Initial Term of 2 years. The Contracting Authority reserves the right, at its discretion, to extend the Initial Term for a period of up to 1 year with a maximum of 2 such extensions on the same terms and conditions, subject to the Contracting Authority’s obligations at law. The Initial Term together with any extensions shall not exceed 4 years in aggregate (the “Term”).
- 1.4 All Local Authorities in Ireland are Framework Clients and may award (or ‘call off’) Goods Contracts (each a ‘Contract’) under the Framework Agreement in accordance with the rules set out in the Framework Agreement at Appendix 5. The Contracting Authority is also a Framework client.
- 1.5 Following Tender evaluation, Tenderers will be ranked on the basis of the scores achieved (by application of the Award Criteria set out at paragraph 3.3 of this RFT) for each Lot. The highest ranked tenderer and the next highest ranked tenderer for each Lot, having submitted the most economically advantageous tenders, will be appointed to the framework (‘Framework Members’). It is anticipated that a maximum of two (2) members (each a “Framework Member”) will be appointed to the Framework Agreement for each Lot.
- 1.6 When the Framework Client has a requirement for Goods pursuant to the Framework Agreement, the Goods will be drawn down by the Framework Client, in accordance with the procedure set out at clause 5 of the Framework Agreement (Appendix 5). The award of a contract to the highest ranked tenderer is subject to meeting the required specification and standards for the goods as set out in this RFT.
- 1.7 The next highest-ranked tenderer will be designated “the back-up supplier” for each Lot. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award any contract to the back-up supplier in the event that the highest ranked tenderer is unable to/fails to fulfil a contract awarded under the Framework Agreement. The award of a contract to the back-up supplier is subject to meeting the required specification and standards for the goods set out in RFT.
- 1.8 Any contract drawn down will be issued for a term of 1 year.
- 1.9 The Contracting Authority estimates that the aggregate expenditure on the Goods to be covered by the proposed Framework Agreements may amount to €2,000,000 (excl. VAT) in total over the Term and any possible extensions. Tenderers must understand that this figure is an estimate only

based on current and future expected usage. The estimate for Lot 1 is €1,200,000 and for Lot 2 is €800,000.

- 1.10 Contracting Authority policy seeks to encourage participation on a fair and equal basis by Small and Medium Enterprises (“SME”s) in this Competition. SMEs that believe the scope of this Competition 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 Goods Contracts that may result from this Competition 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 Goods Contracts that may result from this Competition.

Part 2: Instructions to Tenderers

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 Competition, the Contracting Authority does not accept any liability or provide any express or implied warranty in respect of any such information. Tenderers must form their own conclusions about the solution needed to meet the requirements set out in this RFT and may wish to consult their legal advisers.

2.1.2 The Contracting Authority/Framework Client does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Tender.

This RFT does not constitute an offer or commitment to enter into a Framework Agreement and/or a Goods Contract. The conclusion of a Framework Agreement with a Framework Member does not guarantee the award of any Goods Contract.

No enforceable commitment of any kind will exist unless and until a formal written Framework Agreement has been executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

No contractual rights in relation to a Framework Client will exist unless and until a formal written Goods Contract has been executed by or on behalf of the Framework Client.

Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the Tenderer.

The Contracting Authority may cancel this Competition (or, for the avoidance of doubt, any individual Lot)) at any time prior to a formal written Framework Agreement being executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

The award of a Framework Agreement or a Goods Contract under the Framework Agreement does not confer exclusivity on the successful Tenderer(s).

Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority shall not be under any obligation to purchase any minimum value of Goods under a Framework Agreement.

2.1.3 This RFT supersedes and replaces any and all previous documentation, communications and correspondence between the Contracting Authority and Tenderers, and Tenderers 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 Tenderer in response to this RFT.

The Tenderer, as Data Controller in respect of any Personal Data provided by it in its Tender, 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 Tenderer have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Tenderer, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the Tenderer in this Competition or that the Tenderer otherwise has a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of its participation in this Competition.

The Contracting Authority would refer Tenderers in particular to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031 on the access of third country economic operators, goods and services to the Union's public procurement and concession markets and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (International Procurement Instrument – IPI), and Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market and to their obligation to comply therewith.

In particular, tenderers and candidates should note in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031, the obligations for a Contracting Authority in the context of a procurement procedure where the EU Commission has adopted an IPI measure.

2.2 COMPLIANT TENDERS

2.2.1 If a Tenderer fails to comply in any respect with the requirements of this paragraph 2.2.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to reject the Tenderer's Tender 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 clarification from the Tenderer;
- seeking further information from the Tenderer; or
- waiving a requirement, which in the Contracting Authority's view, is non-material or procedural.

Tenderers are required:

- (a) To complete and submit with their Tender the electronic version of the European Single Procurement Document ("[eESPD](#)"). Tenderers 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 Competition as set out at part 3.2 below;
- (b) To submit all documentation which this RFT requires to be submitted with their Tender;
- (c) To follow the format of this RFT and respond to each element in the order as set out in this RFT;
- (d) To conform to and comply with all instructions and requirements set out in this RFT;
- (e) To submit the statement required under paragraph 2.4 below; and

(f) Not to alter or edit this RFT in any way.

2.2.2 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2.2.1, failure to comply with paragraph 2.6.1, 2.6.2 or 2.6.3 below will render the Tender non-compliant and it will be rejected.

2.3 FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND GOODS CONTRACT

- 2.3.1 The award of Goods Contracts under a Framework Agreement shall be made in accordance with the rules set out in the Framework Agreement at Appendix 5 to this RFT.
- 2.3.2 Tenderers should also note the terms and conditions of the Goods Contract set out at Appendix 6 to this RFT.
- 2.3.3 Tenderers are required to confirm their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement at Appendix 5 to this RFT and the Goods Contract at Appendix 6 to this RFT by signing the Tenderer's Statement at Appendix 3 to this RFT. Tenderers may not amend the Framework Agreement or the Goods Contract.

2.4 ACCEPTANCE OF RFT REQUIREMENTS

Each Tenderer is required to accept the provisions of this RFT. ALL TENDERERS MUST RETURN, with their Tender, a scanned signed copy of the Tenderer's Statement, as set out in Appendix 3, printed on the Tenderer's letterhead. The Contracting Authority must be able to read the scanned signature of the Tenderer. If possible, please sign documents using blue ink. If the Contracting Authority cannot read the scanned signature, Tenderers may be requested to resubmit. Tenderers may not amend the Tenderer'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 a Tender in response to this RFT, 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. The Tenderer must provide details of all members of the group of undertakings and their role in the Tender and clearly and comprehensively set out the contact details including name, title, telephone number, postal address, facsimile number and email address of the nominated entity authorised to represent the Tenderer and to whom all communications shall be directed and accepted until this Competition has been completed or terminated. Correspondence from any other person will NOT be accepted, acknowledged or responded to.

Prior to and as a condition of appointment to any Framework Agreement, the successful Tenderer shall be required to designate a single entity who will carry overall responsibility for the Framework Agreement and any Goods Contract (the "Prime Contractor"), irrespective of whether or not tasks are to be performed by a subcontractor or other consortium member (the "Subcontractor").

2.6 TENDER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

Tenderers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required tender documentation before the Tender Deadline (as defined in paragraph 2.6.2). Tenderers should take into account the fact that upload speeds vary.

Tenderers must note that in the electronic tenderbox, there is a current file size limit of 250MB for each single file uploaded, with a maximum total limit of 2GB for all documentation (combined) in the Tender submitted.

In order to submit a Tender to the electronic tenderbox, Tenderers must ensure that they follow the necessary steps on the eTenders platform to ensure that their tender has been submitted properly, which includes ensuring that the “Submit” button has been clicked. In the event that Tenderers need to modify or change any aspect of their Tender before the Tender Deadline, the Tender in its entirety will need to be re-submitted. Tenderers should be aware that the “Submit” button will be disabled automatically at the Tender Deadline.

2.6.2 Tenders must be received not later than **15:00 on 28/08/2026** (the “Tender Deadline”). Tenders that are received late WILL NOT be considered in this Competition.

2.6.3 Tenders must be submitted in English.

2.6.4 Subject to paragraph 2.14 and 2.18, each Tenderer is limited to submitting one Tender in its own capacity and one Tender as part of a consortium/group of undertakings under this RFT [for each Lot].

2.6.5 All Tenders submitted in soft copy must be compiled such that they can be read immediately using Microsoft file formats or PDF readers. The Contracting Authority is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Tenderers 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 RFT must be directed to the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie. Queries will be accepted no later than **15:00 on 18th August 2026** unless otherwise published by the Contracting Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, Tenderers may not contact potential Framework 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 www.etenders.gov.ie. Where appropriate, queries may be amalgamated. Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority will not respond to individual Tenderers privately.

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

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

2.7.5 Tenderers should ensure that they register their interest in this Competition, by clicking on the “Accept” button on www.etenders.gov.ie, in order to receive all responses to queries and other updates in relation to this Competition.

2.8 TENDERING COSTS

2.8.1 All costs and expenses incurred by Tenderers relating to their participation in this Competition including, but not being limited to, site visits, field trials, demonstrations and/or presentations shall be borne by and are a matter for discharge by the Tenderers 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 Tenderers during the course of this Competition:
- (a) are furnished for the sole purpose of replying to this RFT 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 Tenderer and by any third parties (including subcontractors) engaged or consulted by the Tenderer; 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 All Tenderers must complete the Pricing Schedule contained at Appendix 2 to this RFT.
- 2.10.2 All prices quoted 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 Tenderers must confirm that all prices quoted in the Tender will remain valid for 6 months commencing from the Tender Deadline.
- 2.10.4 Any currency variations occurring over the term of the Goods Contract shall be borne by the Tenderer.
- 2.10.5 Payments for Goods provided pursuant to this RFT shall be subject to and made in accordance with the Goods Contract at Appendix 6 to this RFT.
- 2.10.6 The Prices tendered by the Contractor shall remain fixed for a period of twelve (12) months from the Commencement Date of the Framework ("Initial Fixed-Price Period"). No price increase, decrease, surcharge, indexation or other adjustment mechanism shall apply during this Initial Fixed-Price Period.

Prices may be reviewed at the day after the first year anniversary of the Commencement Date, and the day after subsequent annual anniversaries. Any adjustment made shall be calculated solely by reference to the percentage change (increase or decrease) in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), most recently available prior to the relevant anniversary date. The percentage change shall be measured cumulatively from the Effective Date of the establishment of the Framework to the most recently published CPI before the relevant anniversary.

2.11 ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND LABOUR LAW

- 2.11.1 In the performance of any Goods Contract awarded, the successful Tenderer(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 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** Tenderers 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), Tenderers should ensure that they consider their obligations under the 2012 Act when pricing their Tender. 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 Competition, any Framework Agreement, or Goods Contract pursuant to this Competition 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 Tenderer or Subcontractor and the Contracting Authority, the Framework Client, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas, or employees and officers of the Contracting Authority and their relatives must be fully disclosed in the Tender or, in the event of this information only coming to the notice of the Tenderer or Subcontractor after the submission of a Tender, must be communicated to the Contracting Authority immediately upon such information becoming known to the Tenderer/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 a Tenderer from this Competition or terminating any Framework Agreement and / or Goods Contract entered into by a Tenderer.

2.14 ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

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

2.15 INDUSTRY TERMS USED IN THIS RFT

Where reference is made to a particular item, source, process, trademark, or type in this RFT 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** Tenderers should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, information provided by them during this Competition may be liable to be disclosed.
- 2.16.2** Tenderers are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their Tender should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Tenderers consider that certain information is not to be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, Tenderers must, when providing such information, clearly identify the specific sections of their Tender containing such information and specify the reasons for its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. For the avoidance of doubt, Tenderers may not assert confidentiality or commercial sensitivity over the entire Tender but must clearly identify the specific section containing such information. If Tenderers do not identify information as confidential or commercially sensitive, it is liable to be released in response to a request under the above legislation without further notice to or consultation with the Tenderer. The Contracting Authority will, where possible, consult with Tenderers about confidential or commercially sensitive information so identified before making its decision on a request received. 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 any Framework Agreement or Goods Contract pursuant to this Competition that the successful Tenderer(s) shall, for the term of such contract(s), comply with all applicable EU and domestic tax laws. Tenderers are referred to www.revenue.ie for further information. Prior to the award of any Framework Agreement or Goods Contract arising out of this Competition, the successful Tenderer 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 Tenderer acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Tenderer 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 a Tenderer, Subcontractor or individual employee(s) or agent(s) of a Tenderer or Subcontractor(s) must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority as soon as the conflict or potential conflict is or becomes apparent. Tenderers are required to declare that the preparation of their Tender was carried out independently. In the event of any actual or potential conflict of interest, the Contracting Authority may invite Tenderers to propose means by which the conflict of interest might be removed and in circumstances where there are links between Tenderers, the Contracting Authority may seek further information to confirm the Tenders have been prepared independently. The Contracting Authority will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating a Tenderer from this Competition or terminating any Framework Agreement or Goods Contract entered into by a Tenderer.

2.19 WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS COMPETITION

Tenderers are required to notify the Contracting Authority immediately, via the e-tenders website, if at any stage they decide to withdraw from this Competition.

2.20 SITE VISIT

2.20.1 “Not Used”

2.20.2 The Contracting Authority may require a site visit to the Tenderer’s premises or facilities to conduct a preview and verification of the product sample being offered in the tender submission. If a site visit to preview samples is required, the Contracting Authority will contact the Tenderer via the messaging system on eTenders to arrange attendance at the Tenderer’s facility or premises.

2.21 INSURANCE

2.21.1 The successful Tenderer(s) shall be required to hold for the term of any Goods Contract awarded pursuant to this Competition **insurances of the type and to the minimum level specified at this clause 2.21.1**. Tenderers should note that they are not obliged to have insurances in place in order to enter into a Framework Agreement with the Contracting Authority.

Type of Insurance	Indemnity Limit
Employer’s Liability	€12.7 million for any one claim or series of claims arising out of a single occurrence
Public Liability	€6.5 million for any one claim or series of claims arising out of a single occurrence
Product Liability	€6.5 million for any one claim or series of claims arising out of a single occurrence

2.21.2 By signing the Tenderer’s Statement at Appendix 3, Tenderers confirm that, if awarded a Goods Contract pursuant to the Framework Agreement, (i) they will, from the Effective Date of the Goods Contract (as defined in the Goods Contract), obtain and hold the types and levels of insurance as specified as specified above at clause 2.21.1, (ii) the territorial limits and jurisdiction of its insurance policies include Ireland and (iii) they are not aware of any exclusions, restrictions, conditions or warranties or, in the case of policies with an aggregate limit of indemnity, any outstanding claims, which could have a material adverse impact on the level of coverage specified above. A formal confirmation from the Tenderer's insurance company or broker to this effect will be requested from the successful Framework Member(s) prior to the award of (and shall be a condition of) any Goods Contract.

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

- (a) immediately advise the Contracting Authority 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 and Award Criteria

3.1 COMPLIANT TENDERS

3.1 Only those Tenderers who have:-

- (a) Submitted compliant Tenders pursuant to paragraph 2.2 above, and
- (b) Declared by way of eESPD that either:
 - (i) no mandatory grounds for exclusion of the Tenderer pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to them, or
 - (ii) in circumstances where any mandatory exclusion grounds apply to the Tenderer (and where the Tenderer is not precluded from doing so under Regulation 57(17) of the Regulations), that it can provide evidence to the effect that measures taken by it are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of any such relevant exclusion ground, and
- (c) Declared by way of eESPD that they satisfy the selection criteria for each Lot applied for in this Competition as set out in part 3.2 below (the "Selection Criteria"), will be evaluated in accordance with the Award Criteria at part 3.3 below.

However, please note that the Contracting Authority also reserves the right to exclude from evaluation a Tenderer to whom a discretionary ground for exclusion pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations applies.

Tenderers should note that where a Tenderer is relying on the capacity of other entities (for example, Subcontractors) for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part 3.2 below it must ensure that each such entity:

- (i) completes and submits a separate eESPD in respect of each such entity, and
- (ii) when requested by the Contracting Authority, submit proof, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, that each such entity will place the necessary resources at the disposal of the Tenderer.

Where a Tenderer (Prime Contractor) intends to subcontract any share of any Contract to a Subcontractor, but is not relying on the capacity of such Subcontractor for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part 3.2 below, it must ensure that each such Subcontractor submits a separate eESPD in respect of such Subcontractor completing those sections of the eESPD which are specified in section 2.D of the eESPD for this Competition.

The Contracting Authority may decide to examine Tenders before verifying the absence of exclusion grounds in Regulation 57 of the Regulations (the "Exclusion Grounds") and the fulfilment of the Selection Criteria.

However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this part 3.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to ask Tenderers at any moment during the Competition to submit any or all of the following for the purposes of verification of the status of the Tenderer (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) all or any of the supporting documents specified at paragraph 3.2 below;
- (iv) information concerning the Tenderer, and any proposed subcontractors, suppliers or entities whose capacities are being relied on within the meaning of the public procurement Directives for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same) including, but not limited to, in respect of natural persons, copies of identity documents and, in respect of legal persons, a certificate or extract from the commercial register or other competent authority of the country in which the legal person is established; and
- (v) information concerning the origin of goods, if any, for the purposes of assessing compliance with Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

If a Tenderer does not, upon request by the Contracting Authority, 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 RFT and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds, or its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground and (iii) that it 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) and (iv) that the origin of goods, 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) then it shall be excluded from further participation in this Competition.

If a Tenderer does not, upon request by the Contracting Authority, 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 RFT 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 and (iii) that any proposed Subcontractor, supplier, or other entity on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies 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) and (iv) that the origin of goods, 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) then it shall be excluded from further participation in this Competition *unless* it replaces the entity concerned with one which meets all relevant requirements of this RFT.

3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

3.2 Tenderers will either **pass OR fail** each of the Selection Criteria in this part 3.2. A Tenderer who fails a selection criterion will be excluded from participating in this Competition.

3.2.A Economic and Financial Standing

Tenderers must declare by way of eESPD that they satisfy the financial and economic standing requirement(s) set out below **in respect of each Lot tendered for** and that they are able, upon request and without delay, to provide the supporting documentation specified below to the Contracting Authority in each case.

Reliance on Third Party Resources (Financial): Tenderers are reminded that in accordance with paragraph 2.5 of the RFT, they may rely on the capacity of other entities for the purposes of meeting any or all of the financial and economic standing requirements stated in this paragraph 3.2.A. In such a circumstance, the Tenderer must provide: (i) the information and supporting documentation required in this paragraph 3.2.A in relation to each such entity upon which it relies; and

(ii) when requested by the Contracting Authority, submit a written undertaking from that other entity, in terms satisfactory to the Contracting Authority and duly evidenced, confirming that they will place the necessary resources at the disposal of the Tenderer;

Prior to and as a condition of award of any Goods Contract, the Contracting Authority/Framework Client reserves the right to require any such entity upon which it relies to provide a guarantee (e.g. a parent company guarantee) and/or enter into some other form of direct agreement with the Contracting Authority/Framework Client to secure the availability of those resources for the Contracting Authority/Framework Client. Failure to provide an undertaking, guarantee or other form of direct agreement will result in the Tenderer being eliminated from the Competition.

3.2. A (i) Turnover

Lot 1 and Lot 2

	Minimum Requirement	Qualifying Threshold
Economic and Financial Standing	The Tenderer must declare by way of the eESPD that the annual turnover of the tenderer for each of the last three financial reporting years (or where the date of establishment is more recent, for each year the Tenderer has been established) is equal to or exceeds: €1,000,000 (Ex VAT) per annum.	Pass/Fail

3.2. A (ii) Solvency

Lot 1 and Lot 2

Criteria	Minimum Requirement	Qualifying Threshold
Economic and Financial Standing	The Tenderer must declare by way of the eESPD that it is able to pay its debts, identified on the current statement of assets and liabilities as being the debts as they fall due and will, upon request, prior to (and as a condition of) appointment to the Framework Agreement provide the Contracting Authority with a letter from their principal auditors confirming the Tenderer is able to pay its debts, identified on the current statement of assets and liabilities as being the debts as they fall due. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Tenderer is a consortium/group of undertakings, each member of that consortium/group of undertakings shall be required to declare by way of the eESPD that it is able to pay its debts, identified on the current statement of assets and liabilities as being the debts as they fall due and will, upon request, prior to (and as a condition of) appointment to the Framework Agreement provide the Contracting Authority with a letter from their principal auditors confirming the Tenderer (and each member of the consortium/group of undertakings) is able to pay its debts, identified on the current statement of assets and liabilities as being the debts as they fall due.	Pass/Fail

Prior to and as a condition of the award of any framework contract the preferred Tenderer will, upon request, provide the Contracting Authority with documentary evidence demonstrating that they fulfil this criterion. Documentary evidence may include financial accounts (or adjusted financial accounts where the Tenderer's accounts are audited) or an accountant's letter/certificate confirming that the preferred Tenderer fulfils this criterion. The auditor must be a member of a prescribed accountancy body that comes within the supervisory remit of the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority or a recognised European equivalent.

Tenderers must provide the supporting documentation specified above without delay when requested by the Contracting Authority. However, where the Tenderer is unable, for a valid reason, to provide the specified documentation, the Tenderer 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.B Technical and Professional Ability

Tenderers must declare by way of eESPD that they satisfy the technical and professional requirement(s) set out below and that they are able, upon request and without delay, to provide supporting documentation to the Contracting Authority to evidence same.

Part 1 – Resources

The Tenderer should provide a nominated contact person (i.e. a staff member) who will act as a support service for the client as required. Please provide details of the person who will be responsible for undertaking this role. This person will be responsible for administration of the contract on behalf of the Prime Contractor and act as a point of contact with full oversight of the supply and ensure that deliverables are in accordance with the specification.

Tenderers shall demonstrate the relevant qualifications and experience of the staff member by submitting the following with their Tender:

The Curriculum Vitae (CV) (not more than two (2) A4 pages, and font size 11) for the staff member indicated above. The particular experience which is relevant to this RFT must be highlighted in the CV.

Part 2 - Project Experience

The Tenderer should provide evidence of experience of 2 similar projects within the last 5 years and provide contact information for these reference projects.

Project Detail Form 1			
Name of Reference Contract			
Client			
Contract Description			
Comparability Narrative	[insert a narrative that outlines the extent to which you feel the services are comparable to the Contracting Authorities current requirements]		
Name of Client Referee			
Title/Role of Client Referee			
Telephone of Client Referee			
Email Address of Client Referee			

Project Detail Form 2

Name of Reference Contract	
Client	
Contract Description	
Comparability Narrative	[insert a narrative that outlines the extent to which you feel the services are comparable to the Contracting Authorities current requirements]
Name of Client Referee	
Title/Role of Client Referee	
Telephone of Client Referee	
Email Address of Client Referee	

Tenderers Please Note: Tenderers must notify the nominated referees of the information submitted above and note that the Contracting Authority will be in contact with the nominated referees to verify and possibly seek clarification on the details supplied by the Tenderer. The nominated referees must be available to verify/clarify the supplied information at a date and time suitable to both the nominated referee and the Contracting Authority. Tenderers will either pass OR fail this selection criterion. Failure to pass this selection criterion will result in the tender being eliminated from this Competition.

3.3 AWARD CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AS A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT MEMBER

3.3.1 Appointment to the Framework Agreement for each Lot will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender(s) as identified in accordance with the criteria outlined below.

Tenderers should note that the award criteria are categorised as follows:

- A. Mandatory Requirements – evaluated on a Pass/ Fail basis only;
- B. Cost – evaluated relative to the lowest priced eligible tender and marks awarded accordingly.

The total number of marks available in respect of each Lot is one thousand (1,000).

A. Mandatory Requirements

Tenderers' responses to these requirements will be evaluated on a Pass/ Fail basis. Tenderers' submissions must meet all of the requirements within each Lot for which they wish to contest. If the Tender fails to meet any single requirement, the Tender will not be evaluated in respect of Cost and will be eliminated from further participation for the Lot under evaluation. (See Appendix 1)

Criterion	Award Criterion	Basis for Evaluation	Technical Assessment
A	Technical Merit	Pass/ Fail	Tenders will be assessed for conformance with the technical requirements as set out in Appendix 1: 1. Compliance to Specification Form 2. Height & Pricing Matrix 3. Deployment Protocol Statement and Safe System of Work Template 4. Storage Solution Specification 5. H&S and Environmental Statement 6. Material Tensile & Tear Data 7. Training Syllabus & Materials 8. Performance Certification.

B. Cost

The calculation of marks to be awarded for cost will be based on the submission of a fixed lump-sum price for a complete, deployment-ready 100 metre continuous run for each specific Lot they are submitting a proposal for (see Appendix 2 of the RFT). Failure to submit a complete cost submission will result in the tender being eliminated from the competition for the Lot under Evaluation.

Criterion	Award Criterion	Available Marks	Scoring Methodology
B	Pricing	1000	Tender must submit pricing as specified in Appendix 2: Pricing Schedule to provide a fixed price lump-sum price for a complete, deployment-ready 100 metre continuous run for the specific Lot they are submitting a proposal for. Option 1 is mandatory for any Lot being bid under and must achieve a minimum nominal protection height of 0.7m. Tenderers are advised that the evaluation of prices will be conducted solely on the basis of the price submitted for Option 1 as per Appendix 2: Pricing Schedule. Price scores will be calculated using the following formula: $\text{Price Score} = \frac{\text{Lowest Tendered Rate}}{\text{Tendered Rate under evaluation}} \times 1000$ And will be rounded to the nearest whole number of marks.

All Tenders will be ranked in their respective Lots 1 and 2, according to their total scores out of 1,000.

Where there is a tie, those Tenderers tied will have their names included in an independently witnessed draw to determine the Most Economically Advantageous Tenderer. The same process will be followed to identify the second ranked tender and so on.

Having regard to clause 1.5 of the RFT, it is anticipated that the **two** most economically advantageous tenders identified in accordance with the application of the Award Criteria set out above will be ranked according to the marks achieved for each Lot and will be selected for appointment to the Framework Agreement as Framework Members. When the Framework Client has a requirement for Goods pursuant to the Framework Agreement, the Goods will be drawn down by the Framework Client, in accordance with the procedure set out at clause 5 of the Framework Agreement (Appendix 5).

3.3.2 Subject to paragraphs 2.1 (Important Notices) and 3.5 (Standstill Period) of this RFT, appointment to the framework agreement (as determined by paragraph 3.3.1) will be conditional upon:

- (a) the Tenderer submitting the following evidence in respect of the Tenderer (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractors, as applicable in accordance with paragraph 3.1 above) to the extent not already provided, within seven (7) days of request by the Contracting Authority:
 - a Declaration in the form attached at Appendix 4;
 - 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;
 - all or any of the supporting documents specified at paragraph 3.2; and
- (b) The evidence specified at paragraph 3.2 demonstrating that each entity concerned meets the Selection Criteria and the compliance requirements specified at paragraph 3.3.
- (c) It is anticipated that the 2 most economically advantageous tenderers identified in accordance with the application of the award criteria set out at 3.3.2 will be appointed to the framework agreement as Framework Members. The award of a Goods Contract will be governed by the ranking of Framework Members as set out at clause 5 of the Framework Agreement. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award a contract to the next-highest ranked tenderer in the event that the required specification and standards are not met or in the event that the successful tenderer fails to deliver or fulfil a contract under the Framework Agreement.

3.4 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

Tenderers may be required to make a presentation of the proposal contained in their Tender. The Contracting Authority will not be responsible for the cost of such presentations (in accordance with paragraph 2.8). Performance at presentations will NOT be evaluated.

3.5 STANDSTILL PERIOD

- 3.5.1** In circumstances where the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010 (Statutory Instrument 130 of 2010), as amended by the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument 192 of 2015) and the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Statutory Instrument 327 of 2017) apply, no contract can or will be executed or take effect until at least fourteen (14) calendar days after the day on which the Tenderers have been sent a notice informing them of the result of this Competition ("Standstill Period") if such notice is sent by electronic means. The Standstill Period shall be sixteen (16) calendar days if such notice is sent by other means. The preferred bidder(s) will be notified of the decision of the Contracting Authority and of the expiry date of the Standstill Period.
- 3.5.2** Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority may, when notifying Tenderers of the results of this Competition, include the scores obtained by the Tenderer concerned and the scores obtained by the lowest ranking preferred bidder in respect of each award criterion assessed by the Contracting Authority.

3.6 RETURN OF SIGNED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT(S)

- 3.6.1** The successful Tenderer(s) must sign and return the Framework Agreement(s) in duplicate to the Contracting Authority no later than seven (7) calendar days from the date of expiry of the Standstill Period unless notified otherwise in writing by the Contracting Authority. A signed Framework Agreement returned by the successful Tenderer(s) is not binding on the Contracting Authority until the Contracting Authority has signed the Framework Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2.1.2 above.
- 3.6.2** Where the signed Framework Agreement has not been received by the Contracting Authority within the period as specified at paragraph 3.6.1 then the Contracting Authority may proceed to offer a Framework Agreement to the next highest-ranked Tenderer in accordance with paragraph 3.6.1 above.

Appendix 1: Requirements and Specifications

Tenderers must address each of the issues and requirements in this part of the RFT and submit a detailed description in each case which demonstrates how these issues and requirements will be dealt with / met and their approach to the proposed delivery of the Goods. A mere affirmative Statement by the Tenderer that it can/will do so or a reiteration of the tender requirements is NOT sufficient in this regard.

The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland (OPW) is inviting tenders for the supply of a Pump-Dependent Water-Filled Mobile Barrier Systems (Lot 1) and Hydrostatic Self-Stabilising Water-Filled Flexible Barriers (Lot 2).

Part 1: Contract Structure & Strategy for Award in Lots

The Contracting Authority intends to establish Multi-Supplier Framework Agreements for the supply of Temporary Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems.

The RFT has two (2) distinct Lots. Tenderers may submit proposals for an individual Lot, or both Lots. Each Lot represents a distinct technological approach to flexible, water-filled temporary flood defence. Each Lot will result in a separate Framework Agreement.

All proposals must include the core equipment, appropriate storage solutions, delivery and logistics, and staff training services. Systems must cater for nominal protection heights within the range of 0.3 metres to 1.3 metres.

LOT 1: Pump-Dependent Water-Filled Mobile Barrier Systems

- **Description:** Heavy-duty, flexible fabric barrier systems deployed via dynamic water inflation using external pumps. Must rely on internal or external stabilisation mechanics to resist rolling or sliding under hydrostatic pressure.

LOT 2: Hydrostatic Self-Stabilising Water-Filled Flexible Barriers

- **Description:** Rapid-deployment, flexible mobile flood barrier systems manufactured from high-tensile technical textiles. The system must operate as a self-deploying, water-activated structure that automatically opens, rises, and fills using the dynamic flow and hydrostatic weight of the oncoming floodwaters. No external pumping equipment or mechanical inflation is required for deployment.

Part 2: Universal Technical & Operational Specification

(These requirements apply universally across both Lot 1 and Lot 2)

1. Dimensional & Performance Requirements

- **Protection Height Range:** All proposed barrier systems within either Lot must be available in nominal protection heights falling within the baseline range of 0.3 metres to 1.3 metres (or modular combinations achieving these thresholds). Tenderers must explicitly state the exact protection height, wave resistance, and safe freeboard allowance for each model offered.
- **Modularity and Connection Integrity:** Systems must feature high-strength, secure coupling mechanisms that allow individual modules to interlock seamlessly, creating continuous, uninterrupted flood defence barriers of customisable lengths. The interconnected system

must maintain structural integrity under full hydrostatic load, minimising localised water bypass without creating structural weak points. The system must possess the physical versatility to safely execute directional layout runs at variable angles, explicitly including acute turns down to 45° and obtuse angles greater than 90°.

Furthermore, the system must feature dedicated end-termination interfaces or adaptive compression gaskets capable of forming a secure, reliable seal when tied into permanent vertical masonry structures, floodwalls, or natural high ground. Where a tenderer offers varying protection heights within a single Lot, these disparate barrier profiles must be fully backwards-compatible and capable of interlocking directly with one another without compromising the continuous seal.

- **Terrain Adaptability:** Barriers must conform to standard ground irregularities (such as tarmac, concrete, grass, pathways) and maintain an effective seal sufficient to minimise seepage without requiring permanent ground fixings or pre-installed foundations.
- **Overtopping Stability:** The barrier systems must be engineered to maintain stability, anchor positioning, and integrity during overtopping events of a minimum 0.2 metres.
- **Operating Environment:** Barriers must be suitable for use in fresh water, contaminated, and salt water environments. Barriers must be able to withstand collisions from floating debris.

2. Operational Benchmarks by Lot

Tenderers must explicitly state and justify their operational performance criteria, deployment rates, and staffing requirements against the following operational profiles:

- **Lot 1 (Pump-Dependent Water-Filled):** Systems must be designed for systematic, progressive configuration along the deployment line. Deployment protocols may utilise coordinated operational teams and standard high-volume pump connections. The barrier's outer skin or core structure must feature high-tensile, reinforced construction engineered to resist punctures, abrasions, and tearing from debris during dynamic flood events and accidental or deliberate damage.
- To ensure operational redundancy and structural integrity under load, systems utilising internal bladders must feature separate compartments, whilst bladderless or single-skin systems must utilise multi-chambered profiles, integrated upstream weighted skirts, or high-friction base mechanics engineered to prevent rolling, sliding, or total pressure loss in the event of localised surface damage.
- **Lot 2 (Hydrostatic Self-Stabilising Water-Filled):** Systems must offer rapid manual deployment capabilities and be deployment-ready by one or more people without the assistance of heavy lifting machinery or vehicle-mounted cranes. Units must be structurally resilient to resist debris impact and must be compactly foldable or rollable to optimise transport and depot storage logistics.

3. Integrated Storage Equipment Requirements

Every barrier system ordered must be supplied with an appropriate storage solution conforming to the following specifications:

- **Mobility & Transport:** Storage units (such as crates, heavy-duty pallets, or weatherproof containers) must be designed for rapid deployment. They must feature integrated forklift channels, pallet-handling access, or lifting eyes to allow immediate loading onto standard transport vehicles or trailers using a forklift or backhoe excavator.
- **Environmental Protection:** Storage solutions must be durable, weatherproof, and UV-resistant. The design must protect the stored barriers from pest access, dampness, UV degradation, and material rot during prolonged periods of inactivity within regional depots. Materials must be easily cleaned after use.
- **Ancillary Component Housing:** Storage units must be configured to house all necessary ancillary components (such as connectors, coupling adapters, repair kits, toolsets, and quick-start instruction sheets) alongside the primary barrier modules.

4. Health, Safety and Environmental Compliance

- **Safe System of Work (SSOW) Documentation:** Tenderers must provide a comprehensive, downloadable template or draft document outlining a formal Safe System of Work (SSOW) tailored to their specific system. This documentation must address all phases of the equipment lifecycle, including rapid emergency deployment, dynamic loading management, post-flood recovery, and safe decontamination/cleaning procedures.
- **Manual Handling & Weight Limits:** All components intended for manual deployment must strictly comply with applicable health and safety legislation regarding manual handling. Individual components requiring manual lifting by a single operative must not exceed a maximum dry weight of 25kg to ensure they can be readily moved by a single operative. Any component exceeding this weight must be explicitly highlighted by the tenderer, and alternative mechanical or multi-person handling procedures must be documented.
- **Material Safety & Eco-Toxicity:** Materials used in the construction of the barriers must be non-toxic, chemically stable, and must not leach hazardous chemicals, microplastics, or pollutants into floodwaters or the surrounding ecosystem during deployment, drying, or long-term storage.
- **Durability and Lifecycle Sustainability:** To minimise environmental impact and waste, preference will be given to systems constructed from durable materials engineered for a prolonged operational lifespan. The tenderer should provide details on the expected multi-use lifespan of the product and outline any end-of-life recycling or sustainable disposal pathways available for the materials used. Consumable items must be readily available. Consumable items for 3 deployments should be included in the delivery. A minimum of 10 deployments of 3 days and a minimum storage life of 10 years are required.

5. Delivery and Logistics

- **Delivery Scope:** The contractor must possess the logistical capability to deliver ordered equipment directly to designated end-user depots, emergency response stations, or regional stores nationwide across Ireland.
- **Logistics Plan:** Tenderers must provide delivery lead times from receipt of an official order, differentiating between standard replenishment and emergency call-off timelines. Delivery

lead time to be no longer than 8 weeks from the date of order. All equipment must arrive securely packed and clearly labelled with part numbers, weights, and dimensional data. Packages must be complete, with all components and consumables delivered together.

6. Training and Capacity Building

The contract price for each system must be fully inclusive of the following training deliverables:

- **Practical Training Sessions:** Provision of "hands-on", on-site training sessions for designated end-user operational crews and emergency responders. Training must comprehensively cover site preparation, manual handling safety, alignment, deployment, filling/anchoring mechanics, post-flood disassembly, cleaning, and long-term repacking protocols.
- **Training Programme Materials:**
 - Weatherproof "Quick-Start" deployment guides permanently affixed to, or housed within, the storage units.
 - Full operational and maintenance manuals in English (delivered in both physical and digital formats).
 - High-quality instructional video media demonstrating step-by-step deployment, connection, and packing techniques for frontline personnel.

7. Warranty

A minimum 2 years parts and labour warranty must be provided for the proposal under each lot (Lot 1 & Lot 2)

Part 3: Information to be submitted by Tenderers

(To be evaluated under "Technical Merit / Quality")

Tenderers must submit a comprehensive technical response for each individual Lot they wish to contest. The submission must include:

1. **Compliance to Specification Form:** This should summarise how compliance is demonstrated and may include references to other information below. (See separate document published with RFT – *Supply of Emergency Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems Compliance to Specification Form.*)
2. **Height & Pricing Matrix:** Clear technical catalogue confirming the specific barrier models proposed to fulfil the 0.3m to 1.3m nominal protection height range, including exact linear lengths per module when deployed.
3. **Deployment Protocol Statement and Safe System of Work Template:** A detailed methodology statement indicating the exact number of personnel required, any tools or plant needed, and estimated time to deploy a standard 100-metre run under emergency conditions.
4. **Storage Solution Specification:** Technical drawings, dimensions, unladen/laden weights, and material specifications of the proposed transportable storage containers or units.

5. **H&S and Environmental Statement:** Documentation verifying compliance with the 25kg manual lifting threshold, along with ecotoxicity data sheets and an expected lifecycle asset overview for the materials used.
6. **Material Tensile & Tear Data:** Technical data sheets confirming puncture resistance, tensile strength, and abrasion thresholds of the primary barrier fabric/textile material, alongside documented field repair protocols for addressing localised skin damage during active deployments.
7. **Training Syllabus & Materials:** A detailed curriculum for the operational end-user training session, alongside a sample or outline of the instructional video media and quick-start guides.
8. **Performance Certification:** Tenderers must provide documented independent third-party testing, physical modelling, or field validation data confirming the system's structural integrity, material suitability, deployment speed claims, seepage rates, and physical stability under full hydrostatic load and overtopping conditions.

Failure to submit the above documents may result in elimination from the competition.

Appendix 2: Pricing Schedule

Please complete the pricing schedule below in respect of each Lot for which you are tendering. An alternative pricing document should not be used. Please note that failure to complete Appendix 2 completely may result in your tender being eliminated. All prices must be exclusive of VAT; VAT rate(s), where applicable, should be indicated separately.

Table A: Complete 100m Run Package Pricing

Tenderers must provide a fixed lump-sum price for a complete, deployment-ready 100-metre continuous run for the specific Lot(s) they are submitting a proposal for.

Option 1 is mandatory for any Lot being bid under and must achieve a **minimum nominal protection height of 0.7 metres**. The lump-sum price provided for Option 1 must include all standard barrier modules, connection couplers, integrated storage containers conforming to Specification Part 2 (Section 3), and sufficient initial consumables for three (3) full deployments as mandated by Specification Part 2 (Section 4.4).

Tenderers are explicitly advised that commercial and financial evaluation/scoring under this Request for Tender will be conducted **solely on the basis of the price submitted for Option 1 (the > 0.7m)**.

Option 2 sub-options (Alternative Heights) are requested for information and framework completeness and will not form part of the baseline competitive financial scoring.

LOT 1: Pump-Dependent Water-Filled Mobile Barrier Systems

Complete this section only if tendering for Lot 1

Protection Height	Exact Offered Height (m)	Linear Length of Single Module (m)	Total Modules Required for 100m Run	Total Fixed Price for Complete 100m Package (€ Ex. VAT)	Vat Rate %
Option 1: (Must be > 0.7m)				€ _____	
Option 2A: Alternative Height (Optional)				€ _____	
Option 2B: Alternative Height (Optional)				€ _____	
Option 2C: Alternative Height (Optional)				€ _____	

LOT 2: Hydrostatic Self-Stabilising Water-Filled Flexible Barriers

Complete this section only if tendering for Lot 2

Protection Height	Exact Offered Height (m)	Linear Length of Single Module (m)	Total Modules Required for 100m Run	Total Fixed Price for Complete 100m Package (€ Ex. VAT)	Vat Rate %
Option 1: (Must be > 0.7m)				€ _____	
Option 2A: Alternative Height (Optional)				€ _____	
Option 2B: Alternative Height (Optional)				€ _____	
Option 2C: Alternative Height (Optional)				€ _____	

Table B: Individual Component Pricing

To allow the Contracting Authority to procure custom or non-standard operational run lengths (e.g., a 45m run or a 250m run) under **Specification Part 1**, provide the individual, unbundled unit rates for all primary and ancillary system hardware components.

Note: These rates will be utilised for framework component top-ups and variations.

Component Category	Description of Component Offered	Unit of Measure	Unit Rate (€ Ex. VAT)	Vat Rate %
Primary Barrier Unit	Standard individual water-filled module/bladder section conforming to Section 2 (Specify standard length supplied, e.g., 10m).	Per Unit	€ _____	
Standard Connector	Inline joining mechanism / coupling interface used to link modules together conforming to Section 1.2.b	Per Unit	€ _____	
Angle / Corner Solution	Dedicated angle module, corner junction piece, or specialized connection method if required to achieve shifts in layout direction (e.g., 45° or 90°). <i>Note: Insert "N/A" if the system achieves radius turns naturally through flexible positioning conforming to Section 1.2.b</i>	Per Unit	€ _____	
Structural End Termination	Wall-matching compression seal / structural tie-in kit for anchoring safely to permanent masonry or concrete structures conforming to Section 1.2.b	Per Kit	€ _____	

Component Category	Description of Component Offered	Unit of Measure	Unit Rate (€ Ex. VAT)	Vat Rate %
Deployment Consumable Pack	Post-Framework Replenishment Pack (gaskets, sealing tape, or liners) required <i>after</i> the initial 3-deployment packs supplied under Table A are exhausted	Per Pack	€ _____	
Dedicated Storage Container	Heavy-duty pallet crate / container with excavator lifting eyes conforming to Section 3	Per Unit	€ _____	

Table C: Ancillary Services & Regional Logistics

To ensure absolute compliance with transport and nation-wide delivery requirements outlined in **Specification Part 2 (Section 5)**, these rates must link directly to the corresponding items in the Compliance Sheet.

Item Ref	Service Element	Unit of Measure	Fixed Rate (€ Ex. VAT)	Vat Rate %
5.1	Delivery to any location within Ireland <i>(Cross-referenced to Compliance Item 5.1)</i>	Flat rate per 100m run package	€ _____	
5.4	Custom duties and third-party import costs <i>(Cross-referenced to Compliance Item 5.4)</i>	Fixed cost assignment per 100m run package	€ _____	

Appendix 3: Tenderer's Statement

[Tenderers shall complete and return the following form of Tenderer's Statement printed on the Tenderer's headed notepaper and signed by the Tenderer.]

TENDERER'S STATEMENT

TO: Insert name of the Framework Client (the "Contracting Authority")

RE: Request for Tenders for the Provision of Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems

Having examined your Request for Tenders (the "RFT") including the Instructions to Tenderers, the Selection and Award Criteria, the Requirements and Specifications, and the Terms and Conditions of the Framework Agreement and the Goods Contract, we hereby agree and declare the following:

1. We understand the nature and extent of the Goods required to be delivered as described in Requirements and Specifications at Appendix 1 to the RFT
2. We accept all of the Terms and Conditions of:
 - a) the RFT;
 - b) the Framework Agreement and agree that, if offered appointment to the framework, we will execute the Framework Agreement at Appendix 5 of the RFT and the Confidentiality Agreement at Appendix 7 of the RFT;
 - c) the Goods Contract and agree if awarded any contract pursuant to the Framework Agreement to execute the Goods Contract at Appendix 6 to the RFT.
3. We accept all the Selection and Award Criteria as set out in Part 3 of the RFT.
4. We agree to provide the Goods in accordance with the RFT and our Tender, if awarded any Goods Contract pursuant to a Framework Agreement.
5. We agree that, if awarded any contract pursuant to a Framework Agreement that we shall, in the performance of such contract, comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law.
6. We confirm that we have complied with all requirements as set out at Part 2 of the RFT.
7. We confirm that all prices quoted in our Tender will remain valid for the period of time commencing from the Tender Deadline specified at paragraph 2.10.3 of the RFT.
8. We shall, if awarded any Goods Contract pursuant to a Framework Agreement, have in place on the Effective Date of the Goods Contract all insurances (if any) as required by paragraph 2.21.1 of the RFT.
9. We confirm that all Data Subjects whose Personal Data is provided in our Tender 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. Any subcontractor, supplier or other entity on whose capacity we rely as part of our Tender 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)

Tenderer:

Print name:

Address :

Date:

Appendix 4: Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Tenderer

Re: Request for Tenders for the Provision of Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems

NAME: [\[Click here and insert name\]](#)

ADDRESS: [\[Click here and insert address\]](#)

I, [\[Click here and insert name of Declarant\]](#), of [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am a [\[Click here and insert role of Declarant\]](#) of [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) and am authorised by [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) *to make this declaration which relates to a tender ("the Tender") submitted* [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) in response to the above RFT.
2. Neither [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) nor any person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) nor any person who has powers of representation, decision or control in [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) has:
 - a. ever 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. ever 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 the law of the state in [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#) is established.
 - c. ever 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. ever 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. ever 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. ever 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.
3. [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#):
 - a. Is not in breach and has not breached its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.
 - b. has carried out the preparation of the Tender independently;
4. [\[Click here and insert name of entity\]](#):
 - a. 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 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016).
 - b. 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.
 - c. Is not guilty of grave professional misconduct.
 - d. has not entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition.

- e. is not aware of any conflict of interest due to its participation in the Competition;
 - f. has not had any prior involvement in the preparation of the Competition;
 - g. has not shown 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.
 - h. 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 Competition and did not withhold such information and did not fail or is not able to submit supporting documents in respect of this Competition as required under Regulation 59 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016).
 - i. has not undertaken to unduly influence the decision-making process of the Contracting Authority in respect of the Competition, or obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in respect of the Competition; or negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.
5. [Click here and insert name of entity] does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 or 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same);
 6. The origin of goods connected to the Tender, if any, are not subject to the prohibition set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same);
 7. Any subcontractor, supplier or other entity on whose capacity [Click here and insert name of entity] relies as part of the Tender 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).

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 tenders, 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

Declared before me by _____ who is personally known to me

(or who is identified to me by _____ who is personally known to me)
or*

at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20____

(signed)

Practising Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths

* Please include such other form of identification used to identify the Declarant as permitted by the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938 (as amended)

Appendix 5: Framework Agreement

Framework Agreement for the provision of Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems

THIS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IS MADE ON THE [DATE E.G. 2ND] DAY OF [MONTH] 20 [YEAR]:

("the Framework Agreement")

BETWEEN:

[Insert name of the Framework Client], whose offices are located at [Address] ("the Contracting Authority");
and

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

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

WHEREAS:

1. By Request for Tenders advertised in the supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union, OJEU Notice Number [] of [] and entitled "[]" ("the RFT") the Contracting Authority invited economic operators ("Tenderers") to participate in a framework agreement for the provision of the goods described in Appendix 1 of the RFT (the "Goods"). References to the RFT shall include any clarifications in relation to the RFT 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 Framework Agreement.
2. The Framework Member submitted a response to the RFT dated [insert date of tender] ("the Submission"). References to the Submission shall include any clarifications issued in writing by the Framework Member 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 Framework Agreement.
3. The Framework Member was appointed to the framework as a result of the evaluation of its Submission in accordance with the RFT.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

“Commencement Date” means _____;

“Contract” means a contract which is awarded in accordance with this Framework Agreement

“Goods Contract” means the template contract attached at Appendix 6 to the RFT;

“Framework Client” means the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland and Local Authorities in Ireland as identified at paragraph 1.3 of the RFT who may award Contracts pursuant to this Framework Agreement;

“Framework Term” means the period set out in Clauses 2.5 and 2.6 of this Framework Agreement;

“Month” means a calendar month;

“Prime Contractor” has the meaning set out in Part 1, paragraph 2.5 of the RFT;

“Subcontractor” has the meaning set out in Part 1, paragraph 2.5 of the RFT;

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

- 1.1 To the extent that any specific provision in a Contract is inconsistent or conflicts with any term or condition of this Framework 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 Framework 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 FRAMEWORK MEMBER, SCOPE AND TERM OF THE FRAMEWORK 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 Framework Member, the Framework Member accepts its appointment as the [relevant ranking to be inserted] Framework Member under the provisions of this Framework Agreement.
- 2.2 This Framework Agreement does not entitle the Framework Member to be consulted in respect of, or awarded any Contract during the Framework Term. The Framework Client may at its sole discretion choose not to enter into any Contract pursuant to this Framework 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 awarded in connection with this Framework Agreement and the Parties acknowledge that the Framework Client is not bound to enter into any Contract or other arrangement with the Framework Member as a result of entering into this Framework Agreement. Without prejudice to the foregoing the Framework Member hereby acknowledges that the Contracting Authority intends (but shall be under no obligation) to promote the Framework Agreement and to encourage use of the Framework Agreement by the Framework Client and the Framework Member may be required to provide reasonable assistance in this respect.
- 2.4 This Framework Agreement does not confer exclusivity on any Framework Member. The Framework Client may at its sole discretion opt to carry out a separate contract award procedure for contracts falling within the scope of this Framework Agreement. In this event, the Framework Client shall observe all obligations at law and shall not afford any advantage to the Framework Member.
- 2.5 This Framework Agreement shall take effect on the Commencement Date and expire two year (24 months) thereafter ("the Framework Term") unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Framework Agreement.
- 2.6 The Contracting Authority reserves the right, at its discretion and subject to its obligations at law, to extend the Framework Term for a period of up to one year (1) with a maximum of two (2) of such extensions on the same terms and conditions.
- 2.7 The Contracting Authority would refer the Framework Member in particular to the provisions of Regulation EU 2022/1031 on the access of third country economic operators, goods and services to the Union's public procurement and concession markets and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (International Procurement Instrument – IPI), and to its obligation to comply therewith.

3. NOT USED

4. GOODS CONTRACT

- 4.1 This Framework Agreement relates to the provision of the Goods.
- 4.2 Where the Framework Member is awarded a Contract further to the procedure set out in accordance with clauses 5, it shall provide the Goods to the Framework Client(s) in accordance with the Goods

Contract. Subject to the provisions of this Framework Agreement and to the satisfaction of any pre-conditions to the award of a Goods Contract, the successful Framework Member shall be required to enter into the Goods Contract with the Framework Client for the delivery of any Goods required pursuant to the Framework Agreement.

5. PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF CONTRACTS

- 5.1 On each occasion that the Framework Client requires Goods pursuant to the Framework Agreement, the Framework Client shall notify the Framework Member(s) in accordance with the procedure as set out in this clause 5. The Framework Client shall furnish the relevant Framework Member with a Goods Contract in the form set out at Appendix 6 to the RFT (the “Goods Contract”).
- 5.2 The award of a Contract pursuant to the Framework Agreement will be via direct award using cascade and in accordance with the ranking system determined as a result of the evaluation of Tenders pursuant to the Competition.
- 5.3 In respect of the requirement for Goods and subject to the highest ranked Framework Member confirming to the Framework Client **within 7 days** of notification that that it has the capacity to deliver the Goods, the Framework Client shall proceed to award a Contract to that Framework Member. In circumstances where the relevant Framework Member informs the Framework Client that it does not have the capacity to deliver the Goods, the Framework Client may proceed to award a Contract to the next highest ranked Framework Member.
- 5.4 This procedure for awarding contracts shall be repeated for each additional requirement for Goods in accordance with the ranking of Framework Members as determined by the evaluation of Tenders pursuant to the Competition.
- 5.7 In each instance where the Framework Client notifies the relevant Framework Member of a requirement for Goods, the Framework Member shall within the specified time period send a notification to the Framework Client as to whether it is willing to enter into a Goods Contract. If an appropriate response is not received within the specified time period, the Framework Client reserves the right to move on to the next highest ranked Framework Member.
- 5.8 Any clarifications requested by a Framework Member in relation to the terms of a Goods Contract must be submitted in writing by email to the Framework Client.
- 5.9 The Framework Client shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the Framework Member in the preparation of a response to a requirement for Goods.
- 5.10 The Framework Member, on award of a Contract by the Framework Client agrees to deliver the Goods in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Goods Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, the delivery of the Goods shall not commence unless and until a Goods Contract has been completed by or on behalf of both the Framework Member and the Framework Client.
- 5.11 No enforceable commitment of any kind, contractual or otherwise will exist unless and until a formal written Goods Contract has been executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority in accordance with the process set out at clause 5 of this Agreement.
- 5.12 The Framework Client may cancel the request for Goods at any time prior to execution by it of a Goods Contract. Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Framework Client shall not give rise to any enforceable rights.

- 5.13 Unless and until a Goods Contract is executed in accordance with this Clause 5 by the Framework Client, discussions, submissions and negotiations between a Framework Client and a Framework Member regarding the provision of the Goods shall be treated as non-contractual and shall not create binding obligations on the parties. Upon execution by the Framework Member of a Goods Contract the Framework Member shall comply with all obligations under the Goods Contract and the Confidentiality Agreement for the benefit of the Framework Client.
- 5.14 For the avoidance of doubt, the Framework Client is not under any obligation to purchase any minimum value of Goods under a Framework Agreement.

6. NOT USED

7. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 7.1 This Framework 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

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

9. TAX CLEARANCE

- 9.1 The Framework Member shall comply with all applicable EU and domestic taxation laws and requirements.
- 9.2 Prior to the award of any Contract, the Framework 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 Framework Client. By supplying these numbers the Framework Member acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Tenderer to verify its tax cleared position online. Where relevant, the provisions of this paragraph 9.2 apply equally to Subcontractors.

10. ANTI COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

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

11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

12. REGISTERABLE INTEREST

- 12.1 Any registerable interest involving a Framework Member and the Contracting Authority/ Framework 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 Framework Member after the submission of a Response, it must be communicated to the Contracting Authority / Framework Client 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/Framework Client and the Framework Member must be treated as being strictly confidential. The Framework Member undertakes to comply with all reasonable directions of the Contracting Authority/Framework 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 Framework Member pursuant to clause 13.2 below. All of the Framework 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/ Framework Client, to sign a confidentiality agreement in a format as determined by the Contracting Authority/Framework Client.

- 13.2 The Framework Member shall execute a Confidentiality Agreement in the form set out at Appendix 7 to the RFT.
- 13.3 No publicity regarding this Framework Agreement or any or Contract pursuant to this Framework Agreement is permitted unless and until the Contracting Authority/Framework Client 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 Framework 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.
- 14.2 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. GIFTS

- 15.1 The Framework Member shall not offer, give or agree to give to any person holding an office in the Contracting Authority/Framework 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/Framework Client may terminate this Framework Agreement and any existing Contract(s) respectively and recover from the Framework Member any loss resulting from any such termination.

16. COSTS AND EXPENSES OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

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

17. TERMINATION

- 17.1 This Framework Agreement may be terminated by the Contracting Authority, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving one (1) month's written notice to the Framework Member.
- 17.2 The Contracting Authority shall have the right (in addition to its rights under clause 17.1 and any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Framework Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages on the happening of any of the following events:
- 17.2.1 if the Framework Member commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any provision of this Framework 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 from the Contracting Authority. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a failure to comply with the Framework Agreement management provisions as set out in Annex 1 to this Framework Agreement shall be deemed to be a serious breach of this Framework Agreement;

- 17.2.2 if the Framework Member commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any Contract awarded pursuant to this Framework Agreement and fails to remedy such breach(es) to the reasonable satisfaction of the Contracting Authority/Framework Client, within 30 days after a receipt of a request in writing from the Contracting Authority or any Framework Client.
- 17.2.3 in circumstances where the Contracting Authority becomes aware of any change of status on the part of the Framework Member which brings the Framework Member 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)
- 17.2.4 if the Framework 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;
- 17.2.5 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 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) apply to the Framework Member;
- 17.2.6 in circumstances where the Contracting Authority becomes aware of any conflict of interest on the part of the Framework Member which cannot, in the opinion of the Contracting Authority, be removed by other means; and
- 17.2.7 in circumstances where the Contracting Authority becomes aware of any registrable interest on the part of the Framework Member.
- 17.3 Subject to clause 17.2.2, the termination of a Contract awarded under this Framework Agreement does not affect the validity of this Framework Agreement.
- 17.4 Termination of this Framework Agreement shall not affect any antecedent and accrued rights, obligations or liabilities of either Party, nor shall it affect any provision of this Framework Agreement which is expressly or by implication intended to come into or continue in force on or after such termination.

18. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- 18.1 The Framework Member acknowledges that the Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014. Information furnished to the Contracting Authority by the Framework Member may be released pursuant to the Contracting Authority's statutory obligations. If the Framework Member considers that any of the information supplied by it to the Contracting Authority under this Framework 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 will consult

the Framework Member about this 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.

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 Contractor senior contact] within the Contractor 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 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 Mediators’ Institute of 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 Contractor 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 90 days of the commencement of the mediation, either party may apply to the Irish courts at any time thereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Framework 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	SIGNED by _____, being an Officer so authorised by the FRAMEWORK MEMBER
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in the presence of: Witness	in the presence of: Witness
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Appendix 6: Goods Contract

Insert name of the Framework Client

and

Insert successful Framework Member's full legal name

AGREEMENT

Relating to the Supply of Goods pursuant to

Request for Tenders for the supply of Mobile Water-Filled Flood Barrier Systems

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE ON THE [DATE E.G. 2ND] DAY OF [MONTH] 20[YEAR] BETWEEN:

Insert name of the Framework Client, 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 "Supply of (6 inch) Trailer Mounted Mobile Dewatering Pumps" 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").

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.
- H. In the case of public procurement procedures which are subject to an IPI measure as well as in the case of contracts awarded based on a framework agreement, where the estimated value of those contracts is equal to or above the values set out in Article 4 of Directive 2014/24 EU and where those framework agreements are subject to an IPI measure, within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031, the Contractor shall comply with the following obligations:
 - i. not to subcontract more than 50% of the total value of the contract to economic operators originating in a third country which is subject to an IPI measure;
 - ii. for contracts whose subject matter covers the supply of goods, to ensure for the duration of the contract that goods or services supplied or provided in the execution of the contract and originating in the third country which is subject to the IPI measure represent no more than 50% of the total value of the contract, irrespective of whether such goods or services are supplied or provided directly by the successful tenderer or by a subcontractor;
 - iii. to provide , upon request, adequate evidence corresponding to point (i) or (ii) above;
 - iv. to pay a proportionate charge, in the event of non-observance of the obligations referred to at point (i) or (ii) above, of between 10% and 30% of the total value of the contract.

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. *Not Used*
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. 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 5% per week, or part thereof, for each week of late delivery of the value of the entire relevant invoice or order as liquidated damages up to a maximum amount of 20%. 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 seven (7) 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 seven (7) 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 seven (7) 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 2 years 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;
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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

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- 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.
- A.**

- 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. *Not Used*
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:
10%
("the Retention Amount") which Retention Amount shall not at any given time exceed 10 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 14 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 one (1) month written notice to the Contractor. This Agreement may be terminated by the Contractor, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving one (1) month 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:
 - (i) that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor
 - (ii) that the Contractor (or its subcontractor(s), if any) falls 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)
- 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 the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Irish Branch 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. For the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same), the Client may require information from the Contractor in relation to the status of the proposed subcontractor(s) including, but not limited to, in respect of natural persons, copies of identity documents and, in respect of legal persons, a certificate or extract from the commercial register or other competent authority of the country in which the person is established.

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

Not Used

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]/[insert name of Framework Client] of [insert address] (hereinafter “the Client”) of the one part; and [Framework Member's legal name] of [Framework Member's address] (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) of the other part.

WHEREAS

- A. By Request for Tenders dated [insert date] entitled [insert title] (the “RFT”) the [insert name of Contracting Authority] invited tenders (“Tenders”) for the provision of the Goods described in Appendix 1 to the RFT (the “Goods”) (“the Competition”). The Contractor submitted a response to the RFT dated the [insert date of Tender].
The Contractor and the [Insert name of Contracting Authority] have entered into a framework agreement dated [insert date] (“the Framework Agreement”).
- B. For the purposes of the tender process referred to in the RFT (the “Competition”), the Framework 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 Client.

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 Client 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 Client 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 Client, the supply 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 Framework 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 Commission 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 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 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 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 Client with regard to the use and application of all and any Confidential Information or data (including personal data as defined in the Data Protection Laws);
 - 6.2 to comply with all directions as to local security arrangements deemed reasonably necessary by the Client including, if required, completion of documentation under the Official Secrets Act 1963 and comply with any vetting requirements of the Client including by police authorities;
 - 6.3 upon termination of the Competition (or the Framework Agreement or the Contract) for whatever reason to furnish to the Client all Confidential Information or at the written direction of the Client to destroy in a secure manner all (or such part or parts thereof as may be identified by the Contracting Authority and/or any Framework 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 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 Client and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

8. The Contractor shall, in the performance of the Framework Agreement and any Contract, access only such hardware, software, infrastructure, or any part of the databases, data or ICT system(s) of the Client as may be necessary for the purposes of the Competition (and obligations thereunder or arising therefrom) and only as directed by the 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 Framework 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. The Contractor acknowledges that the Contractor is a data controller (within the meaning of the Data Protection Laws) in respect of any personal data (within the meaning of the Data Protection Laws) provided to or received by the Contractor from the Client or any third party for the purposes of provision of the Services under this Agreement and shall comply with its legal obligations as a data controller under the Data Protection Laws.

The terms of this clause 11 shall survive expiry, completion or termination for whatever reason of this Agreement.

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