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Provision of Structural Fire Kit and Associated PPE

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-051c83

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://firescotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19543

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Structural Fire Kit and Associated PPE

Reference number

V1A-015-2526

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Structural Fire Kit and Associated PPE for issue to Firefighters

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In 2017 SFRS utilised the National Collaborative Framework Agreement for the Provision of

Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Fighters to award a contract to Bristol Uniforms Limited for a period of eight years. This contract is due to end on 30 June 2025 with no option to extend. The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) commenced a project to replace the previous national agreement in 2024, but the project has been delayed, and the delay has resulted in SFRS being unable to award a new contract to replace the current one. There will therefore be a period of around 18 months between the current contract ending and SFRS being able to call off from a new contract. Therefore, SFRS are looking to direct award a contract to Bristol Uniforms Limited to cover the 18-month period.

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.2.14) Additional information

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service intends to award a contract for the Provision of Structural Fire Kit and Associated PPE under the terms of Regulation 33 (4)(b) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

SFRS has a statutory duty under Part 2 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (FSA 2005) to respond to fire and road traffic incidents and a power to respond to other events and situations. The Fire (Additional Function) (Scotland) Order 2005 (F(AF)SO 2005) sets out situations or events that SFRS has a statutory duty to respond to.

The provision of Structural Fire Kit and Associated PPE is an essential part of operational equipment and is fundamental to the safety of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services personnel attending a wide range of operational incidents. These incidents can include but are not limited to Structural Fire Fighting, Outdoor Fire Fighting (including fields, woods, forests etc.), Road Traffic Collisions, Non-Fire related Rescues and any other incidents which form part of SFRS Operational requirements.

SFRS will award a contract for a period of 18 months from 01st July 2025 to 31st December 2026

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

V1A-015-2526

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Bristol Uniforms Ltd

Wathen Street, Staple Hill

Bristol

BS16 5LL

Telephone

+44 1179563101

Fax

+44 1179565927

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

In line with paragraph 7 of regulation 91 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, award of contract will be made 10 days following the publication of this voluntary ex ante transparency notice.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=799516.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9TW

Telephone

+44 1414298888

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) must, by notice in writing as soon as possible after the decision has been made, inform all tenderers and candidates of its decision to award the contract, conclude the framework agreement or establish a dynamic purchasing system. The SFRS will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill at the point

information on the contract award is communicated to tenderers. The SFRS is obliged to comply with the regulations and any eligible economic operator can bring an action in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session where as a consequence of a breach by the SFRS, they suffer or risk suffering loss or damage. The bringing of court proceedings during the standstill period means that the SFRS must not enter into the contract, conclude the framework agreement or establish the dynamic purchasing system unless the proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The bringing of court proceedings after the standstill period has elapsed and the remedies that are available to the courts are detailed in the regulations.