



National Framework for the provision of ladders and associated repairs

Kent Fire and Rescue Service have issued the tender documents to establish a new National Framework Agreement for the supply and repair of ladders on behalf of the NFCC National Procurement Hub.

What are the details?

Documents were uploaded on the ProContract Kent Business Portal on 3rd November 2022. Details published on Find A Tender reference 2022/S 000-031156 and Contracts Finder reference KENTFIRE001-DN614989-21857495.

The Framework Agreement will consist of 3 Lots as follows:

LOT 1 - Repairable Ladders - Riveted Type:

Also known across the Sector as modular type ladders. These are ladders that can be fully broken down to each of their constituent parts and are refurbished by an experienced and qualified Ladder Technician and do not require welding.

LOT 2 - Repairable Ladders – Welded Type:

Ladders that can be partially broken down into sections and are able to be refurbished by an experienced and qualified Ladder Technician, but require welding.

Lots 1 and 2 will also include the provision of associated training services for repair, servicing and maintenance

LOT 3 - Unrepairable Ladders:

Smaller, swaged type ladders.

We will be seeking to award Framework Agreements for 4 years to a single supplier for each Lot. Participating Authorities permitted to enter into Call-Off Agreements will be able to direct award to whichever supplier best meets their requirements in terms of current operational needs and compatibility with existing equipment and appliances.

Call-Off Agreements raised by Participating Authorities must expire no later than 8 years from the start of the Framework Agreements.

When does it go live?

The deadline for return of tenders is 12 Noon Wednesday 7th December 2022.
Framework award is due by 30th January 2023.

No nonsense benefits!

- Standardised pricing, specifications and terms.
- Safety first! All products certified to the required standards with certifications remaining up to date throughout the term of the Framework Agreement and Call-Off Agreements.
- Centrally coordinated and collaborative approach to performance monitoring and supplier relationship management. Resolving issues and monitoring benefits at a national level, and ensuring that innovation is shared with all Participating Authorities.
- Provision for future product development and innovations.
- Focus on; equality, diversity and inclusion; zero tolerance of modern slavery throughout the supply chain; sustainability and social value initiatives, supply continuity and risk management.
- Stripping out the waste! Significant reduction in duplication of protracted local procurement processes, saving the Participating Authority and Supplier time and money.
- Savings to be tracked throughout the life of the Framework Agreement by the Hub.

Interested?

A number of Fire and Rescue Services have already expressed an interest in joining this Framework Agreement. If you would like to participate too please send your details to our e-mail address at procurement@kent.fire-uk.org. If you are a supplier please contact us via [Supplier registration \(due-north.com\)](#)

Many thanks.

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