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Award

Water Rescue Training Courses

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

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Scope

Reference

25-26 SD12

Description

TWFRA ('the Authority') is the publicly accountable body that oversees the policy and service delivery of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service ('the Service') on behalf of the community. The Service successfully leads the operational delivery of fire and rescue services such as public protection, fire and other emergency prevention, operational response and resilience. Our stations, staff and appliances are strategically placed across Tyne and Wear to ensure efficient and effective response to fires and other emergencies. Appliances work across station areas and can be mobilised whilst away from their home station. We also have robust arrangements with neighbouring services to enable additional support during major emergencies.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) requires ongoing, compliant training for personnel involved in Water and Flood Rescue. Since 2006, TWFRS has adopted a recognised training framework that supports both external training and the development of internal instructors. This model has proven to be cost-effective and operationally efficient,

enabling the Service to deliver high-quality training while maintaining compliance with national standards.

TWFRS utilises a structured training and log booking system to manage qualifications and ensure accurate, auditable records. This supports compliance with the DEFRA Concept of Operations and the NFCC Rescue Boat Code and helps safeguard the Service's reputation in the delivery of water rescue capabilities.

As national operational guidance and compliance requirements have evolved, so too have the training standards. This includes enhanced prerequisites for instructors and the introduction of new modules developed in response to national incidents and debriefs. The Service continues to adapt its training provision to meet these evolving standards.

With the expansion of TWFRS's Water and Flood Rescue provision under the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), the demand for initial training, CPD, and recertification continues to grow. Ensuring access to recognised and compliant training is essential to maintaining operational readiness and meeting service delivery expectations. As a result, TWFRS is seeking suitable training providers to deliver the courses outlined in the scope and specification.

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Contract 1

Lots

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Supplier

- EDINBURGH MARINE LIMITED

Contract value

- £35,156 excluding VAT
- £42,187 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

13 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 February 2026 to 2 February 2028
- Possible extension to 2 February 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

2 X 12 Month Extensions (Optional)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80550000 - Safety training services

Information about tenders

Lot 1. RYA Marine Radio Short Range Certificate Course (SRC)

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 2. RYA Sea Survival Course

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 3. RYA Powerboat Instructor Course

- 1 tender received
 - 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 4. RYA Advanced Powerboat (Including prerequisite theory tuition)

- 1 tender received
 - 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

EDINBURGH MARINE LIMITED

- Companies House: SC617731
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNVH-9935-PRJG

Watersports Centre

South Queensferry

EH30 9SQ

United Kingdom

Email: chris@edinburghmarineacademy.co.uk

Region: UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJWH-9912-THLH

Service Headquarters, Nissan Way,

Tyne and Wear,

SR53QY

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@twfire.gov.uk

Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government