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Rescue 3 Water Rescue Courses

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

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Scope

Description

TWFRA ('the Authority') is the publicly accountable body that oversees the policy and service delivery of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service ('the Service') on behalf of the community. The Service successfully leads the operational delivery of fire and rescue services such as public protection, fire and other emergency prevention, operational response and resilience. Our stations, staff and appliances are strategically placed across Tyne and Wear to ensure efficient and effective response to fires and other emergencies. Appliances work across station areas and can be mobilised whilst away from their home station. We also have robust arrangements with neighbouring services to enable additional support during major emergencies.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) requires ongoing, compliant training for personnel involved in Water and Flood Rescue. Since 2006, TWFRS has adopted a recognised training framework that supports both external training and the development of internal instructors. This model has proven to be cost-effective and operationally efficient, enabling the Service to deliver high-quality training while maintaining compliance with national standards.

TWFRS utilises a structured training and log booking system to manage qualifications and ensure accurate, auditable records. This supports compliance with the DEFRA Concept of Operations and the NFCC Rescue Boat Code and helps safeguard the Service's

reputation in the delivery of water rescue capabilities.

As national operational guidance and compliance requirements have evolved, so too have the training standards. This includes enhanced prerequisites for instructors and the introduction of new modules developed in response to national incidents and debriefs. The Service continues to adapt its training provision to meet these evolving standards.

With the expansion of TWFRS's Water and Flood Rescue provision under the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), the demand for initial training, CPD, and recertification continues to grow. Ensuring access to recognised and compliant training is essential to maintaining operational readiness and meeting service delivery expectations. As a result, TWFRS is seeking suitable training providers to deliver the courses outlined in the scope and specification

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027
- Possible extension to 31 December 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

2 X 12 Months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
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Lot 1. Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician-Advanced-Water (SRTA-W)

Description

Rescue 3 Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician-Advanced-Water (SRTA-W)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician Instructor (SRTi) plus follow on recertification of qualifications (Refresher)

Description

Rescue 3 Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician Instructor (SRTi) plus follow on recertification of qualifications (Refresher)

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Lot 3. Water and Flood Team Leader (WFTL) Initial plus CPD and Recertification

Description

Rescue 3 Water and Flood Team Leader (WFTL) Initial plus CPD and Recertification

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

This procurement is reserved for

UK suppliers

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

30 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

50% Quality 50% Price

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJWH-9912-THLH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government