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Planning

Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance and Continuing Airworthiness Management

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (or such other successor body, company, organisation who shall have the responsibility of being the contracting authority of the National Police Air Service or any part or parts thereof)

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Scope

Reference

BLC0174

Description

BlueLight Commercial is working in collaboration with the National Police Air Service (NPAS) on a future tender opportunity for the provision of Rotary-Wing Aircraft Maintenance and Continuing Airworthiness Management. BlueLight Commercial and NPAS are therefore conducting market engagement to engage with the market suppliers to further understand the capabilities available and to help to establish the procurement strategy for this tender. This market engagement includes both a request for information and a proposed face-to-face market engagement event. The National Police Air Service (NPAS) is operated by West Yorkshire Police on behalf of the 43 police forces of England and Wales together with British Transport Police in those areas. NPAS have a national network of bases across England and Wales and a fleet of 20 rotary-wing aircraft and 4

fixed-wing aircraft.

NPAS therefore require a supplier to provide maintenance and continuing airworthiness management for their rotary-wing aircraft fleet. It is proposed that this will also include the provision of:

- Supply and installation of spare parts
- Management of third party warranties
- Provision of engine support services
- Role equipment support- including provision of spare parts and repair where required.
- Aircraft and mission or role equipment modification
- Aircraft de-modification works for disposal purposes

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 1 October 2031
- Possible extension to 1 October 2033
- 7 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50212000 - Repair and maintenance services of helicopters
- 34711500 - Helicopters
- 34731700 - Parts for helicopters

- 34710000 - Helicopters, aeroplanes, spacecraft and other powered aircraft
- 34730000 - Parts for aircraft, spacecraft and helicopters
- 34731500 - Parts for aircraft engines
- 50211210 - Repair and maintenance services of aircraft engines
- 50211100 - Aircraft maintenance services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 March 2025

Engagement process description

As part of this market engagement, BLC and NPAS are requesting information from suppliers to further understand the capabilities of the market. A request for information via a written response is being requested in the first instance. As well as a proposed face-to-face market engagement session. This is proposed to be held between Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th April 2025, the location of this is to be confirmed. Suppliers wishing to attend must register their interest via a message through the portal by 5pm on Wednesday 26th March 2025. Further details of dates and timings will then be provided. BLC reserve the right to only invite Suppliers to this session who can confirm they meet the requested minimum requirements. Further details of this session and the written request for information can be found by expressing interest through the Intend portal.

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/publictender-details?tid=286834>

As part of this market engagement, BLC reserve the right to also engage directly with the OEM providers of equipment relating to the existing and future rotary wing aircraft.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 July 2025

Contracting authority

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (or such other successor body, company, organisation who shall have the responsibility of being the contracting authority of the National Police Air Service or any part or parts thereof)

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Bluelight Commercial Ltd

Summary of their role in this procurement: Conducting all procurement activity on behalf of the National Police Air Service

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Contact [West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(or such other successor body, company, organisation who shall have the responsibility of being the contracting authority of the National Police Air Service or any part or parts thereof\)](#) for any enquiries.