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Planning

Live Fire Training Building

East Sussex Fire Authority

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Scope

Description

East Sussex Fire Authority (ESFA) on behalf of East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service require to replace their Live Fire Training Building situated on our Training Centre site in Maresfield East Sussex.

Our intention is to replace essentially what we have now on a like for like basis but taking into account some design changes identified that will improve both flexibility in use and reduce the impact we have on the environment. We have a fairly clear idea of what we want, and that we can afford it, and believe we have a basic understanding of who might be able to supply what we require in a fairly small niche market. However, the aim of this document is to allow the market to confirm, or otherwise, our assumptions and for us to gather some information that will allow us to prepare an equitable tender that any capable supplier could bid for. As well as establishing capable suppliers we are very keen to establish whether this can be achieved as a single supplier integrated project, or not.

Whilst we may consider alternative innovative approaches, we believe that a steel framed metal structure or container-based solution is likely to be all that we can afford and of which, we have a lot of experience being the basis of the current unit.

To come up with the following we have discussed and/or viewed other existing structures

at other FRS's to formalise our decision making. We have not discussed what might be possible with any potential supplier to date. This pre-market engagement is the start of that process.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 March 2028
- 1 year, 8 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 45214800 - Training facilities building
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80550000 - Safety training services

Contract locations

- UKJ - South East (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 December 2025

Engagement process description

Pre-Market Engagement

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

9 February 2026

Contracting authority

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