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Contract

## **Interim Provision of Catering Services in LDC Cookstown ?**

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

Lisburn

#### **Email**

[NIFRSProcurement@nifrs.org](mailto:NIFRSProcurement@nifrs.org)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nifrs.org/>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Interim Provision of Catering Services in LDC Cookstown ?

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55520000 - Catering services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

NIFRS has an imminent need to provide appropriate catering services for their trainees and third party users.

#### **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: £350,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

NIFRS has an imminent need to provide appropriate catering services for their trainees and third party users from a supplier who could cater for all NIFRS need; supply, deliver, serve, clean up.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## 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:

?During the 2024 tender process, NIFRS undertook extensive market research within the local and wider area to understand all catering options available. One of these options was an 'on demand' catering service provision. Initial pre-market engagement evidenced that procuring one 'on demand' caterer wasn't a viable option, the primary common themes identified were;

Location not suitable

Fluctuating / low numbers on some days not attractive

Demand of 7 days a week provision unsustainable; weekends would like to attend larger events.

A number of suppliers could meet part of the need but not the full need e.g. prepare food, deliver food but not serve.

The preferred option was to proceed with a full commercial kitchen catering service. This tender was collapsed on the basis of affordability. The one supplier who had tendered was asked if they would be interested in this reduced catering requirements (i.e. preparation and servicing of hot meals for trainees only with some light catering for third party usage), however they have confirmed that they do not have an interest at this time. Therefore due to an urgent need for this within LDC, an interim DAC will be awarded to Finchs, with the intention of a future competitive tender for a long term solution.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract

## **Title**

??????????Interim Provision of Catering Services in LDC Cookstown

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 December 2024

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Finches Catering

Cookstown

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Companies House

NI674333

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Client cannot guarantee any particular level of business within the Contract. Any information on value of business are for guidance only and no guarantee is given as to the exact value under this Contract. Any levels, or aggregate values of goods, referred to are indicative only and shall not be binding on the Client

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom