

DECISION NO: PCCG-2020-013

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

LEAD CHIEF OFFICER: Nigel Stephens, Assistant Chief Officer Resources

TITLE: Contract Award Report for the Provision of Human and Vehicle Telematics

DATE: 11th May 2020

TIMING: Urgent

PURPOSE: For Decision

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 In accordance with paragraphs 84-86 of the Manual of Corporate Governance Part 3e – Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, it is recommended to provisionally award the Contract for Human and Vehicle Telematics to L&A Consultants Limited for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further 3 years.

2. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

2.1 South Wales Police (SWP) has had a contract in place for the provision of iR3 telematics in vehicles and police radios for a number of years. The initial project report was submitted to Gwent Police Service Improvement Board in September 2018 and the decision to proceed with a collaborative tender with SWP was agreed via the Digital Services Gold Report in June 2019. SWP acted as the lead force for Procurement, testing the market as to whether there were alternative systems with similar functionality available, whilst ensuring value for money. The tender was advertised jointly for both Forces, with the additional option for Dyfed Powys Police to participate if they chose.

2.2 To date, Gwent Police have not had any contract in place for telematics and as such this is new technology to be rolled out across the Force by the collaborative Digital Services Division (DSD), in conjunction with the Fleet Management teams in each force.

The system will be hosted within SWP ICT infrastructure, with options to migrate to a cloud hosting service at a later date.

2.3 In addition to the telematics functionality, the contract includes provision for the development of automated tasking and briefing functionality during the first year of the contract, following successful roll out of the core functions.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Pre-market engagement took place in early 2019, with consultation taking place with several departments within Gwent and SWP, including Fleet, Professional Standards Department (PSD), Shared Resource Service (SRS), ICT and DSD. In addition, 4 alternative suppliers attended SWP premises to demonstrate the functionality of their systems in order for the joint DSD team to learn and shape

	<p>the specification. Of these 4 suppliers, one chose to submit a bid. All interested parties within Gwent Police were given an opportunity to feedback on the specification before the tender was advertised.</p>
3.2	<p>An open Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) advert was published (reference 2019/S 246-606154) on 17th December 2019 with a closing date of 19th February 2020. The procurement was completed on the e-tender Wales website. 22 suppliers accessed the documents on the system.</p> <p>3 suppliers officially declined to respond, 2 stating they were unable to meet the specification and 1 without providing a specific reason. 4 bids were received in total.</p>
3.4	<p>The evaluation criteria within the tender was set out as:-</p> <p>Technical Response – 50%</p> <p>Commercial Response – 40%</p> <p>Presentation – 10%</p>
3.5	<p>Evaluation of the Technical and Commercial Responses took place on 25th and 26th February 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation panel consisted of representatives from Gwent and SWP officers situated in DSD, SWP ICT and SWP Procurement departments.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this evaluation stage, it was clear that Bids 1 and 4 were not technically competent. Scoring was very low in their technical responses due to their inexperience, having no existing ability to provide human telematics as required, and not providing any reassurance around their ability to develop automated tasking and briefing functionality.</p> <p>Bid 3 scored well at the technical stage but was priced far in excess of other bidders so did not score well in the Commercial part of the evaluation.</p> <p>Mathematically at this stage, Bidder 2 were the only tenderer who could possibly win and therefore they alone were invited to give a presentation.</p>
3.6	<p>The presentation took place on 6th March and the evaluation panel consisted of the representatives from employees of Gwent and SWP within DSD, SWP ICT and SWP Procurement departments.</p>
3.7	<p>Based on the criteria detailed in 3.4, Bid 2 provided the Most Economically Advantageous Tender.</p>
4.	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p>
4.1	<p>Upon approval of this report, in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations and Paragraph 89 of the Force Manual of Governance Part 3e – Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, all unsuccessful bidders who submitted a bid will be issued with a feedback letter, that also contains details of the ten day standstill period notifying them of our intention to award. The letters will be sent via the e-tender Wales website.</p>

4.2	The preferred bidder will receive an Intent to Award letter, detailing the possibility of a legal challenge from an unsuccessful bidder.
4.3	Once the ten day standstill period has ended, and if there have been no legal challenges, then a formal award letter will be sent to the preferred bidder, security questionnaires will be completed, a privacy statement will be developed and then contracts will be drafted.
5.	<u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
5.1	The total cost of the contract to Gwent Police for the initial 3 year term is approximately £316,000. Funding for the licencing and support elements of this contract is already in place for this contract. The funding split is agreed within the section 22 agreement between SWP and Gwent for DSD. Efficiencies will be made as a result of joint hosting of the system and the requirement for joint-Force support and maintenance
6.	<u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
6.1	Consideration needs to be given to the appropriate number of staff required to rollout this service within Gwent Police. Discussions have already taken place between the Chief Financial Officer of South Wales and the ACO-Resources in Gwent in order to agree additional resources within DSD.
6.2	The system will track live movement of vehicles and officers and staff with Sepura radios. The system also keeps historical recorded data that can be reviewed needed. This is a cultural change at Gwent and will be communicated to everyone.
6.3	A privacy notice is in existence for the current solution in SWP. It will be used to by the Joint Data Protection Officer within the two forces to create a new one for each force. This will be communicated to staff and officers.
7.	<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
7.1	A privacy notice will be required for this and this will be drafted by the Joint Data Protection Officer within both forces.
7.2	The tender was reviewed by Joint Legal Services who drafted the terms and conditions for the contract.
8.	<u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u>
8.1	This report has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.
8.2	Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.

9.	<u>RISK</u>
9.1	Gwent Police currently have no telematics system in place and if the contract is not awarded, they will remain unable to benefit from many of the efficiencies and savings that such a system will bring.
9.2	Joint award of this contract is one of the strategic objectives of DSD, in ensuring both Forces are at the forefront in advancing technology in policing. It is imperative that both Forces work together with a joint approach.
10.	<u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u>
10.1	This report is not to be published until after the contract is awarded, the standstill period has ended and the contracts have been signed. An award notice will be published via Sell to Wales in the public domain and the redacted contract will be published on BLPD.
11.	<u>CONTACT OFFICERS</u>
11.1	Sian Gunner, Head of Procurement , Gwent Police Adriel Roach, Procurement Manager, South Wales Police
12	<u>ANNEXES</u>
12.1	None.

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I confirm that **Contract Award Report for the Provision of Human and Vehicle Telematics** report has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers' meeting. It is now forwarded to the OPCC for **approval** purposes.

Signature:

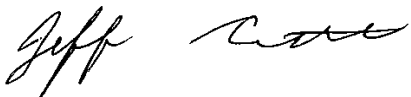


Date: 12th May 2020

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

26.05.2020