



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 100

Mobile Data Terminal Systems

Query and Response:

1. **Supplier and Contract Information:**

- ***The name of the current supplier for your MDT software (e.g., Airbus, 3tc, or others).***
- ***The start and end dates of the contract.***
- ***The total value of the contract, as well as the number of licenses currently in use.***
- ***The annual contract value, if available.***
- ***If the solution was sourced through another organization (e.g., the council or a consortium), please provide details of that organization.***

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemption: Section 21 – Information accessible by other means. This information requested can be found by using the link below and searching DWFRS 2023/31 in the contract reference box.

<https://sell2.in-tend.co.uk/blpd/contracts>

2. **Contractual and Procurement Details:**

- ***A copy of the original technical specification and tender documents used in the procurement of the MDT solution.***
- ***The names of any suppliers who bid for the contract, along with how they scored across each evaluation domain (e.g., quality, cost, and overall score).***
- ***A summary of the procurement process used, including the weighting of different evaluation criteria.***

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Section 43 (2) states that information can be withheld if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). It is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test.

We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but we consider that there is also a public interest in us protecting our commercial interests and those of companies who may wish to work with us. By disclosing the information, a bidder would already know what DWFRS requirements are, giving them an advantage over other bidders, which is prohibited under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Section 18 (1). DWFRS will require the same or similar level of service at our next procurement, so this would cause some companies an unfair advantage. There is a public interest in ensuring that companies can compete fairly, in an open market



along with being able to trade competitively, which release of the requested information would hinder.

We have therefore concluded that this exemption applies, and that non-disclosure serves the public interest better than release in this instance

3. **Contact Information:**

- **The name, email address, and phone number of the system owner or key contact responsible for the MDT software within your service.**
- **The department in which the system owner is based.**

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Please note, these contact details are not to be used for the purposes of direct marketing, as per the UK GDPR Article 21, which affords individuals the right to object to such marketing.

4. **Fleet and Deployment Information:**

- **The total number of operational vehicles equipped with MDTs, and the types of vehicles (e.g., fire appliances, command vehicles, etc.).**

We currently have 85 Operational MDTs fitted within:
72 x Pumping Appliances, 13 x Technical/ Specialists Appliances

5. **Related Technology Systems:**

- **Please provide details of any additional technology systems integrated with or complementing your MDTs, such as:**
 - **Incident management systems**
 - **Mobile communications platforms**
 - **Vehicle tracking or telematics systems**
 - **Command and control systems**
 - **Mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**
- **For each system, please provide the supplier name, contract start and end dates, contract value, and renewal date.**

Within ScResponse the following systems are integrated: Incident Management, Command, GIS, and Tracking functionalities

6. **Collaborative or Shared Procurement:**

- **If your service participates in any shared or collaborative purchasing frameworks for technology (e.g., with other authorities or consortia), please provide details of these frameworks or partnerships, and the contracts awarded through them.**

We are part of NFSP and do collaborative procurements through them as well as through CCS aggregated procurements.



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