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The Standardised Questionnaire (SQ) refers throughout to the “Authority” and the “Supplier”.  
These terms should be read and construed as meaning the “College”



the mandatory grounds for exclusion from the procurement (please refer to Table A below for further guidance on the pass / fail assessment for this section and the possible exemptions to mandatory exclusion). If a Candidate's SQ response fails this stage 2A, the Candidate will be disqualified from the procurement.

1.4 Stage 2B: Mandatory and discretionary grounds for exclusion (Part 2 –





In the event that there are fewer than five (5) suitably qualified Candidates (i.e. fewer than five (5) Candidates pass Stages 1 to 5) the College may take through fewer than five (5) suitably qualified Candidates provided that there is a sufficient number of Candidates to ensure genuine market competition.

Candidates who have been unsuccessful will be notified and will take no further part in the procurement.







Part 2 Section 2.3(a) and (b)	Grounds for mandatory and discretionary exclusion – non payment of taxes (within the last 5 years) – Regulation 57(3)	Pass/Fail	the College considers such measures to be insufficient you will be provided with a statement of reasons.





3.1 (a) to (j)	Grounds for discretionary exclusion – Part 1 – Regulation 57(8)	Pass/Fail	<p>You will pass this section if you answer “No” to this section; OR you have answered “Yes” but one of the exceptions from exclusion as identified above applies.</p> <p>You may fail this section and be excluded from the procurement if you answer “Yes”, that any of the specific situations as listed at section 3.1(a) to (j) have applied to your organisation in the last 3 years or currently apply and</p>

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1. Minimum annual average turnover of 50 million UK pounds over the last three trading years' audited accounts.
2. Profit making in at least one of the last three trading years' audited accounts.
3. Average cash reserves in excess of 5 million UK pounds in the last reported accounts.

The Candidate may fail this section and be excluded from the procurement where they answer 'no' to this section and so cannot confirm they meet College's specified minimum level of economic and financial standing / meet the College's minimum financial threshold(s).

The Candidate will pass this section where they answer 'yes' to section 4.2 and so self-certify they meet the College's specified minimum level of economic and financial standing / meet the College's minimum financial threshold(s).

Note that the College

			You will pass this section if you already have or can commit to obtaining, prior to the commencement of the contract, insurance cover for all specified classes of insurance at or above the levels of indemnity specified.
5.	Larger Organisation		

5.1 Parent company (or other financial guarantee) Pass/Fail

The Candidate's response to this section will be checked for compliance in accordance with Stage 1 and will then be assessed as part of the College's overall assessment of the Candidate's economic and financial standing (as described above in the guidance relating to section 4.2).

Where the Candidate is part of a wider group and its answers to sections 5.1 to 5.3 do not confirm that a guarantee from either a parent company or other entity (e.g. bank) can be provided if necessary and, in the opinion of the College, the absence of a guarantee poses a material risk to the Candidate's financial ability to deliver the College's contract requirements, this may result in the Candidate the overall financial and economic standing assessment.




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The College considers that the evidence in the contract examples provided (including customer references) demonstrates that the Candidate (or where relevant the consortium or the intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s)) has all the relevant skills, capability and experience in the core competency and has strong experience of deploying these skills and abilities in 'similar circumstances'. The College has up to three minor reservations concerning the Candidate

				these skills in 'similar circumstances' The College has four or more significant reservations concerning the Candidate's ability in the core competency or concerning the Candidate's experience, efficiency or reliability to deliver the College's requirements.
6.2	Sub-contracting and		0	No evidence provided or the College considers that the contract examples (or other information) provided (including customer references) demonstrate that the Candidate (or where relevant the consortium or the intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s)) does not have the relevant technical and professional abilities in the core competency and/or that its experience, efficiency and reliability to deliver the College's requirements is significantly in doubt. The College does not have confidence in the Candidate's ability to deliver its requirements or does not have confidence in relation to the Candidate's experience, efficiency or reliability.













	Statement relating to good standing – discretionary grounds	Pass/Fail	<p>The Candidate will fail if this section has not been fully completed.</p> <p>The Candidate will pass this section if all details have been provided.</p>