

**UK-Manchester: Firefighting equipment**

OJ S 121/2013 25/06/2013

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Postal address: 146 Bolton Road, Swinton

Town: Manchester

Postal code: M27 8US

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Anthony Hilton

E-mail: [hiltona@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:hiltona@manchesterfire.gov.uk)**Internet address(es):**Electronic access to information: <https://www.supply4nwfire.org.uk/delta>Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <https://www.supply4nwfire.org.uk/delta>**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.3. Main activity**

Other: Fire and Rescue Service

**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

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**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

The Provision and Fitting of Combined Cold Cutting and Ultra High Pressure Fire Fighting Equipment.

**II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery**

Supplies  
Purchase  
NUTS code UKD3 Greater Manchester

**II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The notice involves a public contract

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

**II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Firefighting equipment. Respondees to this ITT should be capable of providing equipment that will allow fire fighters via a ultra high pressure system, to fight fires from outside the building with ideally, the ability to pierce brick, stone, breeze block, sheet metal, concrete, timber etc via a form of branch or lance mechanism or suitable equivalent operating procedure. The successful solution should have the ability to provide a water mist at high pressure. The proposed solution must offer a traditional fire fighting capability through both, direct or indirect fire attack. The ability to cut through construction materials and deliver mist capability should be controllable by a lance or branch by the operator. GMFRS invites tenders from organisations able to deliver this requirement and from organisations with the relevant experience of operating reliably and supplying products in to the Fire and Rescue service environment or similar environment, i.e. in a military environment. The UHP systems are required to be fitted to forty three existing appliances initially and tenders are invited to cover both the supply and retrofit elements as part of their tender response.

**II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

35111000 Firefighting equipment - CB03

**II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

**II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

**II.2. Scope of the procurement**

**II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

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It may be that in order to ensure that the requirement can be fully met, i.e. for the supply and

retrofit of cold cutting ultra-high pressure equipment to existing appliances, the Authority anticipates that it may well receive joint or consortia bids from the actual supplier of the equipment, along with a coachbuilder/bodybuilder/engineering specialist company to carry out the retrofit as required. This is not a pre-requisite and it is up to tendering organisations how they align themselves to ensure that the requirement and specification are fully met. If bidding as part of a joint/consortia bid, then the Authority anticipates that there will be one lead bidder tendering for and on behalf of the consortia, however, within your tender submission full details must be provided as to how this relationship and arrangement will work operationally to ensure product and service delivery.

Initially this contract is for Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Authority, but the contract is available for use by any other UK Fire and Rescue Authority.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 300 000 and 2 700 000 GBP

## **II.2.2. Information about options**

## **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

# **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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## **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

As detailed within ther ITT document.

### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

As detailed within ther ITT document.

### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

As detailed within ther ITT document.

### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: As detailed within ther ITT document.

## **III.2. Conditions for participation**

### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 45(1) of Directive 2004/18/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2006 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 45 (2) of Directive 2004/18/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the PCR 2006) to the decision of whether a Candidate is eligible to be invited to tender.

A full list of the Regulation 23(1) and 23(2) criteria are at <http://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/project/reasonsForExclusion.html#pcr>

Candidates will be required to answer these questions as part of the qualification process. For candidates who are registered overseas, you will need to declare if you have any offences /misconduct under your own countries laws, where these laws are equivalent to the Regulation

23 lists.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 45(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 45 (2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

As detailed within their ITT document.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: (a) Appropriate statements from banks or, where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance.

(b) The presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established.

(c) A statement of the undertaking's overall turnover and, where appropriate, of turnover in the area covered by the contract for a maximum of the last three financial years available, depending on the date on which the undertaking was set up or the economic operator started trading, as far as the information on these turnovers is available

The objective of the selection process is to assess the responses to the tenders submitted, and then select a preferred bidder.

The tender evaluation exercise will seek to balance the issues of quality and price to ensure that the chosen bidder offers the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT) for the Authority.

Upon receipt of formal tenders, the Authority will be concerned to ensure that there has been full compliance with the ITT documents, and all necessary information has been supplied. The information supplied will be checked for completeness and compliance before responses are evaluated. The Authority shall not be bound to accept the lowest price of any bid submitted.

Section 3. This will be marked on a pass/fail basis and this will entail conducting an independent financial credit check along with the taking up of references. The financial credit check will be carried out using reports from Experian Group and the pass/fail Delphi score will be 50%.

If you need the opportunity to submit additional evidence that will clarify your financial standing, this should be submitted at question 3.6.15.

Where we are unable to verify that your organisation:

Is a legitimate trading organisation;

Has acceptable levels of financial standing;

Promotes good practices in areas of employment, health & safety and environmental care & protection, then we reserve the right to reject your submission.

The compliance with the specification requirements outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.9 of this tender document will also be evaluated on a pass/fail basis and tenderers must confirm that their proposed solution complies with the requirements.

The remainder of section 4 & 5 will be evaluated on the basis of the most economically advantageous offer to the Authority. The evaluation criteria, and the associated weightings, which will be utilised in this assessment are detailed within the ITT document.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As detailed within the ITT.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

(a) a list of the works carried out over the past five years, accompanied by certificates of satisfactory execution for the most important works. These certificates shall indicate the value,

date and site of the works and shall specify whether they were carried out according to the rules of the trade and properly completed. Where appropriate, the competent authority shall submit these certificates to the contracting authority direct

(b) a list of the principal deliveries effected or the main services provided in the past three years, with the sums, dates and recipients, whether public or private, involved. Evidence of delivery and services provided shall be given: - where the recipient was a contracting authority, in the form of certificates issued or countersigned by the competent authority, - where the recipient was a private purchaser, by the purchaser's certification or, failing this, simply by a declaration by the economic operator

(c) an indication of the technicians or technical bodies involved, whether or not belonging directly to the economic operator's undertaking, especially those responsible for quality control and, in the case of public works contracts, those upon whom the contractor can call in order to carry out the work

(g) For public works contracts and public services contracts, and only in appropriate cases, an indication of the environmental management measures that the economic operator will be able to apply when performing the contract

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#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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Open

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

### **IV.2. Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

### **IV.3. Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

GMFRS/0012

#### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

##### **Prior information notice**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2013/S 26-040014](#) of 6.2.2013

#### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 29.7.2013 - 11:00

#### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

29.7.2013 - 12:00

#### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

#### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

#### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
no

### **VI.3. Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender. SUPPLY4NWFIRE - Instructions to suppliers:

Suppliers must read through this set of instructions and follow the process to respond to this opportunity.

The information and/or documents for this opportunity are available on <https://www.supply4nwfire.org.uk/delta>

You must register on this site to respond, if you are already registered you will not need to register again, simply use your existing username and password. Please note there is a password reminder link on the homepage.

Suppliers must log in, go to your Response Manager and add the following Access Code: 827XBE2DYP. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Manchester:-Firefighting-equipment./R869D86W74>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here: <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/R869D86W74>

GO Reference: GO-2013620-PRO-4892197.

### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1. Review body**

#### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

#### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

20.6.2013