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Contract

ETM Incursion Warning Radar System – Prototype Development

National Highways

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Scope

Reference

SONA692 (pro 21896)

Description

National Highways Traffic Officers when responding and dealing with incidents on the SRN often have to deploy temporary emergency traffic management (ETM) to create a 'safety buffer zone'. This safety zone is crucial to the safety and well-being of operatives and road-users. Where ETM has been deployed, there has been reported incidents of breaches (i.e. incursions) by motorists that has resulted in near misses, injuries and in some cases the successful prosecution of motorists.

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Direct award for prototypes (PA 23 Sched 5, para 2)

o for the production of a prototype, or supply of other novel goods or services, for the purpose of-

- (a) testing the suitability of the goods or services,
- (b) researching the viability of producing or supplying the goods or services at scale and developing them for that purpose, or
- (c) other research, experiment, study or development
- o Doesn't have to be for the benefit of the public.

Further development is required of the prototype system to finesse the system based upon findings and feedback from on-road trials, specifically on parts of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), targeting tunnels and hard to access areas that could impede signal accuracy or require other algorithm refinements. These trials and the data acquired will be used to provide firmware, software and hardware updates to an existing prototype system.

Contract 1. ETM Incursion Warning Radar System – Prototype Development.

Supplier

Race Technology Limited

Contract value

- £381,000 excluding VAT
- £457,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

22 October 2025

Contract dates

- 22 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 5 months, 10 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 35113000 Safety equipment
- 35121700 Alarm systems
- 35121900 Radar detectors
- 35722000 Radar
- 38115000 Radar apparatus
- 38431000 Detection apparatus
- 71600000 Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKC North East (England)
- UKD North West (England)
- UKE Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF East Midlands (England)
- UKG West Midlands (England)
- ES5 East
- UKI London
- UKJ South East (England)
- UKK South West (England)

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
1. System Performance (Success Criteria)	1(a) False Negative Rate · Definition: Situations where there is a significant danger of an incident, but no alarm was generated • Threshold: ? 10% missed • Evidence: Manual review of videos from the trial, and subsequent report 1(b) Nuisance Alarm Rate · Definition: Situations where the alarm triggered without an identified and reasonable cause • Threshold: ? 20% of total alarms • Evidence: Manual review of videos from the trial, and subsequent report	

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2. Wearable Performance (Success Criteria)	2(a) Alarm Delivery Success Rate • Threshold: ? 95% of alarms received at wearable within 1.0s, triggering both an audible and visual warning • Limitations: Within a 500m range of the TOV, and for typical working scenarios of the TOS. Excludes laying face down on the ground, where wearable is completely shielded. • Evidence: Off- highway test, and subsequent report 2(b) Wearable Operation • Operation: Fully aligned with the supplied and agreed wearable v2 specification • Evidence: Off-highway test, and subsequent report	
3. Operational Availability (Success Criteria)	• Threshold: ? 95% uptime (excluding planned maintenance) • Limitations: Any factors outside of the supplier's control including accidental damage • Evidence: ? 90-day field trial	6 months
4. Integration & Interoperability (Success Criteria)	• Chapter 8 ETM Compliance: Verified during trials • Vehicle Compatibility: Standard TOS vehicle types. BMW X5, Volvo XC90 and Tesla model X	6 months

Signed contract documents

ETM Incursion Warning Radar System - Prototype Development RfQ FINAL_Redacted.pdf

ETM Incursion Warning Radar System - Prototype Development RfQ FINAL_Redacted

Warning Radar System Prototype Development Services Agreement Redacted.pdf

Warning Radar System Prototype Development Services Agreement_Redacted

Incursion Alarm Warning System - Final Specification v1.0 (For Publication).pdf

Incursion Alarm Warning System - Final Specification v1.0 (For Publication)

Incursion Alarm Warning System Commercial Workbook v1.0 (Redacted).xlsx

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ANNEX C - CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL HIGHWAYS POLICIES_Redacted.pdf

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Table 2 - Quality Questions (For Publication).pdf

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Other information

Applicable trade agreements

• Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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