**Overview**

This response form should be read in conjunction with the consultation document.

This consultation is open to all interested persons. We particularly welcome comments from individuals or organisations with an interest in single source defence procurement and ensuring that good value for money is obtained in the government expenditure on qualifying contracts and the prices paid under those contracts are fair and reasonable. The consultation will close on 10 August 2023. Following our consideration of responses to the consultation, we will publish an updated profit rate guidance by the end of October 2023.

**Please respond by 5.00pm on Thursday 10 August 2023.**

Copies of this response form are available on the SSRO’s website. The response form can be completed electronically or printed and completed by hand. Completed response forms should be sent.

* by email to: **consultations@ssro.gov.uk** (preferred)
* by post to: Baseline profit rate consultation responses, SSRO, G51/G52, 100 Parliament Street, London, SW1A 2BQ
* by telephone including arranging an appointment to speak to the SSRO about the consultation: 020 3771 4767

**Your details**

Name:

Organisation:

Position:

**Consultation questions**

Consultees do not need to answer all the questions if they are only interested in some aspects of the consultation.

When answering the consultation questions, it would be very helpful if you could support your responses with additional explanation and detail. This will help us to understand the basis for your answer and inform our finalisation of the guidance. As a minimum, please include the paragraph number(s) your comment refers to.

In the interests of transparency, it is our intention to publish responses to this consultation on the SSRO website upon completion of the consultation. Please indicate whether or not you consent to publication of your response by marking one of the boxes below.

Yes No

Please note, if you do not consent to publication, we will treat your response as confidential to the extent of any disclosure that is required by law. In the event we are required by law to make a disclosure of your consultation response, to the extent we are legally permitted to do so, we will give you as much notice as possible prior to such a disclosure and will take into account all reasonable requests made by you in relation to the content of such a disclosure.

**Question 1**: Do you agree that the technical support activity complements existing knowledge-based activities and should be added to the provide and maintain (P&M) activity group? Do you have any reasoning why the P&M characterisations should not be expanded to include technical support services?



**Question 2;** Do you agree that the logistics activity complements the business as-usual parts procurement and logistics activities already present in the P&M characterisations such that it should be included as a standalone activity in the P&M group? Do you have any reasoning why the P&M characterisations should not be expanded to include logistics services?

Please add comments to support your answer:

**Question 3:** Do you agree that the labour outsourcing activity aligns with existing administrative activities and should be added to the ancillary services activity group? Do you have any reasoning why the ancillary services characterisations should not be expanded to include labour outsourcing?

Please add comments to support your answer:



**Question 4:** To what extent does the capacity provision, for example, through contracting for availability or capability, constitute an activity which enables the performance of qualifying contracts? Does it provide support or otherwise for the inclusion of activities involving the provision and/or operation of economic assets to a third party in the P&M activity group characterisations, text search terms and NACE codes?

Please add comments to support your answer:

