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Planning

Fire Station Drill Towers

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority

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Scope

Description

The Service has a potential upcoming below threshold works opportunity for drill tower design and installation to accommodate both Service Delivery and Academy training requirements. A total of between four (4) and six (6) drill towers are likely to be required, and these are intended to be located at: Axminster, Lynton, Minehead, Dulverton, Ivybridge and Witheridge fire stations.

The drill training towers must be a robust galvanised steel structure, with a minimum of three storeys, ladder access between the platforms, and incorporating access hatches.

The scope of work would include;

- demolition of the existing drill tower
- design, supply and install of necessary foundations
- design, supply and install of new tower
- Lighting provision on tower

The intention is for these structures to be in place by the financial year end, 31 March 2026.

This engagement is issued to identify potential design and install suppliers within the marketplace who are capable of delivering these full requirements within the potential timescales, with previous fire service sector experience.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 5 months

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 44200000 - Structural products
- 45110000 - Building demolition and wrecking work and earthmoving work
- 45223000 - Structures construction work

Contract locations

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset
 - UKK4 - Devon
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 October 2025

Engagement process description

Suppliers who consider their organisation can deliver against the outline drill tower requirements within the indicative timescales, as provided in the Procurement Description section of this notice, and can evidence experience of such delivery previously within the fire service sector should identify themselves via email to Aimee Lee, alee@dsfire.gov.uk no later than Friday 17th October 2025.

The Authority will review the list of identified suppliers and information provided and subject to its own below threshold contract standing orders for works contracts, select those most suitable to quote for the works within a short timescale.

Contracting authority

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority

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