

Request for Proposal (RFP)

For: Partnership and Consultancy Opportunity to Support Philippine Higher Education

Consortium Smart Cities Project

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1 Overview of the British Council

1.1 The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We create friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries. We do this by making a positive contribution to the UK and the countries we work with changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust.

1.2 We work with over 100 countries across the world in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society. Last year we reached over 80 million people directly and 791 million people overall including online, broadcasts and publications. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body. Further information can be viewed at www.britishcouncil.org.

2 Introduction and Background to the Project / Programme

2.1 The British Council in the Philippines has been working with the South Manila Educational Consortium (SMEC), a group of 12 universities located in Metro Manila. In 2016, the British Council launched the Internationalisation with SMEC programme that seeks to expand the SMEC's global collaboration by building their capacities in internationalisation and linking them with UK universities.

2.2 The Internationalisation with SMEC programme forms part of the British Council's Going Global Partnerships Programme (GGP) that builds stronger, more inclusive, internationally connected higher education and technical and vocational education and training systems. GGP supports partnerships between universities, colleges, education policy makers, civil society organisations and industry partners in the UK and around the world. Through our partnership with a consortium like SMEC, we aim to expand UK's links to universities and broaden partnership outcomes.

- 2.3 One of the projects identified in the Internationalisation with SMEC programme is **Smart Cities: Liveable Philippines**, which aims to develop smart and innovative solutions, with the use of technology, to address local traffic problems and promote wellbeing of Filipino citizens. The Smart Cities initiative supports the Philippines' goal to decongest the National Capital Region and direct growth to regional centres with high growth potentials. As outlined on the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, the country aims to make these urban areas with huge populations and significant private sector activities more liveable and efficient by facilitating investments in transportation infrastructure and promoting smart city principles in urban mobility, natural and built environment, sustainable energy, and economic competitiveness.
- 2.4 The Smart Cities initiative is envisioned to contribute to the achievement of select Sustainable Development Goals, particularly goals 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) and 11 (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable). It also supports the Philippine government's thrust as a member of the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) launched in 2018. The ASCN works towards the common goal of smart and sustainable urban development among the ASEAN member states. Currently, the Philippines is implementing six smart city projects as part of its commitment to the ASCN.
- 2.5 The Smart Cities initiative is one of the British Council's higher education partnership projects in the Philippines which supports the local development agenda. It links up with other programmes implemented in the country such as the Access and Competitiveness through Internationalisation of Higher Education (ACT-IHE) programme where we will create Philippine-UK transnational education (TNE) degree programmes in various disciplines including IT and engineering. Through TNE, we contribute to the Philippines' goal of improving its human resource base and local expertise in different priority areas.
- 2.6 The Smart Cities project is led by a research team from the College of Engineering of Adamson University, one of SMEC's university members. Adamson University is one of the country's top institutions for engineering. The dean of the College of Engineering also currently sits as the president of the Philippine Association of Engineering Schools, a consortium of Philippine universities offering engineering programmes.
- 2.7 An initial research proposal has been drafted by Adamson University (Annex 4). The Smart Cities proposal, which is subject to change as a result of this consultancy, is a multi-year umbrella research project composed of three smaller sub-projects. It seeks to:
 - 1. Develop a smart traffic light system that would help alleviate the traffic congestion problems in areas experiencing heavy traffic, such as intersections;
 - 2. Develop an intelligent urban surveillance system aiming to solve high traffic volumes and increasing crime rates; and
 - 3. Develop a smart air quality monitoring system that would help in minimising the air pollution on urbanised cities.

- 2.8 By drawing on its expertise and significant experience working on similar projects, the UK institution will support the Smart Cities initiative by providing subject area and research expertise to the local team, developing a comprehensive strategic plan and crafting an engagement roadmap. These will be done in collaboration with Adamson University, select SMEC members and the British Council. Further details of the project can be found on Section 7.
- 2.9 While implementation of the research has not begun, the local team from Adamson University has started approaching relevant stakeholders whose support are crucial to the project. This includes a city government poised to become the implementation partner and a few universities working on smart cities and urban planning in the country. The research team recognises that beyond technology, the support of the government and the community are key to any smart city innovation. Thus, Adamson University aims to get the support of relevant stakeholders (government, industry and academe), mobilise the community and identify investment and funding opportunities.
- 2.10 The purpose and scope of this RFP and supporting documents is to explain in further detail the requirements of the British Council and the process for submitting a proposal in response to this RFP ("Proposal").

3 Proposal Conditions and Contractual Requirements

This section of the RFP sets out the British Council's contracting requirements, general policy requirements, and the general conditions relating to this procurement process ("**Procurement Process**").

3.1 Contracting requirements

- 3.1.1 Contracting authority: the British Council which includes any other companies and organisations control that or are controlled by the British Council from time to (see: time http://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status).
- 3.1.2 <u>Delivery location for goods and/or services</u>: while the Smart Cities project is conducted in the Philippines, the consultancy services will be done virtually.
- 3.1.3 <u>Duration</u>: six (6) months with an option for an extension for up to an additional 30 days.
- 3.1.4 <u>Contractual terms</u>: As set out at Annex 1 ("**Contract**"). By submitting a Proposal, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of this RFP and the Contract without further negotiation or amendment. Once the Contract is awarded, there will be no changes allowed to the Contract (except in accordance with the provisions of the Contract). Any clarification questions in relation to any aspect of this Procurement Process and the associated documentation should be submitted in accordance with the process set out in

paragraph 12 (*Clarification Requests*). Only changes which relate to the correction of ambiguity or manifest error in relation to the terms of the Contract will be considered and, if necessary, the British Council may, when issuing its response to clarification questions, reissue Annex 1 to reflect such changes. Any proposed amendments received from a potential supplier as part of its Proposal shall entitle the British Council to reject that Proposal and to disqualify that potential supplier from this Procurement Process.

3.2 General Policy Requirements

3.2.1 By submitting a Proposal, you confirm that you will, and that you will ensure that any consortium members and/or subcontractors will, comply with all applicable laws, codes of practice, statutory guidance and applicable British Council policies relevant to the goods and/or services being supplied. All relevant British Council policies that suppliers are expected to comply with can be found on the British Council website (https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/transparency/policies).

3.3 General Proposal conditions ("Proposal Conditions")

- 3.3.1 <u>Application of these Proposal Conditions</u> In participating in this Procurement Process and/or by submitting a Proposal it will be implied that you accept and will be bound by all the provisions of this RFP and its Annexes. Accordingly, Proposals should be made on the basis of and strictly in accordance with the requirements of this RFP.
- 3.3.2 <u>Third party verifications</u> Your Proposal is submitted on the basis that you consent to the British Council carrying out all necessary actions to verify the information that you have provided, and the analysis of your Proposal being undertaken by one or more third parties commissioned by the British Council for such purposes.
- 3.3.3 <u>Information provided to potential suppliers</u> Information that is supplied as part of this Procurement Process is supplied in good faith. The information contained in the RFP and the supporting documents and in any related written or oral communication is believed to be correct at the time of issue. No liability (save for fraudulent misrepresentation) is accepted for its accuracy, adequacy or completeness and no warranty is given as such.
- 3.3.4 <u>Potential suppliers to make their own enquires</u> You are responsible for analysing and reviewing all information provided to you as part of this Procurement Process and for forming your own opinions and seeking advice as you consider appropriate. The clarification process set out in paragraph 12 should be used for any queries in relation to this Procurement Process.
- 3.3.5 <u>Amendments to the RFP</u> At any time prior to the Response Deadline, the British Council may amend the RFP and if appropriate, the Response Deadline shall, at the discretion of the British Council, be extended.

- 3.3.6 <u>Compliance of Proposal</u> Any goods and/or services offered should be on the basis of and strictly in accordance with the RFP (including, without limitation, any specification of the British Council's requirements, these Proposal Conditions and the Contract) and all other documents and any clarifications or updates issued by the British Council as part of this Procurement Process.
- 3.3.7 <u>Compliance with the terms of the Contract</u> The successful supplier must comply with the Contract as set out in Annex 1 without any amendment (save as described in paragraph 3.1.4).
- 3.3.8 <u>Format of Proposal</u> Proposals must comprise the relevant documents as detailed by the British Council in Annex 2 (Supplier Proposal) completed in accordance with relevant all instructions. Any documents requested by the British Council must be completed in full. It is important that you read the RFP carefully before completing and submitting your Proposal.
- 3.3.9 <u>Modifications to Proposals once submitted</u> You may modify your Proposal prior to the Response Deadline by giving written notice to the British Council. Any modification should be clear and submitted as a completely new Proposal in accordance with Annex 2 (Supplier Proposal) and these Proposal Conditions.
- 3.3.10 <u>Disqualification</u> If you breach these Proposal Conditions, if there are any errors, omissions or material adverse changes relating to any information supplied by you at any stage in this Procurement Process, if any other circumstances set out in this RFP, and/or in any supporting documents, entitling the British Council to reject a Proposal apply and/or if you or your appointed advisers attempt:
 - to inappropriately influence this Procurement Process or fix or set the price for goods or services;
 - to enter into an arrangement with any other party that such party shall refrain from submitting a Proposal;
 - to enter into any arrangement with any other party (other than another party that forms part of your consortium bid or is your proposed sub-contractor) as to the prices submitted;
 - to collude in any other way;
 - to engage in direct or indirect bribery or canvassing by you or your appointed advisers in relation to this Procurement Process; or
 - to obtain information from any of the employees, agents or advisors of the British Council
 concerning this Procurement Process (other than as set out in these Proposal Conditions) or from
 another potential supplier or another Proposal,

the British Council shall be entitled to reject your Proposal in full and to disqualify you from this Procurement Process. Subject to paragraph 3.3.1 below, by participating in this Procurement Process you accept that the British Council shall have no liability to a disqualified potential supplier in these circumstances.

3.3.11 <u>Proposal costs</u> – You are responsible for obtaining all information necessary for preparation of your Proposal and for all costs and expenses incurred in preparation of the Proposal. Subject paragraph 3.3.15,

you accept by your participation in this Procurement Process, including without limitation the submission of a Proposal, that you will not be entitled to claim from the British Council any costs, expenses or liabilities that you may incur in submitting a Proposal irrespective of whether or not your Proposal is successful.

- 3.3.12 Rights to cancel or vary this Procurement Process Nothing in this Procurement Process will bind the British Council to enter into any contractual or other arrangement with you or any other potential supplier. It is intended that the remainder of this Procurement Process will take place in accordance with the provisions of this RFP, but the British Council reserves the right to terminate, amend or vary (to include, without limitation, in relation to any timescales or deadlines) this Procurement Process by notice in writing. Subject to paragraph 3.3.15, the British will have no liability for any losses, costs or expenses you incur as a result of such actions.
- 3.3.13 <u>Consortium Members and sub-contractors</u> It is your responsibility to ensure that any staff, consortium members, sub-contractors and advisers abide by these Proposal Conditions and the requirements of this RFP.
- 3.3.14 <u>Liability</u> Nothing in these Proposal Conditions is intended to exclude or limit the liability of the British Council in relation to fraud or in other circumstances where the British Council's liability may not be limited under any applicable law.

4 Confidentiality and Information Governance

- 4.1 All information supplied to you by the British Council, including this RFP and all other documents relating to this Procurement Process, either in writing or orally, must be treated in confidence and not disclosed to any third party (save to your professional advisers, consortium members and/or subcontractors strictly for the purposes only of helping you to participate in this Procurement Process and/or prepare your Proposal) unless the information is already in the public domain or is required to be disclosed under any applicable laws.
- 4.2 You shall not disclose, copy or reproduce any of the information supplied to you as part of this Procurement Process other than for the purposes of preparing and submitting a Proposal. There must be no publicity by you regarding the Procurement Process or the future award of any contract unless the British Council has given express written consent to the relevant communication.
- 4.3 The British Council reserves the right to disclose all documents relating to this Procurement Process, including without limitation your Proposal, to any employee, third party agent, adviser or other third party involved in the Procurement Process in support of, and/or in collaboration with, the British Council. The British Council further reserves the right to publish the Contract once awarded and/or disclose information in connection with supplier performance under the Contract in accordance with any public sector transparency policies (as referred to below). By participating in this Procurement Process,

you agree to such disclosure and/or publication by the British Council in accordance with such rights reserved by it under this paragraph.

- The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"), EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2015, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("EIR"), and public sector transparency policies apply to the British Council (together the "**Disclosure Obligations**").
- 4.5 You should be aware of the British Council's obligations and responsibilities under the Disclosure Obligations to disclose information held by the British Council. Information provided by you in connection with this Procurement Process, or with any contract that may be awarded as a result of this exercise, may therefore have to be disclosed by the British Council under the Disclosure Obligations, unless the British Council decides that one of the statutory exemptions under the FOIA or the EIR applies.

5 Proposal Validity

5.1 Your Proposal must remain open for acceptance by the British Council for a period of 60 days from the Response Deadline. A Proposal not valid for this period may be rejected by the British Council.

6 Payment and Invoicing

- 6.1 The British Council will pay correctly addressed and undisputed invoices within 30 days in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. Suppliers to the British Council must ensure comparable payment provisions apply to the payment of their sub-contractors and the sub-contractors of their sub-contractors. General requirements for an invoice for the British Council include:
 - A description of the good/services supplied is included.
 - The British Council Purchase Order number is included.
 - It is sent electronically via email in PDF format to Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph

7 Specification

- 7.1 The British Council requires a UK institution with extensive research experience in smart and sustainable cities and urban planning. Given the scope of the local research, this includes expertise in transportation and mobility, environment, big data, internet of things and governance.
- 7.2 This RFP is strictly limited only to consultancy services provided to the local team in refining the research proposal and roadmap. This engagement does <u>not</u> cover the implementation of the research. The UK consultant is not expected to produce the outcomes outlined in clause 2.7
- 7.3 The consultancy engagement is scheduled to start in **March 2022** and end in **September 2022**. The UK's consultancy services will be delivered virtually due to travel restrictions in the Philippines and overseas. This timeline does not apply to the implementation of the research, which it outside of the coverage of this RFP.

- 7.4. By drawing on its expertise and significant experience working on similar projects, the UK consultant will support the Smart Cities initiative by providing subject area and research expertise to the local team, developing a comprehensive strategic plan and crafting an engagement roadmap. Specifically, the UK consultant will:
 - Review the research proposal and current project plans and develop a comprehensive strategic plan that:
 - o clearly communicates the relevance, innovations, solutions and benefits to the city and communities:
 - o provides recommendations on creative approaches to engage the wider community who will benefit from the innovations; and
 - presents a framework for delivery for the next five years and the corresponding capacity needs for Adamson University, SMEC and partners.
 - Develop a partnership and community engagement strategy to support further research and delivery of the Smart Cities project that will:
 - o outline key stakeholders with defined roles and interests;
 - o get the buy-in of the local city government and local businesses;
 - o link up with the city's resources, city planning, strategies and policies;
 - mobilise community and citizen engagement; and
 - o map out potential partnership support and investment to the project from various stakeholders including, but not limited to, other universities in the Philippines and Southeast Asia, city government, national government agencies, private sector, non-profit organisations and foreign funders.
 - Map out potential partnership areas with the UK such as on research, TNE, mobility and industry partnerships. The UK consultant shall include recommendations on how the research team can seek possible UK partners with whom they can collaborate on a joint research and other funding opportunities in the UK. Depending on the availability of research grants in the Philippines or overseas, the local research team is amenable to implementing the three Smart Cities subprojects separately. The UK consultant may also choose to resume this engagement with the local team should it be inclined to continue this as a formal research collaboration with Adamson University, SMEC and the British Council.

- Where necessary, join the local research team in attending relevant meetings with other stakeholders; and
- Where necessary, provide relevant capacity building activities to the local team, including, but not limited to, trainings and workshops about the subject matter or conducting research projects.
- 7.5 Nothing from this RFP shall be construed as research grant to fund the implementation of the Smart Cities project.
- 7.6 The following essential and desirable criteria for the role are as follows:
 - The consultant must have extensive research experience in smart and sustainable cities and urban planning. (Essential)
 - The consultant must be able to provide evidence of similar work and engagement conducted previously, preferably with overseas partner. (Essential)
 - The consultant must demonstrate experience working with diverse, multicultural research teams.
 (Essential)
 - The consultant must be able to deliver the entire programme remotely. (Essential)
- 7.7 The local research team will include faculty members from Adamson University (i.e. lead institution) involved in the research project, select SMEC members identified as project support and the British Council. The UK consultant may also be involved in engagement with other stakeholders identified as relevant for the research including government, civil society and private sector.
- 7.8 The successful supplier will be expected to deliver the following outputs:
 - Revised Smart Cities proposal and strategic plan for the research
 - Partnership and community engagement strategy
 - Plans for future research funding based on available grants in the Philippines and the UK and opportunities for Philippine-UK joint research collaboration
 - Local research team with better understanding of smart and sustainable cities
- 7.9 The UK consultant is encouraged to propose a fee based on the roles and responsibilities, the expected outputs and the timeline of the consultancy engagement. The fees will be paid in multiple tranches: at the beginning of the project and at the end upon completion of project outputs and activities.

8 Mandatory Requirements / Constraints

8.1 As part of your Proposal, you must confirm that you meet the mandatory requirements / constraints, if any, as set out in the British Council's specification forming part of this RFP. Failure to comply with any mandatory requirements or constraints shall entitle the British Council to reject a Proposal.

9 Key background documents

9.1 Further relevant background documents / information may be provided to potential suppliers as an Annex to this RFP and/or by way of the issue of additional documents / links to additional information / documents. Please view list of Annexes at the end of this document.

10 Timescales

10.1 Subject to any changes notified to potential suppliers by the British Council in accordance with the Proposal Conditions, the intended timescales applicable to this Procurement Process are:

Activity	Date / time (Philippine time)
RFP Issued to bidding suppliers	Friday, 10 December 2021
Deadline for clarification questions (Clarification Deadline)	Wednesday, 05 January 2022
British Council to respond to clarification questions	Monday, 10 January 2022
Deadline for submission of Proposals by potential suppliers	Friday, 21 January 2022
(Response Deadline)	
Final Decision	Wednesday, 02 February 2021
Due diligence, contract concluded with winning supplier	Friday, 25 February 2022
Contract start date	Wednesday, 02 March 2022

11 Instructions for Responding

- 11.1 The documents that must be submitted to form your Proposal are listed at Part 2 (Submission Checklist) of Annex 2 (Supplier Proposal) to this RFP. All documents required as part of your Proposal should be submitted to **Pierre Pecson**, **Education Manager**, at Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph by the Response Deadline, as set out in the Timescales section of this RFP.
- 11.2 The following requirements should be complied with when submitting your Proposal in response to this RFP:
 - Please ensure that you send your submission in good time to prevent issues with technology late
 Proposals may be rejected by the British Council.

- Do not submit any additional supporting documentation with your Proposal except where specifically requested to do so. PDF, JPG, PPT, Word and Excel formats can be used for any additional supporting documentation (other formats should not be used without the prior written approval of the British Council).
- All attachments/supporting documentation should be provided separately to your main Proposal document, clearly labelled and cross-referenced to the Proposal as relevant.
- If you submit a generic policy / document you must indicate the page and paragraph reference that is relevant to a particular part of your Proposal.
- Unless otherwise stated as part of this RFP or its Annexes, all Proposals should be in the format of the relevant British Council requirement with your response to that requirement inserted underneath.
- Where supporting evidence is requested as 'or equivalent' you must demonstrate such equivalence as part of your Proposal.
- Any deliberate alteration of a British Council requirement as part of your Proposal will invalidate your Proposal to that requirement and for evaluation purposes you shall be deemed not to have responded to that particular requirement.
- Responses should be concise, unambiguous, and should directly address the requirement stated.
- Your Proposal to the RFP requirements and pricing will be incorporated into the Contract, as appropriate.

12 Clarification Requests

- 12.1 All clarification requests should be submitted to **Pierre Pecson**, **Education Manager**, **at Pierre.Pecson@britishcouncil.org.ph** by the Clarification Deadline, as set out in the Timescales section of this RFP. The British Council is under no obligation to respond to clarification requests and will response if the question is appropriate and received before the Clarification Deadline.
- 12.2 Any clarification requests should clearly reference the appropriate paragraph in the RFP documentation and, to the extent possible, should be aggregated rather than sent individually.
- 12.3 The British Council reserves the right to issue any clarification request made by you, and the response, to all potential suppliers unless you expressly require it to be kept confidential at the time the request is made. If the British Council considers the contents of the request not to be confidential, it will inform you and you will have the opportunity to withdraw the clarification query prior to the British Council responding to all potential suppliers.
- 12.4 The British Council may at any time request further information from potential suppliers to verify or clarify any aspects of their Proposal or other information they may have provided. Should you not provide supplementary information or clarifications to the British Council by any deadline notified to you, your Proposal may be rejected in full and you may be disqualified from this Procurement Process.

13 Evaluation Criteria

13.1 You will have your Proposal evaluated as set out below:

Stage 1: Proposals will be checked to ensure that they have been completed correctly and all necessary information has been provided. Responses correctly completed with all relevant information being provided and all mandatory requirements as outlined in Section 8 met will proceed to Stage 2. Any Proposal not correctly completed in accordance with the requirements of this RFP and/or containing omissions may be rejected at this point. Where a Proposal is rejected at this point it will automatically be disqualified and will not be further evaluated.

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Stage 2: If a bidder succeeds in passing Stages 1 of the evaluation, then it will have its Proposal evaluated in accordance with the evaluation methodology set out below.

13.2 <u>Award Criteria</u> – Responses from potential suppliers will be assessed to determine the most economically advantages proposal using the following criteria and weightings and will be assessed entirely on your response submitted:

Criteria	Weighting
Methodology and approach	40%
Knowledge of the sector, professional	40%
experience, qualifications and competencies	
Pricing	20%

13.3 <u>Scoring Model</u> – Proposals will be subject to an initial review at the start of Stage 2 of the evaluation process. Any Proposals not meeting mandatory requirements or constraints (if any) will be rejected in full at this point and will not be assessed or scored further. Proposals not so rejected will be scored by an evaluation panel appointed by the British Council for all criteria other than Commercial using the following scoring model:

Points	Interpretation
10	Excellent – Overall the response demonstrates that the bidder meets all areas of the
	requirement and provides all of the areas evidence requested in the level of detail
	requested. This, therefore, is a detailed excellent response that meets all aspects of the
	requirement leaving no ambiguity as to whether the bidder can meet the requirement.

7	Good – Overall the response demonstrates that the bidder meets all areas of the requirement and provides all of the areas of evidence requested, but contains some trivial omissions in relation to the level of detail requested in terms of either the response or the evidence. This, therefore, is a good response that meets all aspects of the requirement with only a trivial level ambiguity due the bidders failure to provide all
5	information at the level of detail requested. Adequate – Overall the response demonstrates that the bidder meets all areas of the requirement, but not all of the areas of evidence requested have been provided. This, therefore, is an adequate response, but with some limited ambiguity as to whether the bidder can meet the requirement due to the bidder's failure to provide all of the evidence requested.
3	Poor – The response does not demonstrate that the bidder meets the requirement in one or more areas. This, therefore, is a poor response with significant ambiguity as to whether the bidder can meet the requirement due to the failure by the bidder to show that it meets one or more areas of the requirement.
0	Unacceptable – The response is non-compliant with the requirements of the RFP and/or no response has been provided.

- Commercial Evaluation Your "Overall Price" (as calculated in accordance with requirements of Annex 3 (Pricing Approach) for the goods and/or services will be evaluated by the evaluation panel for the purposes of the commercial evaluation, further information on this approach may be available in Annex 3. In the event that any prices are expressed as being subject to any pricing assumptions, qualifications or indexation not provided for by the British Council as part of the pricing approach, the British Council may reject the full Proposal at this point. The British Council may also reject any Proposal where the Overall Price for the goods and/or services is considered by the British Council to be abnormally low following the relevant processes set out under the EU procurement rules. A maximum offer score of 10 will be awarded to the Proposal offering the lowest "Overall Price". Other Proposals will be awarded a mark by application of the following formula: (Lowest Overall Price/Overall Price being evaluated) x 10 (rounded to two decimal places) = commercial score.
- 13.5 <u>Moderation and application of weightings</u> The evaluation panel appointed for this Procurement Process will meet to agree and moderate scores for each award criteria. Final scores in terms of a percentage of the overall Proposal score will be obtained by applying the relevant weighting factors set out as part of the award criteria table above. The percentage scores for each award criteria will be amalgamated to give a percentage score out of 100.

13.6 <u>The Winning Proposal(s)</u> - The winning Proposal shall be the Proposal scoring the highest percentage score out of 100 when applying the above evaluation methodology, which is also supported by any required verification evidence (to include, without limitation, any updated information)] obtained by the Authority relating to any self-certification or other requirements referred to at any time in this Procurement Process.

List of Annexes forming part of this RFP (issued as separate documents):

Annex 1 – Framework Agreement

Annex 2 – Supplier Response Template

Annex 3 - Pricing Approach

Annex 4 - Smart Cities Research Proposal from Adamson University