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Provision of Gas Tight Suits (GTS)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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 Gas Tight Suits (GTS)

Reference number

NC1A - 056 - 2223

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35113410 - Garments for biological or chemical protection

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Gas Tight Suits (GTS)

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: £204,600

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35113420 - Nuclear and radiological protection clothing

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) propose to procure 220 new Gas Tight Suits (GTS) from Respirex International Ltd over a period of two years to complement the 1,100 Respirex GTS that are currently operating on frontline appliances. The existing 1,100 GTS were introduced as part of the New Dimensions Programme as part of a UK-wide approach.

Procuring GTS will align SFRS current requirements with the wider requirements of UK Fire and Rescue Services thereby ensuring compatibility of equipment with the wider UK Fire and Rescue Services in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding with Centre for National Resilience (CNR) approved by the SFRS Strategic Leadership Team in November 2015.

This will ensure that there is no compromise in mutual-aid agreements with the wider UK Fire and Rescue Services thereby ensuring that the cross-border response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) incidents is not compromised.

Procuring these GTS will allow SFRS to continue to observe National Operational Guidelines (NOG) for UK National Resilience arrangements.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a one-year period.

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

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 including Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN), Search and Rescue, severe flooding and serious transport incidents.

Section 13 of the FSA 2005 implores SFRS to take any action that it sees as appropriate in response to a situation that causes or is likely to cause death or serious injury to a person or harm to the environment including the power to secure the provision of equipment.

Both the FSA 2005 and the F(AF)SO 2005 detail that SFRS has a responsibility to enter into a reinforcement scheme with other relevant authorities to secure mutual assistance for the purpose of carrying out the duties and functions previously detailed.

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 requires SFRS to work with other emergency services and responders in producing comprehensive plans for major and catastrophic incidents including emergency planning and response to widespread threats and incidents involving terrorism or

environmental disasters.

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

NC1A - 056 - 2223

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 November 2022

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

Respirex International Limited

Unit F Kingsfield Business Centre, Philanthropic Road

Redhill

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+44 1737778600

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ26 - East Surrey

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £204,600

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=714192.

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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

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.