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Planning

## **Flight Simulation Training Device for Rotary Wing Aircraft**

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (or such other successor body, company, organisation who shall have the responsibility of being the contracting authority of the National Police Air Service or any part or parts thereof)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

BLC0238

### **Description**

BlueLight Commercial is working in collaboration with the National Police Air Service (NPAS) on a future tender opportunity for the provision of access to a Flight Simulation Training Device for rotary wing aircraft.

BlueLight Commercial and NPAS are therefore conducting market engagement to engage with the market suppliers to further understand the capabilities available and to help to establish the procurement strategy for this tender.

The National Police Air Service (NPAS) is operated by West Yorkshire Police on behalf of the 43 police forces of England and Wales together with British Transport Police in those areas. NPAS have a national network of 15 bases across England and Wales and a fleet of 20 rotary-wing aircraft and 4 fixed-wing aircraft. NPAS have this year placed an order for several new Airbus T3H135 helicopters.

NPAS are therefore looking to access a Flight Simulation Training Device (FSTD) to conduct pilot initial type rating and recurrent training for their rotary-wing fleet. This includes the following aircraft types:

- EC135 T3
- EC135 T2+

Interested Suppliers are therefore requested to respond to a request for information by completing the questionnaire via the portal by 6pm Friday 22nd August 2025.

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

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 34740000 - Aircraft or spacecraft equipment, trainers, simulators and associated parts
- 34741400 - Flight simulators
- 34711500 - Helicopters

- 34152000 - Training simulators
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80520000 - Training facilities
- 80650000 - Training and simulation in aircrafts, missiles and spacecrafts

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

22 August 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Response to a request for information via a questionnaire available via the portal.

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## **Submission**

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

15 September 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

**West Yorkshire Combined Authority (or such other successor body, company, organisation who shall have the responsibility of being the contracting authority of the National Police Air Service or any part or parts thereof)**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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## **Other organisation**

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### **BlueLight Commercial Ltd**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Conducting all procurement activity on behalf of the National Police Air Service

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Contact [BlueLight Commercial Ltd](#) for any enquiries.