

## **CARBON REDUCTION PLAN GUIDANCE**

#### **Notes for Completion**

Where an In-Scope Organisation has determined that the measure applies to the procurement, suppliers wishing to bid for that contract are required at the selection stage to submit a Carbon Reduction Plan which details their organisational carbon footprint and confirms their commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.

Carbon Reduction Plans are to be completed by the bidding supplier<sup>1</sup> and must meet the reporting requirements set out in supporting guidance, and include the supplier's current carbon footprint and its commitment to reducing emissions to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050.

The CRP should be specific to the bidding entity, or, provided certain criteria are met, may cover the bidding entity and its parent organisation. In order to ensure the CRP remains relevant, a Carbon Reduction Plan covering the bidding entity and its parent organisation is only permissible where the detailed requirements of the CRP are met in full, as set out in the Technical Standard<sup>2</sup> and Guidance<sup>3</sup>, and all of the following criteria are met:

- The bidding entity is wholly owned by the parent;
- The commitment to achieving net zero by 2050 for UK operations is set out in the CRP for the parent and is supported and adopted by the bidding entity, demonstrated by the inclusion in the CRP of a statement that this will apply to the bidding entity;
- The environmental measures set out are stated to be able to be applied by the bidding entity when performing the relevant contract; and
- The CRP is published on the bidding entity's website.

Bidding entities must take steps to ensure they have their own CRP as soon as reasonably practicable and should note that the ability to rely on a parent organisation's Carbon Reduction Plan may only be a temporary measure under this selection criterion.

The Carbon Reduction Plan should be updated regularly (at least annually) and published and clearly signposted on the supplier's UK website. It should be approved by a director (or equivalent senior leadership) within the supplier's organisation to demonstrate a clear commitment to emissions reduction at the highest level. Suppliers may wish to adopt the key objectives of the Carbon Reduction Plan within their strategic plans.

A template for the Carbon Reduction Plan is set out below. Please complete and publish your Carbon Reduction Plan in accordance with the reporting standard published alongside this PPN.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/991625/PPN\_0621\_Technic al\_standard\_for\_the\_Completion\_of\_Carbon\_Reduction\_Plans\_\_2\_pdf

Bidding supplier or 'bidding entity' means the organisation with whom the contracting authority will enter into a contract if it is successful.

Technical Standard can be found at:

Guidance can be found at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/991623/Guidance\_on\_adopting\_and\_applying\_PPN\_06\_21\_\_\_Selection\_Criteria\_\_\_3\_.pdf

# Carbon Reduction Plan Template

Supplier name:Netcom
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### **Commitment to achieving Net Zero**

Netcom is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

#### **Baseline Emissions Footprint**

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2023

#### Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.

At Netcom we have always used managed services for our office and as part of this Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have not been collected as these are included within the lease and no bills are received so it is difficult to determine the consumption, we have asked the company we lease the services from if this information could be provided to us so we can effectively manage our carbon footprint. We have identified Scope 3 to initial monitor for reductions so we can work towards achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. In addition, we have included plans to reduce our emissions within offices as outlined in the Carbon reduction projects.

#### Baseline year emissions:

EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	N/A as part of the boundary of the service provider
Scope 2	N/A as part of the boundary of the service provider
Scope 3	0.057 - Business travel road
(Included Sources)	0.129 – Business travel train
	0.770 - Hotel Stay
	10.426 – Employee Commute
Total Emissions	11.382

#### **Current Emissions Reporting**

Reporting Year: 2024		
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	
Scope 1	N/A as part of the boundary of the service provider	
Scope 2	N/A as part of the boundary of the service provider	
Scope 3	0.057 - Business travel road	
(Included Sources)	0.129 – Business travel train	
	0.770 - Hotel Stay	
	10.426 – Employee Commute	
Total Emissions	11.382	

## **Emissions reduction targets**

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets.

We project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to **6.829** tCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2029. This is a reduction of **40**%

# **Carbon Reduction Projects**

#### Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2023 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to **1.70** tCO<sub>2</sub>e, a **15**% reduction against the 2023 baseline and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract

- Launched a hybrid approach to working for all staff, which supports homeworking and brings a reduction in the amount of carbon generated through employee commuting reducing the number of days in the office from 4 to 3.
- Agreed a hybrid approach to board and committee meetings, meaning less travel will be generated by our governance operations.
- Implemented a central control for the air conditioning.

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Launch an Environmental Policy which outlines our commitment to minimising the negative environmental impact of our activities.
- Facilitating the recycling and re-use of network hardware as the current staff laptops become outdated.

## **Declaration and Sign Off**

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard<sup>4</sup> and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting<sup>5</sup>.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard<sup>6</sup>.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

#### Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

K.Vashi.....

Date: 05/06/25

https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting

<sup>6</sup> https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard