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Planning

Mobile Data Solutions and Associated Services

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

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Scope

Description

NIFRS currently have Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) installed on-board frontline fire appliances. These are ruggedised computer terminals with touchscreen capabilities used by NIFRS to provide information to enhance Firefighter safety and deliver real-time GPS location, incorporating status updates in terms of appliance availability. They have become an integral part of how information supports operational decision making on the incident ground.

MDTs are a vital piece of equipment to access risk critical information associated with site specific surveys carried out by NIFRS personnel. They are linked to the NIFRS Regional Control Centre (RCC) via the PSNI 'Barracuda' secure radio network and updated whilst on-station via the secure Wi-Fi network.

Mobile data software is currently used by Firefighters on board fire appliances and by RCC personnel to deliver Firefighter safety critical information and situational awareness to support decision making and more effective communication.

The solution is integrated with various other NIFRS systems which include Fire & Rescue Service databases and Risk Critical Information. Using the MDTs, precise and relevant situational intelligence is available to operational personnel at the touch of a button via a

range of intelligence databases on route to incident and at the incident ground.

NIFRS are seeking to replace their Mobile Data Solution to include an update on all hardware, software, support and maintenance components for up to approximately 160-310 terminals.

NIFRS hope to approach the market with a formal PME questionnaire by March 2026, please note this will not be used to pre qualify the market. It will be used to help formulate the specification and business case. If your organisation would be interested in taking part in a PME please email Dawn Bradley on NIFRSprocurement@nifrs.org by 5pm 20th Feb 2026.

Commercial tool

Establishes a dynamic market

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 35000000 - Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 92210000 - Radio services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 February 2026

Engagement process description

Expression of Interest

Formal PME due to take place in March 2026

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