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**United Kingdom-Exeter: Vehicle conversion and reconditioning services
2015/S 127-232902**

Prior information notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.dsfire.gov.uk>
Address of the buyer profile: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/CompanyInformation/Index/30504>

Further information can be obtained from: The above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3) Main activity

Public order and safety

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

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II.B: Object of the contract (Supplies or services)

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

DS144-15 — Prior Information Notice (PIN) — Supply and Retrofit of Auxiliary Batteries.

II.2) Type of contract and place of delivery or of performance

Service category No 27: Other services
NUTS code UKK

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: no

II.4) Short description of nature and quantity or value of supplies or services:

The intention of this Prior Information Notice is to inform potential bidders of the following planned procurement: Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSFRS) intend to appoint a Contractor (or Contractors) to supply and retrofit auxiliary batteries to a number of their operational vehicles. The auxiliary batteries are required to support the communication equipment.

The contract will be for the supply and retrofit of auxiliary batteries to Medium Rescue Pumping Appliances (MRP's) and may include a second phase of retrofits to Special Vehicles (Prime Movers, Rescue Tenders, Water Carriers, Operational Support vehicles etc.).

DSFRS currently has 110 MRP's and 48 Special Vehicles within its fleet of vehicles (including national resilience vehicles). DSFRS does not intend to retrofit auxiliary batteries to all MRP's, only those with a remaining operational life that justifies the investment. Although not confirmed, it is likely that a minimum of 40 MRP's will require retrofitting. At this early stage, it is not known how many Special Vehicles would be retrofitted if DSFRS proceeded with the second phase.

The advertised requirement may include the requirements of other collaborating UK Fire and Rescue Services, which would impact on the volumes and estimated contract value. The estimated value range is based on DSFRS only. The inclusion of other collaborating UK Fire and Rescue Services may result in a framework agreement being let by DSFRS.

The requirement may be broken down into multiple lots (to be confirmed within the contract notice).

Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 90 000 and 400 000 GBP

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

50117000, 50117100, 34144210, 34144213, 34114100, 34144200

II.6) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

16.8.2015

II.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.8) **Additional information:**

The publication of this notice will allow DSFRS to shorten the EU open tender timescales to a minimum of 15 calendar days. This will be the minimum period between the date of the OJEU Contract Notice (the formal advert/call for competition) and the deadline for tenders to be submitted.

The current timetable for this procurement suggests that the estimated date of publication of the contract notice will be week commencing 17.8.2015. Bidders will be invited to carry out on-site vehicle surveys to inform their bid submission — The current timeslot assigned for these site visits is 24th-28th August 2015. Please note that these dates are indicative and may change.

The tender process will be run electronically, via the EU Supply e-tendering portal (<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=BLUELIGHT>). If you are interested in this future requirement, then it is recommended that you register yourself as a supplier within the portal.

This Prior Information Notice is not being used as a call for competition.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Information about reserved contracts**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about European Union funds**

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

VI.2) **Additional information:**

VI.3) **Information on general regulatory framework**

VI.4) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

1.7.2015