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Contract

Spare and Replacement Parts including Provision of Support for Cummins Engines

DfI Transport and Road Asset Management (TRAM)

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Scope

Reference

DAC-0189

Description

The Department directly operates the Strangford Lough Ferry Service. The service involves the operation of two large passenger vessels. Both vessels must undergo an annual inspection by Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) prior to the issue of a Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC) granting permission for the operation to continue. Part of this inspection focuses on the vessel machinery and compliance with manufacturer maintenance schedule. The two roll-on roll-off (ro-ro) ferries in use are as follows:

- MV Portaferry II (2002) which has five Cummins engines, three QSK 19 (two in service and one spare) and two Cummins 4BT generators.
- MV Strangford II (2017) which has five Cummins engines, three QSK 19M (two in

service and one spare) and two Cummins 6BT generators.

Parts are required to undertake one large refit on each ferry per year and approximately six to eight smaller and more urgent maintenance jobs per year.

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Supplier

- CUMMINS LTD.

Contract value

- £420,000 excluding VAT
- £504,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

11 July 2025

Contract dates

- 11 July 2025 to 10 July 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34000000 - Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

The contract value is below £5 million including VAT. There are robust Conditions of Contract in place to address any performance issues.

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

Section 41 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 provides justification of a Direct Award when the following conditions are met in relation to the public contract -

(a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

The manufacturer of the ferry engines has confirmed they are the only authorised dealer and supplier of all genuine Cummins engine parts for Northern Ireland.

Supplier

CUMMINS LTD.

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVCH-3679-XMTN

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

DfI Transport and Road Asset Management (TRAM)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYQH-8789-DZPG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland