



Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority

Record of an Authority decision delegated to an Officer as required under Regulation 7 of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014

Subject of decision	To procure new parts from our existing supplier Emergency One (E1) to allow for modifications to current fire appliances and support vehicles ensuring the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus is correctly stowed, without inviting competitive tenders, pursuant to paragraph:- • 3.1(a) - goods, materials or services are of a unique or specialised nature; and • 3.1(b) - the supply of goods, materials or services are similar to or compatible with an existing provision so as to render only one source of supply appropriate. of the Authority's Contract Standing Orders.
Officer name	Lee Watson
Job title	Assistant Director of Assets
Date decision taken	29/11/2023
Reasons for the decision	The main reasons for the purchase of the parts are given below: In a recent (2023) a collaborative procurement process Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority along with 4 other fire and rescue services being (i) Cleveland Fire Brigade; (ii) West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority; (iii) Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service; and (iv) Warwickshire Fire have awarded MSA a contract for the supply of self-contained breathing apparatus and the provisions of maintenance services. This procurement was conducted as a Further Competition under the Respiratory Protective Equipment, Associated Equipment and Services Framework Agreement DS314-20 Lots 1-7, for which West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority were the lead authority. As part of the procurement the Authorities undertook Practical Assessments to evaluate the compatibility of the Goods submitted as part of Bidders' Tenders with existing equipment and assets including firefighting personal protective equipment and stowage on operational vehicles (such as fire appliances and support vehicles). At the end of the familiarisation sessions which took place 17th – 21st April 2023, bidders were asked to leave one set of equipment with each Authority taking part in the collaboration procurement. Each Authority then took the equipment back to their locations to conduct a stowage exercise with the equipment, which formed part of the pricing evaluation if modifications to vehicles are required following the stowage exercise. Details of this exercise can be found at Appendix 9, Stowage Exercise.

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	These reasons are also underpinned by the Authorities Fleet and Equipment Strategies 23056-fleet-plan-final.pdf (hwfire.org.uk) 22084-equipment-plan-2125-final.pdf (hwfire.org.uk)
Details of decision	The parts are estimated to cost £60,799. The work will be carried out in house. BA Cradle Set of 4 = £2,171.40 28 Vehicles for retrofitting 112 units (56 righthand unit and 56 left hand unit) Part Number EMI53 with 42mm cup Minimum 20-week lead time The decision has been made on the grounds of compatibility with our existing fire appliances resulting in minimal cost and disruption to the service.
Details of alternative options considered and rejected (if any)	To run an open tender for the purchase of the parts; this has been discounted due to E1 being the only supplier capable of delivering the required products. An alternative option for a new seating configuration has also been discounted due to the high costs as well as the solution being very labour intensive for the in-house fleet department.
Any interests declared by a Member or Officer	N/A
Links to relevant background documents or information	Officers Decision Notice for the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus and the provisions of maintenance services CMIS > Documents > Document Library Appendix 9 Stowage Exercise.docx

Signed  Date 11/12/23

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