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Award

FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF REAL FIRES

Health and Safety Executive

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Scope

Reference

HSE/T4777

Description

There is a long-standing expectation for government to monitor developments in fire safety in buildings in order to help establish the performance of the relevant regulations and guidance. A contract to investigate real fires of interest has proved effective in providing the government with independent specialist advice to help identify and understand unusual causes or contributions to building fires.

This contract will be of a call-off and continuous nature due to the requirement for investigation of fires as and when they occur. The supplier will also need to work flexibly to allow for reporting on ad-hoc experimental fire testing when requested.

The project has three key elements:

- 1) to collect, collate and disseminate information from real fire incidents through site and desk based investigation;

2) to generate evidence through fire engineering analysis and experimental fire testing, and;

3) to share learnings from fire incidents and fire testing.

The aim is to provide BSR with robust evidence to ensure Part B of the Building Regulations and guidance in ADB, including any references to third party codes and standards, are effective and continue to be fit-for-purpose.

Contract 1. FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF REAL FIRES

Supplier

- OFR Consultants

Contract value

- £420,000 excluding VAT
- £504,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

13 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 25 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

1 x 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
 - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF REAL FIRES

Contracting authority

Health and Safety Executive

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXM-4389-TXVZ

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Liverpool

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government