



Cabinet Office

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 supplier¹ 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 Standard² and Guidance³, 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.

¹Bidding supplier or 'bidding entity' means the organisation with whom the contracting authority will enter into a contract if it is successful.

²Technical Standard can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/991625/PPN_0621_Technical_standard_for_the_Completion_of_Carbon_Reduction_Plans__2_.pdf

³Guidance 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: Business Systems (U.K.) Limited

Publication date: 1st January 2024

Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Business Systems (U.K.) Limited 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: 2022	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
<p>We have selected the 12 months ending 1st January 2022 as our Baseline year – this covers the consumption and emissions related to the business activities for Business Systems (U.K.) Limited. The Operational Boundary is both Financial and Operational Control.</p> <p>This is Business Systems (U.K.) Limited second report.</p> <p>We have reported on all the required emissions and can confirm that the reporting for our Scope 1 & 2 emissions is in accordance with the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting regulations whilst the mandatory subset of Scope 3 emissions has been calculated in accordance with the GCH Protocol’s Technical Guidance for Calculating Scope 3 Emissions</p>	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	7.785 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	16.755 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	19.512 tCO ₂ e
Total Emissions	44.052 tCO₂e

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2023	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	0.78 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	3.66 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	48.43 tCO ₂ e
Total Emissions	52.87 tCO₂e

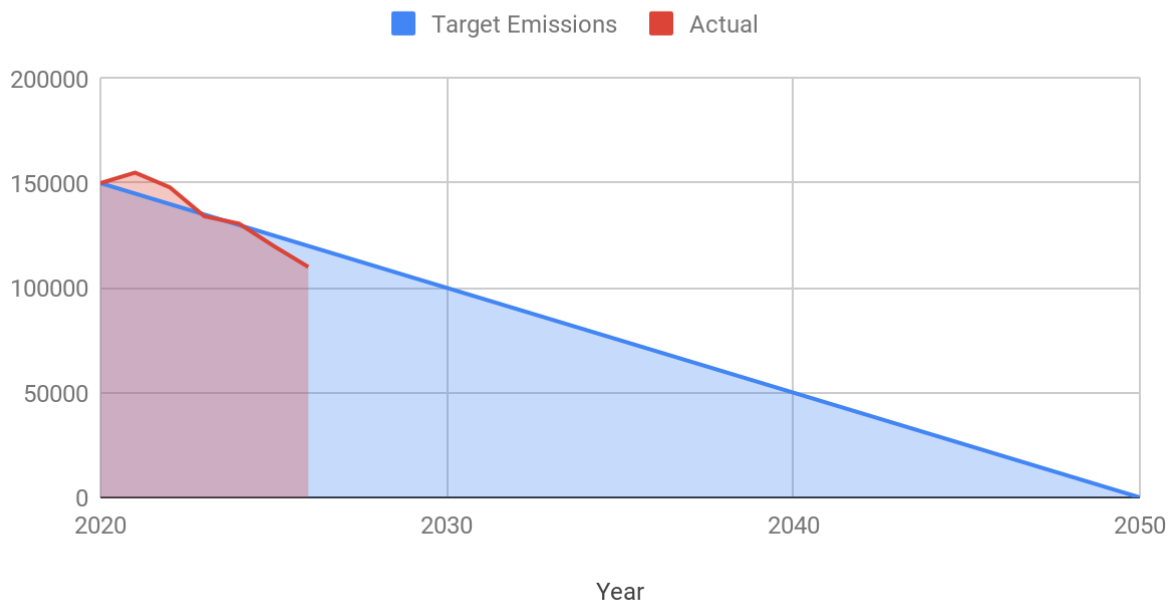
Emissions reduction targets

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 40 tCO₂e by 2028. This is a reduction of 24%.

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:

Carbon Reduction: Projected vs. Actual



Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2022 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 20.1 tCO₂e, an 82% reduction against the Scope 1 and 2 emission 2022 baseline. The measures will be in effect when performing the contract.

The move into a new state-of-the art office in London has been completed and we can now ensure a more energy efficient working space which better aligns with our carbon reduction goals.

All technology used for day-to-day working is certified by Energy Star and properly disposed according to WEEE regulations on retirement. This reduces the environmental impact caused by our key work equipment.

Business Systems (U.K.) Limited achieved Carbon Neutral status in 2022 offsetting 50 tonnes of CO₂ emissions in 2022 and has offset the required Scope 1 and 2 emissions (5 tonnes of CO₂) in 2023 making Business Systems (U.K.) Carbon Neutral for a second year running.

Business Systems (U.K.) Limited has ISO14001:2015 Environmental Management System accreditation until March 2025.

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

- Offsetting carbon emissions from our services through tree-planting schemes
- Review and upgrade of network equipment and infrastructure to use energy efficient routers
- Cloud Computing to consolidate resources and reduce need for physical infrastructure
- Promotion of remote working to reduce commuting emissions and energy consumption
- Sustainability Training and awareness to promote the reduction of carbon footprint in daily work activities
- Promote carpooling, biking and public transport to reduce carbon footprint of commuting
- Work with suppliers who use renewable energy

It is noted that there has been a surge in Scope 3 emissions from the 2022 baseline and this is largely due to new additional data being provided to allow Scope 3 emissions to be more accurately calculated.

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 standard⁴

⁴<https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting⁵.

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) Standard⁶.

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:

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Ian Brewer
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10/9/2024

Date:

⁵<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>
⁶<https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>