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Contract

CivTech Challenge 10.2 - How can technology identify and measure firefighter exposure to contaminants across a wide range of incidents?

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0485e6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://firescotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19543

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CivTech Challenge 10.2 - How can technology identify and measure firefighter exposure to contaminants across a wide range of incidents?

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Firefighters are routinely exposed to a variety of contaminants during and after fire incidents. These contaminants can include chemical, biological, and particulate matter that pose significant health risks. The issue of contaminant exposure is both an emerging area of concern and study, with the safety of firefighters, staff, and the public being paramount. With contaminants identified, the risks that exposure to contaminants pose to firefighters at an incident, or to firefighters, staff, and members of the public (that come into contact with firefighting personnel and equipment post incident), can be better understood and managed. Having a better understanding of data of contamination by individual and cumulative exposure would be a significant development in further enhancing the safety of firefighters, staff, and the public.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30236200 - Data-processing equipment
- 32580000 - Data equipment

- 32260000 - Data-transmission equipment
- 38341500 - Contamination-monitoring devices

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CivTech's mission is to drive daring and innovation in the public sector by collaboratively solving Challenges that make people's lives better – and in doing so create generations of sustainable, high growth businesses.

CivTech brings together public sector expertise and private sector innovation to solve real problems, develop new products, and deliver better, faster and easier services for everyone. Central to the approach is co-production with the citizen.

Part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate, CivTech's approach is helping transform public sector engagement with tech and innovation, delivering significant benefits to public services, producing genuine uplifts for the Scottish economy - and along the way, making lives better.

Across the country there are problems public sector organisations would like to solve and in the current environment the need for smart, efficient and effective products has never been greater. The Scottish Government is aware innovation is a good way to create them and is committed to ensuring a large part of its tech spend goes to smaller, innovative businesses. This is where CivTech comes in.

The CivTech Innovation Flow is designed to create products as quickly and effectively as possible, and uses a true Accelerator model at the heart of its Innovation Flow model. For you – whether you're an individual, team or company – it's an opportunity to take on a Challenge, solve it, and win contracts with a blue-chip public sector organisation. You'll build a product, and a business to take it as far as possible. Because here's the kicker: the Challenges we issue aren't 'single organisation' problems – most exist worldwide.

In short: Open Challenges are set. Any organisation, team or individual can respond. Applications are assessed, and shortlisted proposals go into an Exploration Stage where they're developed further [for which participating applicants are paid]. The best go

through to the Accelerator – a period of intensive work to create the solution, and through CivTech’s unique business workshop system, a business capable of taking the product to the world.

Please visit our website for information on CivTech and how to get involved.

<https://www.civtech.scot/civtech-10-challenge-2-identify-and-measure-firefighter-exposure-to-contaminants>

<https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply-civtech-10>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Central Lancashire

Funding, Development and Support

Preston

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Telephone

+44 1772895657

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Internet address

<https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

University of Lancashire have been awarded this CivTech 10 Challenge. Please note that during the CivTech process the contractual obligations have been transferred to a newly formed company - FireHazResearch Ltd (company number 16104298)

(SC Ref:819062)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

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edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1312252525

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/courts-and-tribunals/courts-tribunals-and-office-locations/find-us/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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