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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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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

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.

To respond to this market engagement, please visit <https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/home> and register.

Once registered, you will find this opportunity under BlueLight Commercial (found in portals section in the top right of your home page, once logged in.)

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

Engagement

Engagement deadline

22 August 2025

Engagement process description

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 September 2025

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)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHYG-7328-ZLQJ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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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