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AUGE Re-Procurement 20 September 2018

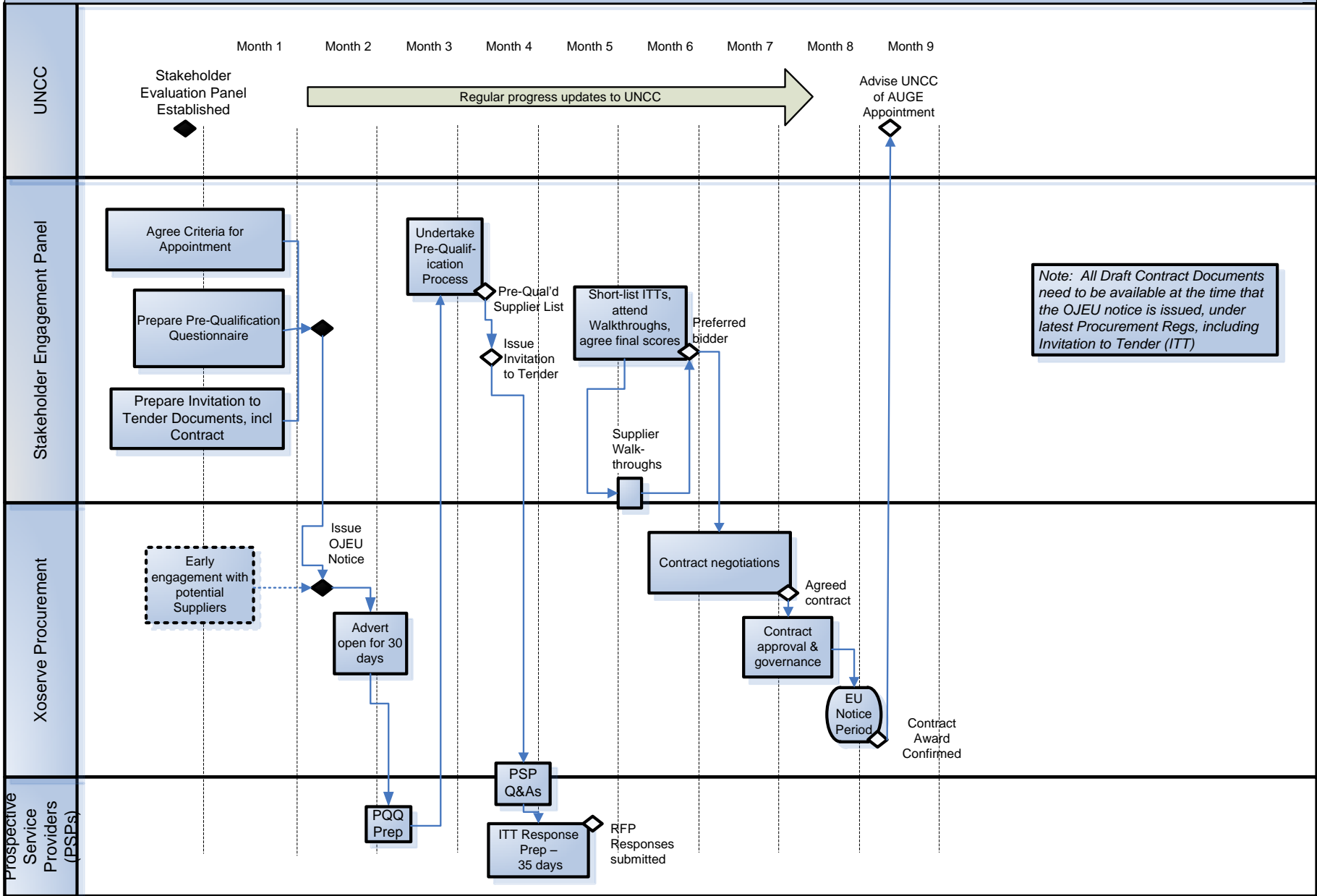
- Updated **Framework for the Appointment of an Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert** (“AUGE”) agreed at July 2018 UNCC
- Includes revised process for appointing an AUGE, including role of a **Stakeholder Evaluation Panel**
- UNCC has previously stated that it wishes to re-procure the AUGE service – new appointee required from June 2019
- Following slides set out first draft timeline and other considerations

- High level of involvement of regulated parties in the process means that **The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016** apply to this procurement
- Similar to the previous regulated process, timescale for key steps are set out in regulations, begins with an **OJEU notice** (Official Journal of the European Union)
- Benefits of a regulated procurement:
 - Ensures a rigorous approach
 - Minimises risk of challenge to the eventual appointment.
- Indicative timeline set out on slide 7

- Potentially small pool of interested suppliers
- **Prior Information Notice** can be used to assess level of interest
- Xoserve would provide results in confidence to Stakeholder Evaluation Panel
- All Pre-qualification and tender documents including draft contract need to be ready when the OJEU notice is issued - new Framework makes these the responsibility of the Stakeholder Evaluation Panel

- Existing DSC Service Line: Appointment of an organisation to the position of Allocation of Unidentified Gas Expert (DS-CS SA3 – 12)
- Therefore no requirement for a Change Proposal to cover a procurement event
- Reporting of progress would be to Stakeholder Evaluation Panel (full details) and to UNCC (high level status of milestones, no commercially sensitive info)

- The following slide sets out an indicative timeline
- Based on following regulated process
- Dates still subject to review depending on:
 - Date of creation of Stakeholder Evaluation Panel (SEP)
 - Receipt of signed confidentiality letters from SEP members
 - Availability of SEP members to develop key documents, including Pre-Qualification Questionnaire, Invitation to Tender, including draft contract



- UNCC to confirm requirement for a new procurement
- UNCC to establish a Stakeholder Evaluation Panel
- Suggested attributes of SEP members:
 - Ideally a small group to operate effectively – no more than 3 or 4 members
 - Understanding of the AUG Framework and processes
 - Sufficient time to dedicate the procurement – average of 0.5 days per week, but may be concentrated periods of activity
 - Willing to sign and adhere to a letter of confidentiality
 - **Do not** need to be UNCC members – could be nominated by UNCC
 - Procurement expertise **is not** essential – Xoserve will facilitate all procurement activities