

**ANNEX B –****DRAFT FRAMEWORK SERVICE CONTRACT****Provision of Building Alteration and Repair Services****F-SE-14-T05**

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (hereinafter referred to as ‘the contracting authority’), and with its seat at Schwarzenbergplatz 11, Vienna 1040, Austria, represented for the purposes of the signature of this framework contract by [to be completed], [to be completed]

on the one part, and

**[official name in full]**

[official legal form]

[statutory registration number]

[official address in full]

[VAT registration number]

hereinafter referred to as ‘the contractor’, represented for the purposes of the signature of this Contract by [forename, surname and function]

*[In case of a joint offer: 'The parties identified above and hereinafter collectively referred to as 'the contractor' shall be jointly and severally liable vis-à-vis the contracting authority for the performance of this contract.]'*

on the other part

HAVE AGREED

the **special conditions**, the **general conditions** for service framework contracts, the **model Fixed Price Specific Contract** and the following Annexes:

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| Annex I   | Tender and Technical Specifications (Invitation to Tender No F-SE-14-T05 of XX/XX/2014).              |
| Annex II  | Contractor's Tender of [to be completed] – Original archived at the Contracting authority's premises. |
| Annex III | Bank Identification Form and Legal Entities File  |
| Annex IV  | Power of Attorney   |

which form an integral part of this framework contract (hereinafter referred to as ‘the FWC’).

- The terms set out in the special conditions shall take precedence over those in the other parts of the FWC.
- The terms set out in the general conditions shall take precedence over those in the model order form and model specific contract
- The terms set out in the model order form and model specific contract shall take precedence over those in the other annexes.
- The terms set out in the tender specifications (Annex I) shall take precedence over those in the tender (Annex II).
- The terms set out in the framework contract shall take precedence over those in the order forms and specific contracts.
- The terms set out in the specific contracts/order forms shall take precedence over those in the requests for services.
- The terms set out in the requests for services shall take precedence over those in the specific tenders.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **1.1 SUBJECT MATTER**

**1.1.1** The subject matter of the FWC is the provision of building alteration and repair services to the contracting authority.

**1.1.2** Signature of the FWC imposes no obligation on the contracting authority to purchase. Only performance of the FWC through order forms or specific contracts is binding on the contracting authority.

#### **1.1.3 Multiple framework contract**

The contractor is selected for a multiple FWC with reopening of competition between [to be completed] contractors.

### **1.2 ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION**

**1.2.1** The FWC shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last party.

**1.2.2** Under no circumstances may performance commence before the date on which the FWC enters into force. Execution of the tasks may under no circumstances begin before the date on which the order form or specific contract enters into force.

**1.2.3** The FWC is concluded for a period of one (1) year with effect from the date on which it enters into force. Unless otherwise is specified, all periods specified in the FWC are calculated in calendar days.

**1.2.4** The order forms or specific contracts shall be signed before the FWC expires.

The FWC shall continue to apply to such order forms and specific contracts after its expiry. They shall be executed no later than six (6) months after its expiry.

#### **1.2.5 FWC renewal**

The FWC shall be renewed automatically up to three (3) times under the same conditions, unless written notification to the contrary is sent by one of the parties and received by the other three months before expiry of the period indicated in Article 1.2.3. Renewal does not imply any modification or deferment of existing obligations.

### **1.3 PRICES**

**1.3.1** The maximum amount of the FWC shall be EUR [to be completed] excluding VAT. However, this must in no way be construed as a commitment on the contracting authority to purchase for the maximum amount.

The maximum prices of the services shall be as listed in Annex II.

#### **1.3.2 Price revision**

Prices shall be fixed and not subject to revision during the first year of duration of the FWC.

At the beginning of the second year and every following year of the FWC, 80% of each price may be revised upwards or downwards, if such revision is requested by one of the parties in writing no later than three months before the anniversary of the date on which it was signed. The other party shall acknowledge receipt within 15 days of reception of the request. The new prices shall be communicated as soon as the final index is available. The contracting authority shall purchase on the basis of the prices in force on the date on which order forms or specific contracts are signed by both parties. Such prices shall not be subject to revision.

This revision shall be determined by the trend in the harmonised consumer price index (HICP) MUICP published for the first time by the Eurostat monthly 'Data in focus' publication at <http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>.

Revision shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$Pr = Po \left( 0.2 + 0.8 \frac{I_r}{I_o} \right)$$

where

Pr = revised price;

Po = price in the original tender;

Io = index for the month corresponding to the final date for submission of tenders;

Ir = index for the month corresponding to the date of receipt of the request to revise prices.

## **1.4 PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT**

### **1.4.1 Multiple framework contract with reopening of competition**

Within 15 calendar days of a request for services being sent by the contracting authority to the contractors, the contracting authority shall receive the specific tender back, duly signed and dated. In the event of failure to observe these conditions the contractor shall be considered to waive its participation in the specific competition. The contracting authority may sign a specific contract with the contractor who has submitted the best specific tender on the basis of the award criteria set out in the tender specifications.

Within seven working days of a specific contract being sent by the contracting authority to the contractor, the contracting authority shall receive it back, duly signed and dated. The period allowed for the execution of the tasks shall start to run on the date indicated in the specific contract.

The specific tender shall be rejected if the contracting authority established that the contractor has conflicting interests which may negatively affect performance of the specific contract.

### **1.4.2 Pre-financing**

For specific contracts of an amount greater than EUR 60,000 and following signature of the specific contract by the last party and its receipt by the contracting authority, the contractor may request a pre-financing payment of 20% of the total price of the specific contract. The contracting authority shall make the payment within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the invoice. The contracting authority may refuse to make payments where the award procedure or performance of the order form or specific contract prove to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities or fraud attributable to the contractor.

### **1.4.3 Interim payment**

No interim payments are foreseen.

### **1.4.4 Payment of the balance**

The contractor shall submit an invoice for payment of the balance together with the Task Acceptance Form duly signed by the contracting authority which will serve as Provisional Acceptance Certificate.

The contracting authority shall make the payment thirty (30) days from receipt of the invoice.

*[Where VAT is due in Belgium, the provisions of the contract constitute a request for VAT exemption No 450, Article 42, paragraph 3.3 of the VAT code (circular 2/1978), provided the contractor includes the following statement in the invoice(s): 'Exonération de la TVA, Article 42, paragraphe 3.3 du code de la TVA (circulaire 2/1978)' or an equivalent statement in the Dutch or German language.]*

*[Where VAT is due in Luxembourg, the contractor shall include the following statement in the invoices: 'Commande destinée à l'usage officiel de l'Union européenne. Exonération de la TVA Article 43 § 1 k 2ième tiret de la loi modifiée du 12.02.79.' In case of intra-Community purchases, the statement to be included in the invoices is: 'For the official use of the European Union. VAT Exemption / European Union/ Article 151 of Council Directive 2006/112/EC.']*

## **1.5 Bank account**

Payments shall be made to the contractor's bank account denominated in euro, identified as follows:

Name of bank: [to be completed]

Full address of branch: [ to be completed]

Exact designation of account holder: [ to be completed]

Full account number including bank codes: [ to be completed]

IBAN code: [ to be completed]

BIC code: [ to be completed]

## **1.6 COMMUNICATION DETAILS AND DATA CONTROLLER**

For the purpose of Article 2.6, the data controller shall be the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency.

Communications shall be sent to the following addresses:

Contracting authority:

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights  
to the attention of Mr Constantinos Manolopoulos  
Schwarzenbergplatz 11,  
Vienna 1040,  
Austria  
E-mail: procurement@fra.europa.eu

Contractor:

Mr/Mrs/Ms *[complete]*

*[Function]*

*[Company name]*

*[Official address in full]*

*[Email]*

## **1.7 APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

**1.7.1** The FWC shall be governed by Union Law, complemented, where necessary, by the national law of Austria.

**1.7.2** Any dispute between the parties in relation to the interpretation, application or validity of the FWC which cannot be settled amicably shall be brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

## **1.8 EXPLOITATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE FWC**

### **1.8.1 Modes of exploitation**

Not applicable

### **1.8.2 Pre-existing rights, intermediaries, creators' rights**

Not applicable

## **1.9 TERMINATION BY EITHER PARTY**

Either party may, unilaterally and without being required to pay compensation, terminate either the FWC or the FWC and order forms or specific contracts by formally notifying the other party

and by giving one month's notice. Should the contracting authority terminate the FWC, order forms or specific contracts, the contractor shall only be entitled to payment corresponding to the part-performance of the services ordered before the termination date. The first paragraph of Article 2.14.3 shall apply.

## 1.10 FISCAL PROVISIONS

The contracting authority is in respect of its financial interest in this FWC exempt from all duties and taxes, including value added tax.

The contractor is subject to Value Added Tax. The Value Added Tax registration No. of the contractor is: [to be completed].

If the contractor is not exempt from Value Added and other Taxes, he shall make available to the contracting authority, upon request, all supporting documents which the contracting authority might need in order to apply to the tax authorities for the reimbursement pursuant to Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union of any duties and taxes paid in the course of the performance of this FWC.

Where the contractor is exempt from Value Added Tax, he is required to submit proof from to this effect from his tax authorities or by a professional, who enjoys special public trust (certified accountant, attorney).

If the FWC is subject to VAT outside Austria, but within the scope of application of Council Directive 2006/112/EC, the contractor declares to accept (for submission to the relevant tax authorities) the duly completed form according to Art. 151 of the specified directive, and to invoice the contracting authority the net price of the contract i.e. excluding VAT. In this case, the contracting authority will only pay the net price of the FWC.

## SIGNATURES

For the Contractor,

For the Contracting authority,

[name]

[name]

[function]

[function]

signature[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

signature[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

Done at \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Done at Vienna date: \_\_\_\_\_

In duplicate in English.

## **2 GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE FRAMEWORK CONTRACTS**

### **2.1 PERFORMANCE OF THE FWC**

- 2.1.1** The contractor shall perform the FWC to the highest professional standards.
- 2.1.2** The contractor shall be solely responsible for taking the necessary steps to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the FWC under the laws and regulations in force at the place where the tasks assigned to him are to be executed.
- 2.1.3** Without prejudice to Article 2.4 any reference made to the contractor's personnel in the FWC shall relate exclusively to individuals involved in the performance of the FWC.
- 2.1.4** The contractor must ensure that the personnel performing the FWC possesses the professional qualifications and experience required for the execution of the tasks assigned to it.
- 2.1.5** The contractor shall neither represent the contracting authority nor behave in any way that would give such an impression. The contractor shall inform third parties that it does not belong to the European public service.
- 2.1.6** The contractor shall be solely responsible for the personnel who executes the tasks assigned to him.

The contractor shall stipulate the following employment or service relationships with its personnel:

- personnel executing the tasks assigned to the contractor may not be given orders directly by the contracting authority;
  - the contracting authority may not under any circumstances be considered to be the employer of the personnel referred to in point (a) and the personnel shall undertake not to invoke against the contracting authority any right arising from the contractual relationship between the contracting authority and the contractor.
- 2.1.7** In the event of disruption resulting from the action of one of the contractor's personnel working on the contracting authority's premises or in the event that the expertise of one of the contractor's personnel fails to correspond to the profile required by the FWC, the contractor shall replace him without delay. The contracting authority shall have the right to make a reasoned request for the replacement of any such personnel. The replacement personnel must have the necessary qualifications and be capable of performing the FWC under the same contractual conditions. The contractor shall be responsible for any delay

in the execution of the tasks assigned to him resulting from the replacement of personnel.

- 2.1.8** Should the execution of the tasks be directly or indirectly hampered, either partially or totally, by any unforeseen event, action or omission, the contractor shall immediately and on its own initiative record it and report it to the contracting authority. The report shall include a description of the problem and an indication of the date on which it started and of the remedial action taken by the contractor to ensure full compliance with its obligations under this FWC. In such an event the contractor shall give priority to solving the problem rather than determining liability.
- 2.1.9** Should the contractor fail to perform its obligations under the FWC or order form or specific contract, the contracting authority may - without prejudice to its right to terminate the FWC order form or specific contract or - reduce or recover payments in proportion to the scale of the unperformed obligations. In addition, the contracting authority may claim compensation or impose liquidated damages in accordance with Article 2.12.

## **2.2 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION**

- 2.2.1** Any communication relating to the FWC or to its performance shall be made in writing and shall bear the FWC number, and if applicable the order form or specific contract number. Any communication is deemed to have been made when it is received by the receiving party unless otherwise provided for in this FWC.
- 2.2.2** Electronic communication shall be deemed to have been received by the parties on the day of dispatch of that communication provided it is sent to the addressees listed in Article 1.6. Without prejudice to the preceding, if the sending party receives a message of non-delivery to or of absence of the addressee, it shall make every effort to ensure the actual receipt of such communication by the other party.

Electronic communication shall be confirmed by an original signed paper version of that communication if requested by any of the parties provided that this request is submitted without unjustified delay. The sender shall send the original signed paper version without unjustified delay.

- 2.2.3** Mail sent using the postal services is deemed to have been received by the contracting authority on the date on which it is registered by the department responsible referred to in Article 1.6.

Any formal notification shall be made by registered mail with return receipt or equivalent, or by equivalent electronic means.

## **2.3 LIABILITY**

- 2.3.1** The contractor shall be solely responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on it.
- 2.3.2** The contracting authority shall not be held liable for any damage caused or sustained by the contractor, including any damage caused by the contractor to third parties during or as a consequence of performance of the FWC, except in the event of wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the contracting authority.
- 2.3.3** The contractor shall be held liable for any loss or damage sustained by the contracting authority in performance of the FWC, including in the event of subcontracting, and for any claim by a third party, but only to an amount not exceeding three times the total amount of the relevant order form or specific contract. Nevertheless, if the damage or loss is caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the contractor or of its personnel or subcontractors, the contractor shall have unlimited liability for the amount of the damage or loss.
- 2.3.4** The contractor shall indemnify and hold the Union harmless for all damages and costs incurred due to any claim. The contractor shall provide compensation in the event of any action, claim or proceeding brought against the contracting authority by a third party as a result of damage caused by the contractor during the performance of the FWC. In the event of any action brought by a third party against the contracting authority in connection with the performance of the FWC including any alleged breach of intellectual property rights, the contractor shall assist the contracting authority. Such expenditure incurred by the contractor may be borne by the contracting authority.
- 2.3.5** The contractor shall take out an insurance policy against risks and damage relating to the performance of the FWC if required by the relevant applicable legislation. It shall take out supplementary insurance as reasonably required by standard practice in the industry. A copy of all the relevant insurance contracts shall be sent to the contracting authority should it so request.

## **2.4 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

- 2.4.1** The contractor shall take all the necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. Such situation arises where the impartial and objective performance of the FWC is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties, or any other shared interest.
- 2.4.2** Any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interest during the performance of the FWC shall be notified to the contracting authority in writing without delay. The contractor shall immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify the situation. The

contracting authority reserves the right to verify that the steps taken are appropriate and may require that additional steps be taken within a specified deadline.

**2.4.3** The contractor declares that it has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain and has not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, when such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, in so far as it serves as an incentive or reward relating to the performance of the FWC.

**2.4.4** The contractor shall pass on all the relevant obligations in writing to its personnel and to any natural person with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf and ensure that it is not placed in a situation which could give rise to conflicts of interest. The contractor shall also pass on all the relevant obligations in writing to third parties involved in the performance of the FWC including subcontractors.

## **2.5 CONFIDENTIALITY**

**2.5.1.** The contracting authority and the contractor shall treat with confidentiality any information and documents, in any form, disclosed in writing or orally in relation to the performance of the FWC and identified in writing as confidential.

The contractor shall:

- (a) not use confidential information and documents for any purpose other than fulfilling its obligations under the FWC, order form or specific contract without prior written agreement of the contracting authority;
- (b) ensure the protection of such confidential information and documents with the same level of protection it uses to protect its own confidential information, but in no case any less than reasonable care;
- (c) not disclose directly or indirectly confidential information and documents to third parties without prior written agreement of the contracting authority.

**2.5.2** The confidentiality obligation set out in Article 2.5.1 shall be binding on the contracting authority and the contractor during the performance of the FWC and for five years starting from the date of the payment of the balance unless:

- (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party from the confidentiality obligation earlier;

(b) the confidential information becomes public through other means than in breach of the confidentiality obligation, through disclosure by the party bound by that obligation;

(c) the disclosure of the confidential information is required by law.

**2.5.3** The contractor shall obtain from any natural person with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf, as well as from third parties involved in the performance of the FWC, order form or specific contract an undertaking that they will comply with the confidentiality obligation set out in Article 2.5.1.

## **2.6 PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

**2.6.1** Any personal data included in the FWC shall be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Such data shall be processed by the data controller solely for the purposes of the performance, management and monitoring of the FWC without prejudice to its possible transmission to the bodies charged with monitoring or inspection tasks in application of Union law.

**2.6.2** The contractor shall have the right to access its personal data and the right to rectify any such data. The contractor should address any queries concerning the processing of its personal data to the data controller.

**2.6.3** The contractor shall have right of recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

**2.6.4** Where the FWC requires the processing of personal data by the contractor, the contractor may act only under the supervision of the data controller, in particular with regard to the purposes of the processing, the categories of data which may be processed, the recipients of the data and the means by which the data subject may exercise his rights.

**2.6.5** The contractor shall grant personnel access to the data to the extent strictly necessary for the performance, management and monitoring of the FWC.

**2.6.6** The contractor undertakes to adopt appropriate technical and organisational security measures having regard to the risks inherent in the processing and to the nature of the personal data concerned in order to:

(a) prevent any unauthorised person from gaining access to computer systems processing personal data, and especially:

- i. unauthorised reading, copying, alteration or removal of storage media;
  - ii. unauthorised data input, as well as any unauthorised disclosure, alteration or erasure of stored personal data;
  - iii. unauthorised use of data-processing systems by means of data transmission facilities;
- (b) ensure that authorised users of a data-processing system can access only the personal data to which their access right refers;
- (c) record which personal data have been communicated, when and to whom;
- (d) ensure that personal data being processed on behalf of third parties can be processed only in the manner prescribed by the contracting authority;
- (e) ensure that, during communication of personal data and transport of storage media, the data cannot be read, copied or erased without authorisation;
- (f) design its organisational structure in such a way that it meets data protection requirements.

## **2.7 SUBCONTRACTING**

- 2.7.1** The contractor shall not subcontract without prior written authorisation from the contracting authority nor cause the FWC to be de facto performed by third parties.
- 2.7.2** Even where the contracting authority authorises the contractor to subcontract to third parties, it shall nevertheless remain bound by its contractual obligations and shall be solely responsible for the proper performance of this FWC.
- 2.7.3** The contractor shall make sure that the subcontract does not affect rights and guarantees granted to the contracting authority by virtue of this FWC, notably by Article 2.18.

## **2.8 AMENDMENTS**

- 2.8.1** Any amendment to the FWC or order form or specific contract shall be made in writing before fulfilment of all contractual obligations. An order form or a specific contract may not be deemed to constitute an amendment to the FWC.
- 2.8.2** The amendment may not have the purpose or the effect of making changes to the FWC or to order forms or specific contracts which might call into question the decision awarding the FWC, order form or specific contract or result in unequal treatment of tenderers or contractors.

## **2.9 ASSIGNMENT**

- 2.9.1** The contractor shall not assign the rights, including claims for payments, and obligations arising from the FWC, in whole or in part, without prior written authorisation from the contracting authority.
- 2.9.2** In the absence of such authorisation, or in the event of failure to observe the terms thereof, the assignment of rights or obligations by the contractor shall not be enforceable against the contracting authority and shall have no effect on it.

## **2.10 OWNERSHIP OF THE RESULTS - INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

### **2.10.1 Definitions**

In this FWC the following definitions apply:

- (1) 'results' means any intended outcome of the performance of the FWC which is delivered and finally accepted by the contracting authority.
- (2) 'creator' means any natural person who contributed to the production of the result and includes personnel of the contracting authority or a third party.
- (3) 'pre-existing rights' means any industrial and intellectual property rights, including background technology, which exist prior to the contracting authority or the contractor ordering them for the purpose of the FWC performance and include rights of ownership and use by the contractor, the creator, the contracting authority and any other third parties.

### **2.10.2 Ownership of the results**

The ownership of the results shall be fully and irrevocably acquired by the contracting authority under the FWC including any rights in any of the results listed in the FWC and order forms or specific contracts, including copyright and other intellectual or industrial property rights, and all technological solutions and information contained therein, produced in performance of the FWC. The contracting authority may exploit them as stipulated in this FWC or order forms or specific contracts. All the rights shall be acquired by the contracting authority from the moment the results are delivered by the contractor and accepted by the contracting authority. Such delivery and acceptance are deemed to constitute an effective assignment of rights from the contractor to the contracting authority.

The payment of the price as set out in the order forms or specific contracts is deemed to include any fees payable to the contractor in relation to the acquisition of ownership of rights by the contracting authority including all forms of use of the results.

The acquisition of ownership of rights by the contracting authority under this FWC covers all territories worldwide.

Any intermediary sub-result, raw data, intermediary analysis made available by the contractor cannot be used by the contracting authority without the written consent of the contractor, unless

the FWC or specific contract or order form explicitly provides for it to be treated as a self-contained result.

### **2.10.3 Licensing of pre-existing rights**

The contracting authority shall not acquire ownership of the pre-existing rights.

The contractor shall license the pre-existing rights on a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable basis to the contracting authority which may use the pre-existing right as foreseen in Article 1.8.1 or in order forms or specific contracts. All the pre-existing rights shall be licensed to the contracting authority from the moment the results were delivered and accepted by the contracting authority.

The licensing of pre-existing rights to the contracting authority under this FWC covers all territories worldwide and is valid for the whole duration of intellectual property rights protection.

### **2.10.4 Modes of exploitation**

The contracting authority shall acquire ownership of each of the results produced as an outcome of the FWC which may be used for any of the following purposes:

- (1) giving access upon individual requests without the right to reproduce or exploit, as provided for by Regulation 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents;
- (2) storage of the original and copies made in accordance with this FWC or specific contract or order form;
- (3) archiving in line with the document management rules applicable to the contracting authority.

### **2.10.5 Identification and evidence of granting of pre-existing rights and rights of third parties**

When delivering the results, the contractor shall warrant that they are free of rights or claims from creators and third parties including in relation to pre-existing rights, for any use envisaged by the contracting authority. This does not concern the moral rights of natural persons.

The contractor shall establish to that effect a list of all pre-existing rights and rights of creators and third parties on the results of this FWC or parts thereof. This list shall be provided no later than the date of delivery of the final results.

In the result the contractor shall clearly point out all quotations of existing textual works. The complete reference should include as appropriate: name of the author, title of the work, date and place of publication, date of creation, address of publication on internet, number, volume and other information which allows the origin to be easily identified.

Upon request by the contracting authority, the contractor shall provide evidence of ownership or rights to use all the listed pre-existing rights and rights of third parties except for the rights owned by the contracting authority.

This evidence may refer, inter alia, to rights to: parts of other documents, images, graphs, tables, data, software, technical inventions, know-how etc. (delivered in paper, electronic or other form), IT development tools, routines, subroutines and/or other programs ("background technology"), concepts, designs, installations or pieces of art, data, source or background materials or any other parts of external origin.

The evidence shall include, as appropriate:

- (a) the name and version number of a software product;
- (b) the full identification of the work and its author, developer, creator, translator, data entry person, graphic designer, publisher, editor, photographer, producer;
- (c) a copy of the licence to use the product or of the agreement granting the relevant rights to the contractor or a reference to this licence;
- (d) a copy of the agreement or extract from the employment contract granting the relevant rights to the contractor where parts of the results were created by its personnel;
- (e) the text of the disclaimer notice if any.

Provision of evidence does not release the contractor from its responsibilities in case it is found that it does not hold the necessary rights, regardless of when and by whom this fact was revealed.

The contractor also warrants that it possesses the relevant rights or powers to execute the transfer and that it has paid or has verified payment of all due fees including fees due to collecting societies, related to the final results.

### **2.10.6 Creators**

By delivering the results the contractor warrants that the creators undertake not to oppose that their names be recalled when the results are presented to the public and confirms that the results can be divulged. Names of authors shall be recalled on request in the manner communicated by the contractor to the contracting authority.

The contractor shall obtain the consent of creators regarding the granting of the relevant rights and be ready to provide documentary evidence upon request.

### **2.10.7 Persons appearing in photographs or films**

If natural, recognisable persons appear in a result or their voice is recorded the contractor shall submit a statement of these persons (or of the persons exercising parental authority in case of

minors) where they give their permission for the described use of their image or voice on request by the contracting authority. This does not apply to persons whose permission is not required in line with the law of the country where photographs were taken, films shot or audio records made.

### **2.10.8 Copyright for pre-existing rights**

When the contractor retains pre-existing rights on parts of the results, reference shall be inserted to that effect when the result is used as set out in Article 1.8.1 with the following disclaimer: © - year - European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. All rights reserved. Certain parts are licensed under conditions to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

### **2.10.9 Visibility of Union funding and disclaimer**

When making use of the results, the contractor shall declare that they have been produced within a contract with the Union and that the opinions expressed are those of the contractor only and do not represent the contracting authority's official position. The contracting authority may waive this obligation in writing.

## **2.11 FORCE MAJEURE**

**2.11.1** 'Force majeure' means any unforeseeable and exceptional situation or event beyond the parties' control which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the FWC, which was not attributable to error or negligence on their part or on the part of subcontractors and which proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising due diligence. Any default of a service, defect in equipment or material or delays in making them available, unless they stem directly from a relevant case of force majeure, as well as labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties, cannot be invoked as force majeure.

**2.11.2** A party faced with force majeure shall formally notify the other party without delay, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

**2.11.3** The party faced with force majeure shall not be held in breach of its contractual obligations if it has been prevented from fulfilling them by force majeure. Where the contractor is unable to fulfil its contractual obligations owing to force majeure, it shall have the right to remuneration only for the tasks actually executed.

**2.11.4** The parties shall take all the necessary measures to limit any damage due to force majeure.

## **2.12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

The contracting authority may impose liquidated damages should the contractor fail to complete its contractual obligations, also with regard to the required quality level, according to the tender specifications.

Should the contractor fail to perform its contractual obligations within the time limits set by the FWC or the relevant order form or specific contract, then, without prejudice to the contractor's actual or potential liability or to the contracting authority's right to terminate the FWC or the relevant order form or specific contract, the contracting authority may impose liquidated damages for each and every calendar day of delay according to the following formula:

$$0.3 \times (V/d)$$

$V$  is the price of the relevant purchase;

$d$  is the duration specified in the relevant order form or specific contract or, failing that, the period between the date specified in Article 2.4.1 and the date of delivery or performance specified in the relevant order form or specific contract, expressed in calendar days

The contractor may submit arguments against this decision within 30 days of receipt of the formal notification. In the absence of a reaction on its part or of written withdrawal by the contracting authority within 30 days of the receipt of such arguments, the decision imposing the liquidated damages shall become enforceable.

The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that any sums payable under this article are in the nature of liquidated damages and not penalties, and represent a reasonable estimate of fair compensation for the losses incurred due to failure to fulfil obligations which may be reasonably anticipated.

## **2.13 SUSPENSION OF THE CONTRACT**

### **2.13.1 Suspension by the contractor**

The contractor may suspend the performance of the FWC or order form or specific contract or any part thereof if a case of force majeure makes such performance impossible or excessively difficult. The contractor shall inform the contracting authority about the suspension without delay, giving all the necessary reasons and details and the envisaged date for resuming the performance of the FWC, order form or specific contract.

Once the circumstances allow resuming performance, the contractor shall inform the contracting authority immediately, unless the contracting authority has already terminated the FWC, order form or specific contract.

### **2.13.2 Suspension by the contracting authority**

The contracting authority may suspend the performance of the FWC or order form or specific contract or any part thereof:

- (a) if the FWC or order form or specific contract award procedure or the performance of the FWC prove to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities or fraud;
- (b) in order to verify whether presumed substantial errors, irregularities or fraud have actually occurred.

Suspension shall take effect on the day the contractor receives formal notification, or at a later date where the notification so provides. The contracting authority shall as soon as possible give notice to the contractor to resume the service suspended or inform the contractor that it is proceeding with termination of the FWC or order form or specific contract. The contractor shall not be entitled to claim compensation on account of suspension of the FWC or order form or specific contract or of part thereof.

## **2.14 TERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

### **2.14.1 Grounds for termination**

The contracting authority may terminate the FWC, an order form or a specific contract respectively in the following circumstances:

- (a) if a change to the contractor's legal, financial, technical or organisational or ownership situation is likely to affect the performance of the FWC or order form or specific contract substantially or call into question the decision to award the FWC;
- (b) if execution of the tasks under a pending order form or a specific contract has not actually commenced within 15 days of the date foreseen, and the new date proposed, if any, is considered unacceptable by the contracting authority, taking into account article 2.8.2;
- (c) if the contractor does not perform the FWC or an order form or specific contract as established in the tender specifications or request for service or fails to fulfil another substantial contractual obligation; termination of three or more order forms or specific contracts on this ground shall constitute ground for termination of the FWC;
- (d) in the event of force majeure notified in accordance with article 2.11 or if the performance of the FWC or order form or specific contract has been suspended by the contractor as a result of force majeure, notified in accordance with article 2.13, where either resuming performance is impossible or the modifications to the FWC or order form or specific contract might call into question the decision awarding the FWC or

order form or specific contract, or result in unequal treatment of tenderers or contractors;

- (e) if the contractor is declared bankrupt, is being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (f) if the contractor or any natural person with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf has been found guilty of professional misconduct proven by any means;
- (g) if the contractor is not in compliance with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the applicable law of this FWC or those of the country where the FWC is to be performed;
- (h) if the contracting authority has evidence that the contractor or any natural persons with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf have committed fraud, corruption, or are involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- (i) if the contracting authority has evidence that the contractor or any natural persons with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf have committed substantial errors, irregularities or fraud in the award procedure or the performance of the FWC, including in the event of submission of false information;
- (j) if the contractor is unable, through its own fault, to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the FWC or order form or specific contract;
- (k) if the needs of the contracting authority change and it no longer requires new services under the FWC;
- (l) when due to the termination of the FWC with one or more of the contractors there is no minimum required competition within the multiple framework contract with reopening of competition.

### **2.14.2 Procedure for termination**

When the contracting authority intends to terminate the FWC or order form or specific contract it shall formally notify the contractor of its intention specifying the grounds thereof. The contracting authority shall invite the contractor to make any observations and, in the case of point (c) of Article 2.14.1, to inform the contracting authority about the measures taken to

continue the fulfilment of its contractual obligations, within 30 days from receipt of the notification.

If the contracting authority does not confirm acceptance of these observations by giving written approval within 30 days of receipt, the termination procedure shall proceed. In any case of termination the contracting authority shall formally notify the contractor about its decision to terminate the FWC or order form or specific contract. In the cases referred to in points (a), (b), (c), (e), (g), (j), (k) and (l) of Article 2.14.1 the formal notification shall specify the date on which the termination takes effect. In the cases referred to in points (d), (f), (h), and (i) of Article 2.14.1 the termination shall take effect on the day following the date on which notification of termination is received by the contractor.

### **2.14.3 Effects of termination**

In the event of termination, the contractor shall waive any claim for consequential damages, including any loss of anticipated profits for uncompleted work. On receipt of the notification of termination, the contractor shall take all the appropriate measures to minimise costs, prevent damages, and cancel or reduce its commitments. The contractor shall have 60 days from the date of termination to draw up the documents required by the special conditions or order forms or specific contracts for the tasks already executed on the date of termination and produce an invoice if necessary. The contracting authority may recover any amounts paid under the FWC.

The contracting authority may claim compensation for any damage suffered in the event of termination.

On termination the contracting authority may engage any other contractor to execute or complete the services. The contracting authority shall be entitled to claim from the contractor all extra costs incurred in this regard, without prejudice to any other rights or guarantees it may have under the FWC.

## **2.15 REPORTING AND PAYMENTS**

### **2.15.1 Date of payment**

Payments shall be deemed to be effected on the date when they are debited to the contracting authority's account.

### **2.15.2 Currency**

The FWC shall be in euros.

Payments shall be executed in euros or in the local currency as provided for in Article 1.5.

Conversion between the euro and another currency shall be made according to the daily euro exchange rate published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or, failing that, at the

monthly accounting exchange rate established by the European Commission and published on its website, applicable on the day on which the payment order is issued by the contracting authority.

### **2.15.3 Costs of transfer**

The costs of the transfer shall be borne in the following way:

- (a) costs of dispatch charged by the bank of the contracting authority shall be borne by the contracting authority,
- (b) cost of receipt charged by the bank of the contractor shall be borne by the contractor,
- (c) costs for repeated transfer caused by one of the parties shall be borne by the party causing repetition of the transfer.

### **2.15.4 Invoices and Value Added Tax**

Invoices shall contain the contractor's identification, the amount, the currency and the date, as well as the FWC reference and reference to the order form or specific contract.

Invoices shall indicate the place of taxation of the contractor for value added tax (VAT) purposes and shall specify separately the amounts not including VAT and the amounts including VAT.

The contracting authority is, as a rule, exempt from all taxes and duties, including VAT, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union.

The contractor shall accordingly complete the necessary formalities with the relevant authorities to ensure that the supplies and services required for performance of the FWC are exempt from taxes and duties, including VAT exemption.

### **2.15.5 Pre-financing and performance guarantees**

Pre-financing guarantees shall remain in force until the pre-financing is cleared against interim payments or payment of the balance and, in case the latter takes the form of a debit note, three months after the debit note is notified to the contractor. The contracting authority shall release the guarantee within the following month.

Performance guarantees shall cover performance of the service in accordance with the terms set out in the request for services until its final acceptance by the contracting authority. The amount of the performance guarantee shall not exceed the total price of the order form or specific contract. The guarantee shall provide that it remains in force until final acceptance. The contracting authority shall release the guarantee within a month following the date of final acceptance.

Where, in accordance with Article 1.4, a financial guarantee is required for the payment of pre-financing, or as performance guarantee, it shall fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) the financial guarantee is provided by a bank or an approved financial institution or, at the request of the contractor and agreement by the contracting authority, by a third party;
- (b) the guarantor stands as first-call guarantor and does not require the contracting authority to have recourse against the principal debtor (the contractor).

The cost of providing such guarantee shall be borne by the contractor.

### **2.15.6 Interim payments and payment of the balance**

The contractor shall submit an invoice for interim payment upon delivery of intermediary results, accompanied by a progress report or any other documents, as provided for in Article 1.4 or in the tender specifications or in the order form or specific contract.

The contractor shall submit an invoice for payment of the balance within 60 days following the end of the period referred to in Article 1.2.2, accompanied by a final progress report or any other documents provided for in Article 1.4 or in the tender specifications or in the order form or specific contract.

Upon receipt, the contracting authority shall pay the amount due as interim or final payment, within the periods specified in Article 1.4, provided the invoice and documents have been approved and without prejudice to Article 2.15.7. Approval of the invoice and documents shall not imply recognition of the regularity or of the authenticity, completeness and correctness of the declarations and information they contain.

Payment of the balance may take the form of recovery.

### **2.15.7 Suspension of the time allowed for payment**

The contracting authority may suspend the payment periods specified in Article 1.4 at any time by notifying the contractor that its invoice cannot be processed, either because it does not comply with the provisions of the FWC, or because the appropriate documents have not been produced.

The contracting authority shall inform the contractor in writing as soon as possible of any such suspension, giving the reasons for it.

Suspension shall take effect on the date the notification is sent by the contracting authority. The remaining payment period shall start to run again from the date on which the requested information or revised documents are received or the necessary further verification, including on-the-spot checks, is carried out. Where the suspension period exceeds two months, the contractor may request the contracting authority to justify the continued suspension.

Where the payment periods have been suspended following rejection of a document referred to in the first paragraph and the new document produced is also rejected, the contracting authority reserves the right to terminate the order form or specific contract in accordance with Article 2.14.1(c).

### **2.15.8 Interest on late payment**

On expiry of the payment periods specified in Article 1.4, and without prejudice to Article 2.15.7, the contractor is entitled to interest on late payment at the rate applied by the European Central Bank for its main refinancing operations in Euros (the reference rate) plus eight points. The reference rate shall be the rate in force on the first day of the month in which the payment period ends, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

The suspension of the payment period in accordance with Article 2.15.7 may not be considered as a late payment.

Interest on late payment shall cover the period running from the day following the due date for payment up to and including the date of actual payment as defined in Article 2.15.1.

However, when the calculated interest is lower than or equal to EUR 200, it shall be paid to the contractor only upon request submitted within two months of receiving late payment.

## **2.16 REIMBURSEMENTS**

**2.16.1** Where provided by the special conditions or by the tender specifications, the contracting authority shall reimburse the expenses that are directly connected with execution of the tasks on production of original supporting documents, including receipts and used tickets, or failing that, on production of copies or scanned originals, or on the basis of flat rates.

**2.16.2** Travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed, where appropriate, on the basis of the shortest itinerary and the minimum number of nights necessary for overnight stay at the destination.

**2.16.3** Travel expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:

- (a) travel by air shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of an economy class ticket at the time of the reservation;
- (b) travel by boat or rail shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of a first class ticket;
- (c) travel by car shall be reimbursed at the rate of one first class rail ticket for the same journey and on the same day;

In addition, travel outside Union territory shall be reimbursed provided the contracting authority has given its prior written consent.

**2.16.4** Subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed on the basis of a daily subsistence allowance as follows:

- (a) for journeys of less than 200 km for a return trip, no subsistence allowance shall be payable;
- (b) daily subsistence allowance shall be payable only on receipt of supporting documents proving that the person concerned was present at the destination;
- (c) daily subsistence allowance shall take the form of a flat-rate payment to cover all subsistence expenses, including meals, local transport which includes transport to and from the airport or station, insurance and sundries;
- (d) daily subsistence allowance shall be reimbursed at the flat rates specified in Article 1.3;
- (e) accommodation shall be reimbursed on receipt of supporting documents proving the necessary overnight stay at the destination, up to the flat-rate ceilings specified in Article 1.3.

**2.16.5** The cost of shipment of equipment or unaccompanied luggage shall be reimbursed provided the contracting authority has given prior written authorisation.

**2.16.6.** Conversion between the euro and another currency shall be made as specified in Article 2.15.2.

## **2.17 RECOVERY**

**2.17.1** If an amount is to be recovered under the terms of the FWC, the contractor shall repay the contracting authority the amount in question according to the terms and by the date specified in the debit note.

**2.17.2** If the obligation to pay the amount due is not honoured by the date set by the contracting authority in the debit note, the amount due shall bear interest at the rate indicated in Article 2.15.8. Interest on late payments shall cover the period from the day following the due date for payment up to and including the date when the contracting authority receives the full amount owed.

Any partial payment shall first be entered against charges and interest on late payment and then against the principal amount.

- 2.17.3** If payment has not been made by the due date, the contracting authority may, after informing the contractor in writing, recover the amounts due by offsetting them against any amounts owed to the contractor by the Union or by the European Atomic Energy Community or by calling in the financial guarantee, where provided for in Article 1.4 or in the specific contract.

## **2.18 CHECKS AND AUDITS**

- 2.18.1** The contracting authority and the European Anti-Fraud Office may check or have an audit on the performance of the FWC. It may be carried out either directly by its own staff or by any other outside body authorised to do so on its behalf.

Such checks and audits may be initiated during the performance of the FWC and during a period of five years which starts running from the date of expiry of the FWC.

The audit procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the contracting authority. Audits shall be carried out on a confidential basis.

- 2.18.2** The contractor shall keep all original documents stored on any appropriate medium, including digitised originals when they are authorised by national law and under the conditions laid down therein, for a period of five years which starts running from the date of expiry of the FWC.

- 2.18.3** The contractor shall allow the contracting authority's staff and outside personnel authorised by the contracting authority the appropriate right of access to sites and premises where the FWC is performed and to all the information, including information in electronic format, needed in order to conduct such checks and audits. The contractor shall ensure that the information is readily available at the moment of the check or audit and, if so requested, that information be handed over in an appropriate form.

- 2.18.4** On the basis of the findings made during the audit, a provisional report shall be drawn up. It shall be sent to the contractor, which shall have 30 days following the date of receipt to submit observations. The final report shall be sent to the contractor within 60 days following the expiry of that deadline.

On the basis of the final audit findings, the contracting authority may recover all or part of the payments made and may take any other measures which it considers necessary.

- 2.18.5** By virtue of Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspection carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities and Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigation conducted by the European Anti-

Fraud Office (OLAF), the OLAF may also carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with the procedures laid down by Union law for the protection of the financial interests of the Union against fraud and other irregularities. Where appropriate, the findings may lead to recovery by the contracting authority.

- 2.18.6** The Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the contracting authority, notably right of access, for the purpose of checks and audits.

**FIXED PRICE DRAFT SPECIFIC CONTRACT No [to be completed]**

**Implementing Framework Contract No [to be completed]**

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (hereinafter referred to as 'the contracting authority'), with its seat at Schwarzenbergplatz 11, Vienna 1040, Austria, which is represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by [forename, surname and function]

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**[official name in full]**

[official legal form]

[statutory registration number]

[official address in full]

[VAT registration number]

[(hereinafter referred to as 'the contractor'), [represented for the purposes of the signature of this specific contract by [forename, surname and function]

[The parties identified above and collectively referred to as 'the contractor' shall be jointly and severally liable vis-à-vis the contracting authority for the performance of this specific contract']

of the other part

**HAVE AGREED**

**3.1 SUBJECT MATTER**

**3.1.1** This specific contract implements Framework Contract (FWC) No [complete] signed by the contracting authority and the contractor on [complete date].

**3.1.2** The subject matter of this specific contract is [short description of subject].

**3.1.3** The contractor undertakes, in accordance with the terms set out in the FWC and in this specific contract and the annex[es] thereto, which form an integral part thereof, to perform the tasks specified in Annex I.

**3.2 ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION**

**3.2.1** This specific contract shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last party.

**3.2.2** The duration of the execution of the tasks shall not exceed [complete] [days/weeks/months]. Execution of the tasks shall start from [the date of entry into force of this specific contract] or [insert date].

The period of execution of the tasks may be extended only with the express written agreement of the parties before such period elapses.

### **3.3 PERFORMANCE AND LOCATION**

**3.3.1** Signature by the contracting authority of the Task Acceptance Form attached in Annex III shall provide evidence of the work performed.

**3.3.2** The tasks shall be performed at the contractor's premises, unless otherwise specified in Annex I.

### **3.4 PRICE AND PAYMENTS**

**3.4.1** The maximum total price to be paid under this specific contract shall be EUR [amount in figures and in words] covering all tasks executed.

**3.4.2** This amount shall cover all expenditure incurred by the contractor in performing this specific contract. No reimbursable expenses are foreseen.

**3.4.3** In conformity with Articles 1.4 of the special conditions and 2.15 of the general conditions of the FWC, the invoicing procedures for the services, once accepted by the contracting authority, are as follows:

[For specific contracts of a contract amount below EUR 60,000.00:

- 100% on completion of the work, based on a Tasks Acceptance Form signed by the contracting authority in accordance with the form in Annex III (to be attached to the invoice)]

[For specific contracts of a contract amount above EUR 60,000.00:

- a pre-financing payment of 20 % of the total price of the specific contract
- payment of the balance upon completion of the work, based on Tasks Acceptance Form signed by the contracting authority in accordance with the form in Annex III (to be attached to the invoice)]

**3.4.4** Payments shall be made to account No [to be completed] held with [to be completed] on production of the invoice showing separately the amount of the services and the VAT applied and within no more than [30/60]<sup>1</sup> calendar days from the date the invoice is received by the department indicated in article 3.4.5 below. Invoices presented by the contractor shall indicate his place of taxation for VAT purposes and shall specify separately the amounts not including VAT from those amounts including VAT. The

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<sup>1</sup> 30 days when no technical report is foreseen; 60 when technical reports is foreseen.

payment shall be deemed to have been effected on the day the Contracting Authority's financial account is debited.

**3.4.5** The address for invoices is:

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights  
to the attention of the Administration Department  
Schwarzenbergplatz 11,  
Vienna 1040,  
Austria

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[Option: for contractors for which VAT is due in Belgium]

[Where VAT is due in Belgium, the provisions of this specific contract constitute a request for VAT exemption No 450, Article 42, paragraph 3.3 of the VAT code (circular 2/1978), provided the contractor includes the following statement in the invoice(s): 'Exonération de la TVA, Article 42, paragraphe 3.3 du code de la TVA (circulaire 2/1978) ' or an equivalent statement in the Dutch or German language.]

[Option: for contractors for which VAT is due in Luxembourg]

[Where VAT is due in Luxembourg, the contractor shall include the following statement in the invoices: 'Commande destinée à l'usage officiel de l'Union européenne. Exonération de la TVA Article 43 § 1 k 2ième tiret de la loi modifiée du 12.02.79. ' In case of intra-Community purchases, the statement to be included in the invoices is: 'For the official use of the European Union. VAT Exemption / European Union/ Article 151 of Council Directive 2006/112/EC. ']

**3.5 SUBCONTRACTING**

[Subcontracting is not allowed]

or

[In accordance with article 2.7 of the general conditions, the contractor has been permitted to subcontract.

Tasks stated in Annex I may be performed by the subcontractor [name subcontractor, address], entirely at the risk of the contractor.

Without prejudice to the contracting authority's other rights under article 2.7 of the general conditions, if the contractor fails to meet his obligations, the specific contract with the contracting authority may be terminated in accordance with Article 2.14.1 c) of the general conditions. This clause applies throughout the terms of the specific contract.]

**3.6 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE**

No performance guarantee will be required.

### **3.7 USE OF RESULTS**

[Not applicable]

### **3.8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

The persons responsible for implementing this specific contract are:

For the contracting authority:

Administrative matters: [name and telephone number]

Technical matters: [name and telephone number]

For the contractor: [name and telephone number]

Administrative matters: [name and telephone number]

Technical matters: [name and telephone number]

All communication relating to the implementation of this specific contract must be in the form of written correspondence and be sent to the appropriate responsible persons.

### **[3.9 PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORKS**

**3.9.1** When the Contractor considers that it has completed the works, it shall request an on-site inspection together with representatives of the contracting authority. At that time, a "provisional works completion report" shall be signed, including:

- a) confirmation that the works have been carried out in accordance with the description in Annex I of the specific contract, with the possible exception of work which is incomplete or has visible faults;
- b) a description of the incomplete work or faults.

**3.9.2** The problems described in the provisional works completion report will be remedied within no more than 15 days of signature of that report, either directly by the contractor or by the contracting authority with the contractor bearing the costs.

When the period of 7 days after signature of that report has elapsed, if the contractor has fulfilled the above obligations, the contractor - or failing that, the contracting authority - shall request an on-site inspection to be carried out jointly with the contracting authority's representatives. The parties will then carry out a provisional acceptance inspection to check that the contractor has executed all the works according to the terms of the Annexes.

If the works fail the provisional acceptance inspection, the contracting authority will be free to apply the terms of Article 2.12 and to proceed to terminate the contract in accordance with the terms of Article 2.14.

**3.9.3** If the works pass the provisional acceptance inspection, the Task Acceptance Form, which will serve as Provisional Acceptance Certificate, will be signed by the contracting authority.

**3.9.4** Immediately after provisional acceptance, the contracting authority may make use of all the works as completed.

**3.10** **DEFECTS LIABILITY PERIOD**

**3.10.1** The defects liability period shall commence on the date of signature of the provisional acceptance certificate and shall have a duration of 365 days from that date.

**3.10.2** During the defects liability period, the contractor shall be responsible for making good any defect in, or damage to, any part of the works which may appear or occur during the defects liability period and which arises either from:

**(a)** the use of defective plant or materials or faulty workmanship or design of the Contractor; and/or

**(b)** any act or omission of the contractor during the defects liability period.

**3.10.3** The contractor shall at his own cost make good the defect or damage as soon as practicable. The defects liability period for all items replaced or renewed shall recommence from the date when the replacement or renewal was made to the satisfaction of the contracting authority.

**3.10.4** If any such defect appears or such damage occurs, during the period referred to in Article 3.9.1, the contracting authority shall notify the contractor. If the contractor fails to remedy a defect or damage within the time limit stipulated in the notification, the contracting authority may:

**(a)** carry out the works himself, or employ someone else to carry out the works, at the contractor's risk and cost, in which case the costs incurred by the contracting authority shall be deducted from monies due to or from guarantees held against, the contractor, or from both; or

**(b)** terminate the contract.

**3.10.5** If the defect or damage is such that the contracting authority has been deprived substantially of the whole or a part of the benefit of the works, the contracting authority shall, without prejudice to any other remedy, be entitled to recover all sums paid in respect of the parts of the works concerned together with the cost of dismantling such parts and clearing the site.

**3.10.6** In case of emergency, where the contractor cannot be reached immediately or, having been reached, is unable to take the measures required, the contracting authority may have the work carried out at the expense of the contractor. The contracting authority shall as soon as practicable inform the contractor of the action taken.

**3.10.7** After provisional acceptance and without prejudice to the defects liability referred to in Article 1.12.1, the contractor shall no longer be responsible for risks which may affect the works and which result from causes not attributable to him. However, the contractor shall be responsible as from the date of provisional acceptance for the soundness of the construction, as laid down in the in the law of the state of the contracting authority.

### **3.11 FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORKS**

**3.11.1** Upon the expiration of the defects liability period and when all defects or damage have been rectified, the contracting authority shall issue to the contractor a final acceptance certificate stating the date on which the contractor completed his obligations under the contract to the contracting authority's satisfaction. The final acceptance certificate shall be given by the contracting authority within 30 days after the expiration of the above stated period, or as soon as any works ordered under Article 3.10 have been completed to the satisfaction of the contracting authority.

**3.11.2** The works shall not be considered as completed until the final acceptance certificate has been signed by the contracting authority, with a copy to the contractor.

**3.11.3** Notwithstanding the issue of the final acceptance certificate, the contractor and the contracting authority shall remain liable for the fulfilment of any obligation incurred under the contract prior to the issue of the final acceptance certificate, which remains unperformed at the time such final acceptance certificate is issued. The nature and extent of any such obligation shall be determined by reference to the provisions of the contract.

### **3.12 INSURANCE**

**3.12.1** The contractor shall insure in the joint names of the contracting authority and himself against loss or damage for which he is liable under the contract. Such insurance shall cover:

**(a)** the works, together with materials and plant for incorporation therein, to the full replacement cost against all loss or damage from whatever cause arising other than from force majeure or risks attributable under the contract to the contracting authority;

**(b)** an additional sum of 15% of such replacement cost to cover any additional costs of and incidental to the rectification of loss or damage including professional fees and the cost of demolishing and removing any part of the works and of removing debris of whatever nature;

**(c)** the contractor's equipment and other things brought onto the site by the Contractor, for a sum sufficient to provide their replacement at the site.

**3.12.2** The contractor may substitute the insurance provided for in Article 3.12.1 by a global policy of insurance which covers, inter alia, the elements of Article 3.12.1 (a), (b) and (c).

In such case, the contractor shall notify the insurer of the contracting authority's interest.

**3.12.3** The contractor shall take out insurance covering his liability with regard to industrial accidents and civil liabilities to any person employed by him on the works, to the contracting authority and any employee of that authority, arising from the execution of the works. Such liability shall be unlimited in the case of personal injuries.

**3.12.4** The contractor shall take out insurance covering liability with regard to risks and civil liability resulting from an act or omission attributed to him, to his legal successors or agents.

Furthermore, he shall ensure that all his sub-contractors have taken out a similar insurance.

**3.12.5** All the insurance referred to in this Article shall be taken out within 30 days of the notification of the award of the contract, and shall be subject to approval by the contracting authority. Such insurance shall take effect from the commencement of the works and remain in force until final acceptance of the works. The contractor shall produce to the contracting authority the insurance policy and shall furnish proof of regular payment of premiums without delay whenever he is required to do so by the contracting authority.

**3.12.6** Notwithstanding the obligations of the contractor to insure in accordance with Article 3.12, the contractor shall be solely liable and shall indemnify the contracting authority against any claims by third parties for damage to property or personal injuries arising from the execution of the works by the Contractor, his sub-contractors and employees in connection with the works.]<sup>2</sup>

### **3.13 ANNEXES**

The following documents are annexed to the specific contract and form an integral part of it:

Annex I: Technical Annex/Description of the Tasks  
Annex II: Contractor's specific tender  
Annex III: Task Acceptance Form

### **SIGNATURES**

For the Contractor,

For the Contracting Authority,

[name]

[name]

[function]

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<sup>2</sup> Clauses to be included in case of works specific contracts.

signature[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

signature[s]: \_\_\_\_\_

Done at \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Done at [ ] date: \_\_\_\_\_

In duplicate in English.

**ANNEX I**

**Technical Annex/Description of the Tasks**

**ANNEX II**

**Contractor's specific tender**

**ANNEX III**

**Task Acceptance Form**

**ANNEX III –TASK ACCEPTANCE FORM**

**FOR SPECIFIC CONTRACT No [to be completed]**

**UNDER FRAMEWORK CONTRACT No F-SE-14-T05-[to be completed]**

One original - duly signed - to be attached to the invoice.

<b>Deliverable:</b>	
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**SIGNING FOR WORK**

*To be filled in by the Contractor and the FRA:*

	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>FRA</b>
<b>Date of delivery/signing:</b>		
<b>Person responsible for checking compliance with the SC (in block capitals):</b>		
<b>Comments:</b>		
<b>Date and signature:</b>		

**ACCEPTANCE OF WORK**

*To be filled in by the FRA:*

<b>Person responsible for accepting the work:</b>	
<b>Date and signature denoting final acceptance and invoicing:</b>	

**ANNEX I**

**Tender and Technical Specifications**

**ANNEX II**

**Contractor's Tender**

**ANNEX III**

**Bank Identification Form and Legal Entities File**

**ANNEX IV**

**Power of Attorney**