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Summary

Framework Agreement for Respiratory Protective Equipment

Ref: DS190-16

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1.1 Background

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS), in collaboration with the CFOA Respiratory Protective Equipment Group (RPE Group), has led a tender exercise to set-up a Framework Agreement DS190-16 for Respiratory Protective Equipment and associated services.

The tender and award fully complied with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

1.2 Scope of Framework Agreement and Lots

The Framework Agreement DS190-16 covers Respiratory Protective Equipment, associated equipment and services.

The requirements have been separated into Lots and awarded as follows:

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| Lot 1 Breathing Apparatus | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |
| Lot 2 Cylinders | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |
| Lot 3 Communications | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |
| Lot 4 Telemetry | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |
| Lot 5 Maintenance | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |
| Lot 6 Parts & spares | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |
| Lot 7 Other Respiratory Protective Equipment | Draeger Safety UK Ltd Interspiro Ltd Scott Health & Safety Ltd |

The Goods and Services provided under the Framework Agreement conform to the relevant British (or equivalent) standard.

1.3 Period of the Framework Agreement and Technical Refresh

The Framework Agreement commenced on the 1st March 2017. The period of the Framework Agreement is four years, so as to expire on 28th February 2021.

The Framework Agreement is subject to periodic technical refresh. Technical refresh of Goods, which are accepted onto the Framework Agreement, will take place as and when such Goods are upgraded; enhanced; subject to technological improvement; tested; compliant with the relevant Standard and are commercially available for purchase on the open market. Inclusion of Goods for technical refresh will be by agreement of the DSFRS Supervising Officer, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

1.4 Eligibility to access the Framework Agreement

The Framework Agreement is available to access by Contracting Authorities (Participating Services and Participating Customers), named in the tender documentation and Notices.

The Participating Services include the Fire and Rescue Authorities in England; Scotland; Wales; Northern Ireland; the States of Jersey; Guernsey and Isle of Man; including their trading arms and community interest companies; their successor authorities; and their nominated agents. Participating Customers are other bodies associated with Fire and Rescue activities with similar requirements, their successor authorities and their nominated agents.

1.5 Benefits

The Framework Agreement provides benefits to the Participating Services and Participating Customers of:

- Reduced resource and time to access products and services (further competition versus full tender in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015)
- Robust Terms and Conditions of Contract and User Requirements
- Clear ordering procedure, supported by template documents
- Performance monitoring of Framework Agreement by DSFRS, consolidating customer power in resolving issues and ensuring that innovation is shared with all Participating Services/Customers
- Visibility of pricing of products and services to support budget forecasting
- Transparent and competitive pricing
- Access to advice, guidance and support.

1.6 Accessing the Framework Agreement and support

Participating Services and Participating Customers who are interested in accessing the Framework Agreement must complete a confidentiality agreement after which they will receive full details of the Framework Agreement, including contractor's information, product catalogues, pricing, terms & conditions, guidance and templates.

The confidentiality agreement is available from the Procurement Team at Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, contact: procurement@dsfire.gov.uk

For enquires /support /advice /information:

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