



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 107

Tender Information

Query:

Under the freedom of information act please can you send me the following successful tender:

Swindon Fire Station Flat Roof Replacement

Procurement reference

20240304160059-31617

Award information

Awarded date

25 October 2023

Contract start date

4 December 2023

Contract end date

26 January 2024

Total value of contract

£114,374.50

This contract was awarded to 1 supplier.

M & J Group (Construction & Roofing) Ltd

Response:

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 43 (2) – Commercial Interest.

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

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 15, October 2024