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Planning

Provision of Police Aviation Services including a Fleet Replacement Programme

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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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlentrance_s.asp?PID=38478&B=BLUELIGHT

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Police Aviation Services including a Fleet Replacement Programme

Reference number

BLC-Aviation-003

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60445000 - Aircraft operating services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Police Air Service (NPAS) delivers a police aviation service to all police forces in England and Wales. NPAS would like to inform interested suppliers by issue of this PIN of a potential future tender opportunity for Police Aviation Services.

The purpose of this PIN is to establish the measure of interest in the market for the intended goods and services and gain current market insights to help inform a subsequent procurement exercise.

NPAS is looking to deliver enhanced service provision via the lease or capital purchase of a number of Police Role Equipped Rotary Aircraft as part of a national fleet replacement programme.

This Fleet Replacement programme also includes the provision of a turnkey performance based contract focused on the delivery of an Air Support Service to the London region.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lots 1 and 2 awarded to separated contractors - lot 3 not awarded.

or

Lot 1 and 2 not awarded - lot 3 awarded

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The lease or capital investment in Rotary Wing Aircraft which can be modified for the Police purpose

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The lease or capital investment of Rotary Aircraft for the police purpose. A requirement of 7 aircraft is anticipated, however this may vary. The aircraft must be able to be modified with police role equipment. We are interested in exploring the scope of the provision, which may extend to the modification, maintenance and ongoing requirements of the aircraft.

II.2.14) Additional information

A formal Market Engagement Event has been planned for 6th July 2021. Suppliers wishing to participate in this early market engagement exercise are asked to register their interest via the following link

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/38479/0/0?returnUrl=ctm/Supplier/publictenders&b=BLUELIGHT>

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Delivery of a Police Air Support service to the London region

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60424100 - Hire of aircraft with crew
- 60400000 - Air transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Delivery of a Police Air Support service to the London Region. NPAS is looking to meet the specific Metropolitan Police and London Region availability and user requirements through a full turnkey police aviation contract.

The contract will be for a service provision based upon availability. It will include fully role equipped police helicopters, instrument rated pilots and the Police Air Operators Certificate (PAOC) and approvals required to deliver a police aviation service. In addition, line and base maintenance provision and spare parts required to meet the specific London operational user requirement for availability of service and rates of flying. It is anticipated that the service will operate from the Metropolitan Police owned helicopter base at Lippitts Hill to the NE of London, which also provides facilities suitable for on-site maintenance to be completed.

Tactical Flight Officers (TFO's) - typically serving police officers, will be provided by the Police Service. The bidder will provide a 24-hour police helicopter service with high levels of availability to meet the London region user requirement and will operate typically within the London metropolitan area. However, there will be on occasion the need to deliver a national police aviation capability relating to specific operational tactics and service

delivery requirements.

Tasking of police helicopters in London is coordinated by the Metropolitan Police Service and supported by the NPAS Operations Centre. Police helicopters respond to a variety of spontaneous air support requests and the bidder will be required to provide a service that is readily available for immediate deployment 24-hours a day every day of the year. In addition, a significant number of pre-planned tasks are undertaken every year and these can require extended periods of continuous air support coverage delivered by two operational helicopters.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

A combination of Lot 1 & 2

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 60440000 - Aerial and related services
- 60444000 - Aircraft-operation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A combination of Lot 1 & 2 if best value can be offered by a single supplier

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

8 December 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

A formal Market Engagement Event has been planned for 6th July 2021. This is a market engagement exercise to assess feasibility and is not used as a call for competition.

This PIN invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this Request for Information (RFI) exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

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