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Contract

## **Provision of DCS for Fire Control Collaboration communications**

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044506

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Hertfordshire County Council

PEGS LANE

HERTFORD

SG138DQ

#### **Email**

[strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Provision of DCS for Fire Control Collaboration communications

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32524000 - Telecommunications system

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is an Award Notice for the Provision of DCS for Fire Control Collaboration communications. This is a direct award because competition is absent for technical reasons.

The contract started on 08/02/2024 until 31/12/2026 without any option to extend.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £347,601.78

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is an Award Notice. Hertfordshire County Council have awarded a contract for the Provision of DCS for Fire Control Collaboration communications.

The Airwave network provides a secure mobile communication system for emergency services and other public safety organisations with whom they need to communicate. Airwave was introduced in 2007 as part of the Firelink project for "blue light" services, fire services and police.

The Fire Control Collaboration are required to procure DCS Ports to enable Control Room communications connecting to the new mobilising system. Without a DCS connection it would not be possible for any FCC member to communicate over the Airwave network or ESN once available.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Airwave Solutions Limited currently hold an exclusive contract with the Home Office in accordance with the Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme (ESMCP). As a result of the contract with the Home Office, Airwave is the only company able to provide DCS ports required by the HCC Fire and Rescue Service.

As a result of the contractual arrangements put in place by the Home Office, the Contract has been awarded to Airwave in accordance with Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Provision of DCS for Fire Control Collaboration communications

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

7 February 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Airwave Solutions Limited

160 Victoria Street

London

SW1E 5LB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

03985643

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £347,601.78

Total value of the contract/lot: £347,601.78

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

The High Court, The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom