

## CCTV Maintenance and Support Contract

### 1) Supplier of the contract for CCTV maintenance and support?

The service provider is BI Electrical Serviced (NI) Ltd

### 2) How much the Organisation spend annually with the supplier? (If multiple suppliers please list the annual spend for each)?

A Contract Award Notice is issued to the market at a value of £16,183,098.00. However, this is for the full services delivered on the contract not just CCTV and for the full term of the contract, i.e. an initial term of 2 years with options to extend up to a further 2 years.

We cannot give an exact breakdown of the annual spend for CCTV alone as in the Housing Executive's view, the information you are requesting is commercially sensitive. We have concluded that the exemption in Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 applies to that information, because its disclosure under the Act would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Housing Executive and relevant contractors.

#### **43(2) Commercial interests.**

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.
- (2) Information is exempt information 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).

**Section 43(2)** is a 'qualified' exemption and I must now go on to consider if the public interest is in favour of maintaining the exemption or vice versa. On weighing the factors for and against disclosure, I have concluded that the public interest lies in not disclosing the information. I have set out below the factors which I have taken into account in reaching my conclusion.

#### **Factors in favour of disclosure**

There is a rebuttable presumption in favour of disclosure. I accept that there is a general public interest in transparency and accountability, and in understanding the reason why certain decisions were made and how public money is spent.

## **Factors in maintaining exemption**

There is a strong public interest in public bodies being able to contract services effectively, so anything which prevents that (such as companies being fearful that commercially sensitive information such as pricing of services will be disclosed to their competitors) will not be in the public interest.

### **3) What is the renewal date of this contract?**

The renewal date of the contract is 31 May 2025.

### **4) What is the duration of the contract?**

The duration of the contract is 24 months with options to extend up to a further 2 years.

### **5) What is the review date of this contract? If possible the likely outcome of this review?**

No review date has been set yet for this contract.

### **6) The primary brand of the CCTV equipment. I don't require the model just the brand. If there is various brands could you please list?**

The Housing Executive do not currently hold this information.

### **7) What is the total number of cameras in use/under this contract?**

The Housing Executive do not hold currently hold this information.

### **8) The description of the services provided under this contract. Please state if this contract includes more than just CCTV services.**

The services provided under this contract consists of servicing/testing/ inspecting and the comprehensive responsive maintenance to specialist Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) equipment.

### **9) Contact details of the employee responsible for the contract between the supplier and the organisation. Can you please provide me with their full contact details?**

This request comprises personal data relating to identified or identifiable individuals, the Housing Executive considers this to be exempt from disclosure as the exemption at Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. In addition, disclosure of this personal information would be a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018, Schedule 2, Part 3, Paragraph 16 - Protection of the Rights of Others.

- 10) If there is no CCTV maintenance contract in place,
- a) What is the brand of CCTV cameras in use? If there is variety could you please send me a list? I do not need the serial number or model just the brand.
  - b) How much is the average annual spend on the in-house maintenance?
  - c) How many cameras are in use?
  - d) Is there a plan to review this at any point, if so what would the date be?
  - e) Who is in charge of overseeing the in-house maintenance?

This is not applicable as there is a CCTV maintenance contract in place.

- 11) If there is no maintenance contract or in-house maintenance in place, is there an ad-hoc agreement? If yes,
- a) Who is the supplier? Is this varies could you please list?
  - b) What is the brand of CCTV cameras in use? If there is variety could you please send me a list? I do not need the serial number or model just the brand.
  - c) How many cameras are in use?
  - d) How much is the average annual spend on the ad-hoc agreement?
  - e) What is the date it is to be reviewed?

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