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Planning

Body Armour Framework

Metropolitan Police Service

West Yorkshire Police

Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerse

The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Scottish Police Authority

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Scope

Reference

3657

Description

Establishment of a framework contract to provide officers across the UK with body armour meeting the following Home Office standards, each available through its own lot:

- HO1 + KR1 Body Armour

- HO3 + SG1 Body Armour, either a standalone plate or in-conjunction with
- Plate Carrier
- Potentially additional lots for HO2 and Up Armour

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) will be the lead contracting authority with the successful supplier on each lot. The framework terms established at this level will flow down to the individual call-offs put in place by the in-scope police forces.

It is anticipated that each lot will provide the ability to purchase on behalf of 600 officers over the life of the contract, with the majority of purchases occurring in the first half of the framework term. The suppliers must also agree to stock hold an agreed amount, to be defined in the tender documentation, to enable ad-hoc purchasing and through-life support throughout the framework term.

This framework agreement will last for up to 8 years from contract commencement, comprised of an initial term of 5 years with 3 optional 12-month extensions.

The current procurement strategy proposed is via a competitive flexible procedure, using proof of body armour certification to a Home Office standard and the ability to stock hold in the UK as a condition for participation in the physical testing stage. Weightings for the procurement process will be split across the following areas:

- Technical Evaluation - paper based
- Commercial & Pricing Evaluation
- Social Value Evaluation
- Security Evaluation
- Health & Safety Evaluation
- Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Evaluation
- Physical Testing Evaluation - sample testing

The bidder with the highest cumulative score across all aspects of the procurement will be awarded a place on the framework contract.

For information, the standards referred to in this notice are accessible via the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a82d9cfe5274a2e87dc34c3/Home_Office

[Body Armour Standard - Guidance FINAL VERSION .pdf](#)

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 August 2026 to 2 August 2031
- Possible extension to 2 August 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35815000 - Garments for anti-ballistic protection

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 November 2025

Engagement process description

Request For Information (RFI) document attached to Coupa project 2340 - Body Armour Framework - RFI refers. This can be located on https://supplier.coupahost.com/quotes/public_events?customer=metpolice&company_name=Metropolitan+Police. Responses are requested ahead of the engagement deadline. Whilst responding to the RFI is not a mandatory requirement for participation in the subsequent tender, engagement with this exercise helps the Authority refine their requirement and prepare an effective, accessible procurement process.

The Authority intends to run an in-person supplier engagement event as a market scoping exercise with a date, time and location to be confirmed with interested suppliers following the closure of the RFI window on 7th November 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authorities

Metropolitan Police Service

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West Yorkshire Police

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQLT-6495-QHVP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHLH-1699-TDLT

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYVQ-9856-GTXR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerse

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQWX-7678-NJGQ

Thames Valley Police - HQ North

Kidlington

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Police Service of Northern Ireland

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Scottish Police Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVNH-1196-RLWN

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Region: UKM82 - Glasgow City

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Scotland

Contact organisation

Contact Metropolitan Police Service for any enquiries.