

From: REDACTED – Buying Solutions
Sent: 23 February 2011 20:17
To: REDACTED – ERG, Buying Solutions
Subject: [RESTRICED] RE: MDC Framework Extension

REDACTED – Buying Solutions, I could be free between 12 and 2 tomorrow.

For clarity though, the PEBs view, especially REDACTED - ERG, is that it will be extended.

Our role, I think, will be to a) provide for approval REDACTED –ERG, Buying Solutions a form of words we will use in comms to suppliers and customers (REDACTED- Buying Solutions is dealing with this) and then b) and maybe the outcome of tomorrow conf call, is to flag the risks, probabilities, impacts and mitigations (if any).

If, of course, the legal view is an absolute “no go” then we need to flag to REDACTED – ERG, Buying Solutions, asap.

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All,

One of the recommendations coming from PEB last week was that Buying Solutions extend the current MDC framework for a period (probably 6 months I would guess) whilst we put in place a new consultancy framework.

This framework is due to end on the 28th of March and I understand that there is no current provision for an extension.

I would like to arrange for a conference call to discuss a way forward on this and to establish the level of risk associated with such an extension.

Could you please let me know your availability for a conference call tomorrow?

REDACTED – Buying Solutions, in preparation for this call could you please prepare the following;

- Identify any clauses in the MDC framework that reference the end date
- Identify any clauses in the MDC framework that reference extension
- Identify the cumulative spend through MDC to date and the total value estimated at OJEU
- Identify alternative frameworks available to Central Government that cover MDC requirements
- Identify any suppliers that may challenge should MDC be extended

The output from this discussion will form a recommendation as to whether MDC should be extended and if so for how long.

Thanks & Regards,

REDACTED – Buying Solutions