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Planning

## **DS478-24 NFCC Emergency Response Vehicle Framework**

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DS478-24

### **Description**

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority (on behalf of the National Fire Chiefs Council Transport Officers Group (NFCC TOG) and in conjunction with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Procurement Hub, is leading a procurement project to replace the existing Framework Agreement for UK Fire and Rescue Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV).

The future framework agreement will enable Contracting Authorities named on the framework to procure Pumping Appliances, Aerial Appliances and Special Vehicles as required by their Contracting Authority, Fire and Rescue Service etc.

For the purposes of this planned procurement notice, previously a preliminary market engagement was carried out under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The PIN notice for that engagement can be found via the link below:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/748a1220-2203-4418-b562-1d809186c6cb>

After the preliminary market engagement notice, a pipeline notice has been published under the Procurement Act 2023.

The Project Team are currently establishing the requirements and the permitted vehicles that can be procured, and this information will be published within the Invitation to Tender later this year.

At this stage, the Project Team anticipates that the NFCC Emergency Response Vehicle Framework will be an open framework, as defined in the Procurement Act 2023, for a period of 8 years (the contract start and end dates in this preliminary market engagement notice are based on this assumption). No extensions to the framework will be available.

The Tender Notice for the framework agreement is planned to be published on 26th August 2025. Please note the publication date may be subject to change.

Suppliers who may be interested in this opportunity can prepare by registering on our e-tendering portal where this opportunity is likely to be tendered in due course. The e-tendering portal is located at:

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

The e-tendering portal is free to use. Suppliers can find guidance on using the e-tendering portal via: <https://bluelightcommercial.police.uk/media/2284/sell2bluelight-in-tend-full-supplier-guide.pdf>

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
- GG - Guernsey
- IM - Isle of Man
- JE - Jersey

### **Not the same for all lots**

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 1. Pumping Appliances**

### **Description**

Pumping Appliances GVW more than 3t

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 34114100 - Emergency vehicles
- 34114110 - Rescue vehicles

### **Same for all lots**

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 2. Aerial Appliances**

### **Description**

All types of Aerial appliances within the scope of EN 14043, 14044 and 1777

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 34114100 - Emergency vehicles
- 34114110 - Rescue vehicles

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 3a. Small Special Vehicle**

### **Description**

Special Vehicles GVW 3.5t or below

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 34114100 - Emergency vehicles
- 34114110 - Rescue vehicles

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 3b. Medium Special Vehicles**

### **Description**

Special Vehicles GVW of more than 3.5t and

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 34114100 - Emergency vehicles
- 34114110 - Rescue vehicles

## **Same for all lots**

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 3c. Large Special Vehicles**

### **Description**

Special Vehicles GVW of more than 7.5t

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 34114100 - Emergency vehicles
- 34114110 - Rescue vehicles

## **Same for all lots**

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 4. Vehicle Disposal**

## **Description**

Disposal of Emergency Response Vehicles

## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £900,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,080,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

## **CPV classifications**

- 60100000 - Road transport services

## **Same for all lots**

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Framework**

### **Open framework scheme end date (estimated)**

31 March 2034

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

## **Award method when using the framework**

With competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

The full list of Contracting Authorities permitted to use the Open Framework will be listed in the Invitation to Tender.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

**Lot 1. Pumping Appliances**

**Lot 2. Aerial Appliances**

**Lot 3a. Small Special Vehicle**

**Lot 3b. Medium Special Vehicles**

**Lot 3c. Large Special Vehicles**

**Lot 4. Vehicle Disposal**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

26 August 2025

## **Enquiry deadline**

18 November 2025, 12:00pm

## **Tender submission deadline**

26 November 2025, 12:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

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## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

17 March 2026

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## Other information

### Payment terms

In addition to requiring payment within 30 days for valid and undisputed invoices, each Call-Off Contract will outline the procedures for submitting invoices and resolving any disputes that may arise.

### Description of risks to contract performance

- Value of the open framework e.g. increase in government funding
- Number of suppliers within the market for certain type of appliances or vehicles may reduce
- Imposed mandates from government regarding vehicles specifications
- Risk of access to and/or transport of raw materials and their availability
- Pandemic
- Violate markets affecting inflation, tariffs, exchange rates etc.

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNLD-1131-HTWN

Service Headquarters

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EX3 0NW

United Kingdom

Email: [procurement@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@dsfire.gov.uk)

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government