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Provision of Call-touch (Command and Control)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04024c

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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 Call-touch (Command and Control)

Reference number

V5A-052-2324

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of CallTouch

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: £48,553

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Westburn Drive, Cambuslang, G72 7NA

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service currently operates three Operations Control (OC) located in Dundee, Edinburgh and Johnstone. Each OC operates with a mobilising system (CAD - Computer Aided Dispatch), telephony and radio system (ICCS - Integrated Communications Control System), interconnected to various networks and ultimately to Station End Kit which notifies crews when they are required to attend incidents. These networks also allow telephony to connect to the Operations Control Room and Airwave Radio to facilitate incident ground communication. Following the award of a contract to a new contractor, it was intended that SFRS would switch off legacy CAD and ICCS provision when the new contract provision went live. This new contract was recently terminated before the solution could be implemented. As a result, there is a need for the SFRS to maintain current service provision for all three OC's with existing legacy services providers to ensure the continuation of service provision in the interim period until a new mobilising system can be procured and fully implemented. This notice relates to the ICCS provision at Edinburgh OC.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The SFRS was established by the Police and Fire Reform Act (Scotland) 2012 (the Act) and replaced the previous eight legacy services, each of whom operated their own independent Operations Controls (OC's).

The new national SFRS rationalised the 8 legacy Fire & Rescue Service Operations Controls (OC's) into 3 Service Delivery Area (SDA) OCs resulting in each OC operating a different CCMS platforms based upon their original legacy mobilising systems, consisting of either integrated, or separate but interdependent technologies enabling them to perform all of their functions.

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In 2018 the SFRS awarded a contract to replace existing legacy systems and had been working with the contractor towards the implementation of the new solution, whilst still continuing with legacy service provision in order to ensure there was no impact on operational requirements.

In early 2023 before the new system went live, the SFRS terminated the contract. The Service is now about to commence a new procurement process for a New Mobilising System. In the interim period until the procurement process can be completed and the New Mobilising System is fully operational, it will be necessary to continue with the existing legacy service providers at the three locations of Edinburgh, Dundee and Johnstone.

Each location operates a bespoke solution, which the original providers of the systems are required to service and maintain due to the technical nature of the systems at each OC.

Zetron previously NEC are one of the legacy suppliers to the SFRS. It is therefore the intention of SFRS to enter into a further contract with Zetron for the continuation of the necessary support and maintenance for relevant sites due to Zetron having supplied and installed the existing bespoke legacy systems and also being the provider of the support and maintenance. It is necessary for the same supplier to continue with this service provision to ensure continuity in the interim.

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

V5A-052-2324

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 September 2023

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

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27-29 Campbell Court

Bramley

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Telephone

+44 1256880663

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £48,553

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=745255.](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=745255)

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering loss, damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contract (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI2015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings to the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session