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Planning

Water Rescue PPE and Associated Equipment

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

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Scope

Reference

WYFRS4043

Description

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) is seeking qualified suppliers for the provision of Water Rescue Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), a repair and maintenance service and associated products such as water rescue poles, lifejackets and related equipment.

WYFRS equips and trains operational personnel to respond effectively to water-related incidents. The service operates with two distinct levels of water rescue capability.

MOD2 (Level 1) Equipment and PPE are deployed across 34 fire stations

MOD3 (Level 2) Swift Water Technicians are based at 6 fire stations, requiring enhanced equipment and PPE.

The Procurement is structured into 10 individual lots.

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 24 November 2025 to 23 November 2028
- Possible extension to 23 November 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35112000 - Rescue and emergency equipment

Engagement

Engagement deadline

2 August 2025

Engagement process description

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) is inviting expressions of interest for an upcoming tender for WYFRS4043 - Water Rescue PPE and Associated Equipment.

WYFRS is looking to assess the market's interest and its ability to bid for and deliver this upcoming contract. A high-level overview of the key requirements is outlined below, the full details will be provided in the tender documentation:

WYFRS is seeking qualified suppliers for the provision of Water Rescue PPE, a repair and maintenance service and associated products such as rescue poles, lifejackets and related equipment.

The tender will be structured into 10 Lots comprising of;

- Lot 1 - Drysuit - MOD2 (Level 1)
- Lot 2 - Drysuit - MOD 3 (Level 2) Swift Water Rescue Technician
- Lot 3 - Undersuits
- Lot 4 - Thermal Base Layer
- Lot 5 - Thermal Socks
- Lot 6 - Water Rescue Boots
- Lot 7 - Lifejackets
- Lot 8 - Personal Flotation Devices/Buoyancy Aids
- Lot 9 - Water Rescue Gloves
- Lot 10 - Water Rescue/Wading Poles

The tender is expected to be issued around the end of August / Beginning of September 2025, with a contract start date approximately late November 2025. The contract term will last a minimum of 3 years, with options to extend for 2 x 1-year periods, bringing the total duration to a maximum of 5 years. The estimated cost for the full contract term is between £200,000 and £300,000.

Suppliers interested in participating are invited to email their expression of interest to tenders@westyorksfire.gov.uk by 1st of August 2025, and where possible, provide the following information:

- Main contact name, email, and phone number.
- Which lot(s) would you be interested in.

Please note that this request for information (RFI) is not a call for competition. Further details will be made available in the official tender documents upon publication.

WYFRS reserve the right to discuss requirements with any supplier beyond this initial notice before any competitive tender process is undertaken.

We also recommend that you register with the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service's E-Procurement system, 'In-tend,' at the following link: <https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/homeIn-tend> portal. This is a quick and simple process and you only need to register once. Once registered, you will then automatically be alerted to any relevant procurement opportunities.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 September 2025

Contracting authority

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYTC-9788-PZGW

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government