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Tender

Provision of Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Scientific Advisory Services, HAZMAT / Detection, Identification and Monitoring (DIM) Training

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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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.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Scientific Advisory Services, HAZMAT / Detection, Identification and Monitoring (DIM) Training

Reference number

T3A-061-2526

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71317000 - Hazard protection and control consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is seeking to appoint suitably qualified and experienced service providers to deliver a multi-lot contract covering: (1) the provision of 24/7 Scientific Advisory Response and Reach-Back services to support operational HAZMAT and DIM incidents across Scotland; (2) the delivery of accredited HAZMAT training at Acquisition and Refresher levels; and (3) the delivery of Detection, Identification and Monitoring (DIM) Full Accreditation and Refresher training for specialist SFRS personnel. The contract will support national operational resilience, ensure timely access to specialist scientific advice, and maintain the professional competence of HAZMAT and DIM Officers through structured, accredited training programmes.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Scientific Advisory Response and Reach Back Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711100 - Risk or hazard assessment other than for construction
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 75251110 - Fire-prevention services
- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 covers the provision of a 24?hours?a?day, 365?days?a?year Scientific Advisory Response and Reach?Back capability to support the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) during hazardous materials (HAZMAT) and Detection, Identification and Monitoring (DIM) related incidents across Scotland.

The appointed Service Provider will supply suitably qualified Scientific Advisors who can deliver timely on?site scientific support within defined maximum response times, as well as remote Reach?Back assistance for operational personnel managing HAZMAT or DIM events. Services include incident risk assessment, interpretation of chemical, radiological and environmental information, technical advice on containment, decontamination, PPE, hazard zones, and the use of SFRS?provided analytical and monitoring equipment.

The Supplier will also be responsible for maintaining operational readiness, ensuring all advisors remain competent in the use of specialist SFRS equipment, and providing all required incident reports, data returns and performance information. The service must operate consistently under both emergency and spate conditions, with sufficient resilience to meet concurrent demand across all regions of Scotland.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract shall be awarded for an initial period of three (3) years), with the option for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to extend for up to two (2) additional periods of twelve (12) months each).

The maximum potential contract duration shall therefore be five (5) years).

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

HAZMAT Training

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80550000 - Safety training services
- 80560000 - Health and first-aid training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 covers the delivery of accredited Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) training for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) personnel at both Acquisition and Refresher levels. The appointed Service Provider will design, deliver and maintain high quality training programmes that develop and sustain the operational competence of SFRS HAZMAT Officers.

Training must combine theoretical instruction with practical learning, incorporating the use of specialist equipment, nationally recognised guidance and safe systems of work relevant to HAZMAT incident response. The Provider will be responsible for ensuring all trainers are suitably qualified, maintain up to date technical knowledge and are capable of delivering training to nationally accredited standards.

The service includes the provision of all required course materials, assessment processes, student records, and reporting to SFRS. Training may be delivered at SFRS training facilities across Scotland or, where required, at the Provider's own suitably equipped facilities. The Provider must also support ongoing updates to course content to reflect emerging risks, new equipment, changes in legislation or operational best practice.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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Duration in months

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Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

DIM Training

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80550000 - Safety training services
- 80560000 - Health and first-aid training services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 covers the delivery of specialist Detection, Identification and Monitoring (DIM) training for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) personnel, including both Full Accreditation and Refresher level programmes. The appointed Service Provider will develop and deliver high quality training that equips DIM Advisors with the technical skills required to safely and effectively operate SFRS DIM equipment and to interpret scientific information during HAZMAT and CBRN related incidents.

Training must combine theoretical instruction with practical exercises using relevant monitoring and analytical equipment, ensuring learners can support incident commanders through accurate detection, sampling, analysis and hazard assessment. The Provider must ensure that all trainers are appropriately qualified, maintain current technical knowledge, and deliver training in line with national guidance, best practice and SFRS operational requirements.

The service includes the provision of all course materials, assessment and accreditation processes, training records, and reporting to SFRS. Providers must also update training content and delivery methods to incorporate new DIM equipment entering service during the contract period, ensuring alignment with SFRS policies, procedures and safe systems of work.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

18 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 16 July 2026

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) Additional information

Scotland Excel is conducting this procurement exercise on behalf of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service however will not be party to the implementation or management of the contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

1 Calton Place

Glasgow

G5 9TW

Country

United Kingdom

