

Network Innovation Competition Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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| Project code: | SPT EN 01 | Question Number | 15 |
| Question date | 20-08-2013 | Answer date | 21-08-2013 |
| Submission section question relates to | Section 4 e) | | |
| Topic | Evaluation Criteria e) | | |
| Question | Please explain the process by which the University of Manchester was selected as a Project Partner. | | |
| Notes on question | | | |
| Answer | <p>When the VISOR project was initialised, it was identified that there was an important role to play for academic partners. Therefore, proactive contact was made with several academic institutions via Hub-Net (a consortium of the Higher Educational Universities, including Strathclyde University, Imperial College, Cardiff University and other), and Newcastle University (who is not a member of Hub-Net).</p> <p>Perhaps due to the innovative nature of VISOR project, the response from various institutes was limited.</p> <p>However, Prof. Vladimir Terzija at The University of Manchester responded to this call with great commitment. His research team is well established in the Wide Area Monitoring area, and their work is respected by the academia and industry alike. They have been selected as an academic partner due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Track records and existing expertise</u> in the area- as per the attachment (The University of Manchester Profile); • <u>Existing testing facilities</u>: The University has established a simple PMU testing bed from previous projects, and further secured donation from SEL- as per the attachment); Such establishment is in the leading position in the country, and provide value for money for VISOR project. • <u>Commitments</u> from the team and the institute is impressive (where one research assistant (PDRA) has been identified to work on the | | |

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| | project upon approval), and the institute committed significant in-kind support |
| Attachments | The University of Manchester Profile-VISOR |
| Verbal Clarifications (Consultants) | |