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Tender

BLC0222 - National Firearms Licensing Management System (NFLMS)

Police Digital Service

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Changes to "Procedure" - "Has preliminary market engagement been carried out?" Changed from No to Yes and justification provided around why a Preliminary Market Engagement notice was not published.

Scope

Reference

BLC0222

Description

This Invitation to Tender ("ITT") has been issued by BlueLight Commercial ("BLC") who are seeking to award a Contract for the provision of a National Firearms Licensing Management System (NFLMS). BLC will be tendering this requirement on behalf of Police Digital Services ("PDS") for use by themselves and the Additional Authorities defined in the Terms and Conditions of the contract.

The requirement will be tendered via a multi-stage Competitive Flexible Process, under the Procurement Act 2023 ("PA23"), with the intention of awarding a contract to a single supplier. The Contract Term shall be for an initial period of 5 years with options to extend up to a maximum of 10 years.

Bidders must register on the Central Digital Platform (www.gov.uk/find-tender) and ensure that Core Supplier Information is up to date, downloaded and is submitted as part of the Bid submission (in downloaded file format) in order to be assessed against the Conditions of Participation.

Total value (estimated)

- £14,166,667 excluding VAT
- £16,999,999 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2025 to 30 October 2030

- Possible extension to 30 October 2035
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

The Contract Term shall be for an initial period of 5 years with options to extend up to a maximum of 10 years.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72260000 - Software-related services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 June 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

30 June 2025, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

10 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Award Criteria: Stage 1 ITT Stage - ITT Technical Questions - 55% - Social Value - 10% - Price - 30% Award Criteria: Stage 2 - Demonstration 5% Further information has been provided within the tender documentation.	Price

Weighting description

Award Criteria: Stage 1 ITT Stage - ITT Technical Questions - 55% - Social Value - 10% - Price - 30%

Award Criteria: Stage 2 - Demonstration 5%

Further information has been provided within the tender documentation.

Other information

Payment terms

The payment terms are detailed in the Form of Contract, Terms and Conditions

Description of risks to contract performance

The description of risks to contract performance have been identified in the Form of Contract, Terms and Conditions.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The competitive flexible procedure consists of the following 2 stages:

STAGE 1 - Tender Stage

STAGE 2 - Demonstration Stage

STAGE 1 - TENDER STAGE

The Tender Stage consists of the following:

Conditions of Participation - this is a series of pass/fail questions relating to the requirement of the procurement.

Gateway Technical Questions - this is a series of technical Pass/Fail questions relating to the product and service required.

ITT Technical Questions - 55 % - this is completion of the Response to Tender document consisting of questions relating to Design, Cyber, Implementation and Delivery, Service, and Solution.

Social Value - 10% - this is the completion of the Response to Tender document consisting of questions relating to Social Value.

Price - 30% - this is the completion of the Pricing Schedule which is based on a schedule of rates for the services required.

All bidders that PASS all Conditions of Participation AND Tender Gateway Questions AND achieve a minimum score of 40% for the ITT Technical Questions will progress to Stage 2 of the Procurement Process.

STAGE 2 - DEMONSTRATION

The Demonstration Stage consists of a scenario-based demonstration. A Demonstration Briefing document has been published with the full suite of tender documentation to aid understanding.

The Demonstration score will be added to the score from Stage 1 to form the Total Score and identify the Highest Scoring Bidder. The Highest Scoring Bidder will be awarded the contract. In the event of a tie where two or more bidders achieve the same total aggregate score the Highest Scoring Bidder for the Solution sub-criteria shall be awarded the contract.

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Pre-market engagement was undertaken in relation to this procurement by the Home Office under Public Contract Regulations 2015, and all relevant outputs have been built into the Statement of Requirements. The Authority is satisfied that:

- (a) suppliers who participated in the preliminary market engagement have not been put at an unfair advantage; and
 - (b) competition in relation to the award of the public contract is not otherwise distorted.
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Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/home>

Please search for reference BLC0222 - National Firearms Licensing Management System (NFLMS)

Contracting authority

Police Digital Service

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZRN-3375-DBRT

20 Gresham Street

London

EC2V 7JE

United Kingdom

Contact name: Lynne Allen

Email: e-procurement@bluelight.police.uk

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

BLUELIGHT COMMERCIAL LIMITED

Summary of their role in this procurement: Commercial Partner

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Contact organisation

Contact [BLUELIGHT COMMERCIAL LIMITED](#) for any enquiries.