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Award

Chemdata Licensing

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

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Scope

Description

Chemdata licencing is required for NIFRS to have access to safety critical chemical information whilst dealing with emergency incidents. Details include essential safety measures and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required when working with specific chemical substances.

NIFRS currently have a Chemdata corporate licence for installations which are used by frontline appliances via Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) and operational/RCC personnel via desktop. NIFRS also have pocket Chemdata licences used via Android device by Hazmat trained officers attending chemical incidents.

Contract 1

Supplier

- [RICARDO-AEA LIMITED](#)

Contract value

- £240,000 excluding VAT
- £288,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 March 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend by 4 12 month period(s)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72212218 - License management software development services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The National Chemical Emergency Centre (NCEC) is a former UK government agency, now privately owned as part of Ricardo PLC. Ricardo PLC are the sole supplier of Chemdata licencing within the UK and hold the technical rights to the licence.

Supplier

RICARDO-AEA LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRWX-2796-TVZH

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Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLBR-6377-MHGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland