

**Request for Tenders dated 03/09/2026
for the supply of**

**Supply and Delivery of 2 new Water Tanker Fire
Appliances to Louth County Council**

Tender procedure: Open procedure

Tender Deadline: 12:00(noon) as per eTenders

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Part 1: Introduction

1.1 Louth County Council (the “Contracting Authority”) invites tenders (“Tenders”) to this request for tenders (“RFT”) from economic operators (“Tenderers”) for the supply of the goods as described in Appendix 1 to this RFT (the “Goods”).

1.2 In summary, the Goods comprise:

Supply and Delivery of 2 No. New Water Tanker Fire Appliances to Louth County Council.

Water tankers carry approximately 8,000 litres of water to an operational incident, invariably to large or remote fires. This water can then be dumped into a dam at the incident location while the water tanker goes to refill, or the water tanker can remain on site at the incident and feed water directly to a Class B or Aerial fire appliances.

Water tankers also have spray bars that allow oil detergent sprayed at high pressure to safely wash oil spills from roadways, without the requirement to unnecessarily deploy fire-fighting personnel onto live roadways.

Fire service water tankers have also been used extensively over many years to assist with community resilience, particularly in times of severe weather. Fire service water tankers have provided water to vulnerable communities, local businesses and hospitals amongst others during periods of cold weather and droughts.

The availability of large volumes of water is a fundamental requirement for fire-fighting operations. Water availability is not always guaranteed as seen recently during major storms. In these circumstances, water tankers provide crucial logistical support for fire-fighting operations.

1.3 *Not applicable*

1.4 This public procurement competition (the “Competition”) will be conducted in accordance with the open procedure under the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) (the “Regulations”). Any contract that may result from this Competition (the “Goods Contract”) will be issued for a term of N/A (“the Term”).

1.5 *Not used*

1.6 The Contracting Authority estimates that the expenditure on the Goods to be covered by the proposed **Goods Contracts** may amount to some maximum **€730,000.00** (excl. VAT). Tenderers must understand that this figure is an estimate only based on current and future expected usage.

1.7 Contracting Authority policy seeks to encourage participation on a fair and equal basis by Small and Medium Enterprises (“SME”)s in this Competition. SMEs that believe the scope of this Competition is beyond their technical or business capacity are encouraged, subject to paragraph 2.5, to explore the possibilities of forming relationships with other SMEs or with larger enterprises. Through such relationships they can participate in and contribute to the successful implementation of any Goods Contract that may result from this Competition and therefore increase their social and economic benefits.

Larger enterprises are also encouraged, subject to paragraph 2.5, to consider the practical ways that SMEs can be included in their proposals to maximise the social and economic benefits of any Goods Contract that may result from this Competition.

Part 2: Instructions to Tenderers

2.1 IMPORTANT NOTICES

2.1.1 While every effort has been made to provide comprehensive and accurate information in all notices and documents prepared for the purposes of this Competition, the Contracting Authority does not accept any liability or provide any express or implied warranty in respect of any such information. Tenderers must form their own conclusions about the solution needed to meet the requirements set out in this RFT and may wish to consult their legal advisers.

2.1.2 The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Tender.

This RFT does not constitute an offer or commitment to enter into a Goods Contract.

No contractual rights in relation to the Contracting Authority will exist unless and until a formal written Goods Contract has been executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the Tenderer.

The award of a Goods Contract does not confer exclusivity on the successful Tenderer.

The Contracting Authority may cancel this Competition any time prior to a formal written Goods Contract being executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

2.1.3 This RFT supersedes and replaces any and all previous documentation, communications and correspondence between the Contracting Authority and Tenderers, and Tenderers should place no reliance on such previous documentation and correspondence.

2.1.4 In this clause 2.1.4, “Data Protection Laws” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the “General Data Protection Regulation”), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time.

The Contracting Authority will be a Data Controller (where Data Controller has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) in respect of any Personal Data (where Personal Data has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) required to be provided by the Tenderer in response to this RFT.

The Tenderer, as Data Controller in respect of any Personal Data provided by it in its Tender, is required to confirm in the statement required under paragraph 2.4 below that all Data Subjects (where Data Subject has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) whose Personal Data is provided by the Tenderer have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Tenderer, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the Tenderer in this Competition or that the Tenderer otherwise has a legal basis for providing

such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of its participation in this Competition.

- 2.1.5** The Contracting Authority would refer Tenderers in particular to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031 on the access of third country economic operators, goods and services to the Union's public procurement and concession markets and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (International Procurement Instrument – IPI), and to their obligation to comply therewith.

In particular, tenderers and candidates should note in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031, the obligations for a Contracting Authority in the context of a procurement procedure where the EU Commission has adopted an IPI measure.

- 2.1.6** Tenderers are referred to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Foreign Subsidies distorting the Internal Market, in addition to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441, and their obligation to comply therewith. In particular, tenderers and candidates should note the requirements in Articles 28 and 29 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 relating to the prior notification or declaration of foreign financial contributions, where the estimated value of the public procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the applicable financial thresholds set out therein. In that regard, Tenderers and Candidates are referred to Appendix 3A of the RFT.

2.2 COMPLIANT TENDERS

- 2.2.1** If a Tenderer fails to comply in any respect with the requirements of this paragraph 2.2.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to reject the Tenderer's Tender as non-compliant or, without prejudice to this right and subject to its obligations at law, to take any other action it considers appropriate including but not limited to:

- seeking written clarification from the Tenderer;
- seeking further information from the Tenderer; or
- waiving a requirement, which in the Contracting Authority's view, is non-material or procedural.

Tenderers are required:

- (a)** To complete and submit with their Tender the electronic version of the European Single Procurement Document ("[ESPD](#)"). Tenderers may submit an ESPD which has already been used in a previous procurement procedure PROVIDED THAT they confirm that: (i) the information contained in it continues to be correct and (ii) that they satisfy the Selection Criteria for this Competition as set out at part 3.2 below;:

- (i) the information contained in it continues to be correct; and
- (ii) that they satisfy the Selection Criteria for this Competition as set out at part 3.2 below.

- (b) To submit all documentation which this RFT requires to be submitted with their Tender;
- (c) To follow the format of this RFT and respond to each element in the order as set out in this RFT;
- (d) To conform to and comply with all instructions and requirements set out within this RFT;
- (e) To submit the statement required under paragraph 2.4 below; and
- (f) Not to alter or edit this RFT in any way.

2.2.2 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2.2.1, failure to comply with paragraph 2.6.1, 2.6.2 or 2.6.3 below will render the Tender non-compliant and it will be rejected.

2.3 GOODS CONTRACT

- 2.3.1 Tenderers should note the terms and conditions of the Goods Contract at Appendix 5 to this RFT.
- 2.3.2 Tenderers are required to confirm their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Goods Contract by signing the Tenderer's Statement at Appendix 3. Tenderers may not amend the Goods Contract.

2.4 ACCEPTANCE OF RFT REQUIREMENTS

Each Tenderer is required to accept the provisions of this RFT. ALL TENDERERS MUST RETURN, with their Tender, a scanned signed copy of the Tenderer's Statement, as set out in Appendix 3, printed on the Tenderer's letterhead. The Contracting Authority must be able to read the scanned signature of the Tenderer. If possible, please sign documents using blue ink. If the Contracting Authority cannot read the scanned signature, Tenderers may be requested to re-submit. Tenderers may not amend the Tenderer's Statement.

2.5 CONSORTIA AND PRIME / SUBCONTRACTORS

Where a group of undertakings (in whatever form and regardless of the legal relationship between them) come together to submit a Tender in response to this RFT, the Contracting Authority will deal with all matters relating to this Competition through a single nominated entity authorised to represent all members of the group of undertakings. The Tenderer must provide details of all members of the group of undertakings and their role in the Tender and clearly and comprehensively set out the contact details including name, title, telephone number, postal address, facsimile number and email address of the nominated entity authorised to represent the Tenderer and to whom all communications shall be directed and accepted until this Competition has been completed or terminated. Correspondence from any other person will NOT be accepted, acknowledged or responded to.

Prior to and as a condition of award of any Goods Contract, the successful Tenderer shall be required to designate a single entity who will carry overall responsibility for the Goods Contract (the "Prime Contractor"), irrespective of whether or not tasks are to be performed by a subcontractor or other consortium member (the "Subcontractor").

2.6 TENDER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Tenders must be submitted via the 'electronic tenderbox' available on www.etenders.gov.ie. Only Tenders submitted to the electronic tenderbox will be accepted. Tenders submitted by any other means (including but not limited to: by email, fax, post, hand delivery, etc.) will NOT be accepted.

Tenderers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required tender documentation in their Tender before the Tender Deadline (as defined in paragraph 2.6.2). Tenderers should take into account the fact that upload speeds vary.

Tenderers must note that in the electronic tenderbox, there is a current file size limit of 250MB for each single file uploaded, with a maximum total limit of 2GB for all documentation (combined) in the Tender submitted.

In order to submit a Tender to the electronic tenderbox, Tenderers must ensure that they follow the necessary steps on the eTenders platform to ensure that their tender has been submitted properly, which includes ensuring that the "Submit" button has been clicked. In the event that Tenderers need to modify or change any aspect of their Tender before the Tender Deadline, the Tender in its entirety will need to be re-submitted. Tenderers should be aware that the "Submit" button will be disabled automatically at the Tender Deadline.

- 2.6.1 Tenders must be received not later than 12:00 (noon) on **[as per eTenders]** (the "Tender Deadline"). Tenders that are received late WILL NOT be considered in this Competition.
- 2.6.2 Tenders must be submitted in English.
- 2.6.3 Subject to paragraph 2.14 and 2.18, each Tenderer is limited to submitting one Tender in its own capacity and one Tender as part of a consortium/group of undertakings under this RFT.
- 2.6.4 All Tenders submitted in soft copy must be compiled such that they can be read immediately using PDF format. The Contracting Authority is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Tenderers must ensure electronic documents are not corrupt.

2.7 QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

- 2.7.1 All queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or of this RFT must be directed to the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie. **Queries will be accepted no later than 12:00 (noon) on [as per eTenders]** unless otherwise published by the Contracting Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, Tenderers may not contact the Contracting Authority directly regarding any aspect of this Competition.
- 2.7.2 All responses to queries will be issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie. Where appropriate, queries may be amalgamated. Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority will not respond to individual Tenderers privately.
- 2.7.3 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to issue or seek written clarifications.
- 2.7.4 The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time before the Tender Deadline, to update or amend the information contained in this document and/or to extend the Tender Deadline. Participating Tenderers will be informed of any such amendment or extension through the eTenders website.
- 2.7.5 Tenderers should ensure that they register their interest in this Competition, by clicking on the “Accept” button on www.etenders.gov.ie, in order to receive all responses to queries and other updates in relation to this Competition.

2.8 TENDERING COSTS

- 2.8.1 All costs and expenses incurred by Tenderers relating to their participation in this Competition including, but not being limited to, site visits, field trials, demonstrations and/or presentations shall be borne by and are a matter for discharge by the Tenderers exclusively.
- 2.8.2 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2.8.1, all costs and expenses relating to the supply of samples for purposes of tendering and their return after evaluation or participation in field trials (if any) will be borne exclusively by the Tenderer.

2.9 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 2.9.1 All documentation, drawings, data, statistics, information, patterns, samples or material disclosed or furnished by the Contracting Authority to Tenderers during the course of this Competition:
 - (a) are furnished for the sole purpose of replying to this RFT only;
 - (b) may not be used, communicated, reproduced or published for any other purpose without the prior written permission of the Contracting Authority;
 - (c) shall be treated as confidential by the Tenderer and by any third parties (including subcontractors) engaged or consulted by the Tenderer; and
 - (d) must be returned immediately to the Contracting Authority upon cancellation or completion of this Competition if so requested by the Contracting Authority.

2.10 PRICING

- 2.10.1 All Tenderers must complete the Pricing Schedule at **Appendix 2** to this RFT.
- 2.10.2 All prices quoted must be all-inclusive (i.e. including but not being limited to shipping, packaging, delivery, ancillary costs and all other costs/expenses), be expressed in Euro only and exclusive of VAT. The VAT rate(s) where applicable should be indicated separately.
- 2.10.3 Tenderers must confirm that all prices quoted in the Tender will remain valid for a period of 180 days commencing from the Tender Deadline.
- 2.10.4 Any currency variations occurring over the term of the Goods Contract shall be borne by the Tenderer.
- 2.10.5 Payments for Goods supplied under this RFT shall be made subject to and in accordance with the Goods Contract at Appendix 5 to this RFT.
- 2.10.6 **Not Used**

2.11 ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND LABOUR LAW

In the performance of any Goods Contract awarded, the successful Tenderer(s), and their Subcontractors (if any), shall be required to comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law that apply at the place where the goods provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the Regulations.

2.12 PUBLICITY

No publicity regarding this Competition or any Goods Contract pursuant to this Competition is permitted unless and until the Contracting Authority has given its prior written consent to the relevant communication.

2.13 REGISTRABLE INTEREST

Any Registrable Interest involving any Tenderer or Subcontractor and the Contracting Authority, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas, or employees and officers of the Contracting Authority and their relatives must be fully disclosed in the Tender or, in the event of this information only coming to the notice of the Tenderer or Subcontractor after the submission of a Tender, must be communicated to the Contracting Authority immediately upon such information becoming known to the Tenderer or Subcontractor.

The terms “Registrable Interest” and “Relative” shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, copies of which are available at www.irishstatutebook.ie. The Contracting Authority will, in its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating a Tenderer from this Competition or terminating any Goods Contract entered into by a Tenderer.

2.14 ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

Tenderers’ attention is drawn to the Competition Act 2002 (as amended, the “2002 Act”). The 2002 Act makes it a criminal offence for Tenderers to collude on prices or terms in a public procurement competition.

2.15 INDUSTRY TERMS USED IN THIS RFT

Where reference is made to a particular item, source, process, trademark, or type in this RFT then all such references are to be given the meaning generally understood in the relevant industry and operational environment.

2.16 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- 2.16.1** Tenderers should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, information provided by them during this Competition may be liable to be disclosed.
- 2.16.2** Tenderers are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their Tender should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Tenderers consider that certain information is not to be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, Tenderers must, when providing such information, clearly identify the specific sections of their Tender containing such information and specify the reasons for its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. For the avoidance of doubt Tenderers may not assert confidentiality or commercial sensitivity over the entire Tender but must clearly identify the specific section containing such information. If Tenderers do not identify information as confidential or commercially sensitive, it is liable to be released in response to a request under the above legislation without further notice to or consultation with the Tenderer. The Contracting Authority will, where possible, consult with Tenderers about confidential or commercially sensitive information so identified before making its a decision on a request received. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations.

2.17 TAX CLEARANCE

It will be a condition of any Goods Contract pursuant to this Competition that the successful Tenderer(s) shall, for the term of such contract(s), comply with all EU and domestic tax laws. Tenderers are referred to www.revenue.ie for further information. Prior to the award of any Goods Contract arising out of this Competition, the successful Tenderer shall be required to supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority. By supplying these numbers the successful Tenderer acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Tenderer to verify its tax cleared position online.

2.18 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest on the part of a Tenderer, Subcontractor or individual employee(s) or agent(s) of a Tenderer or Subcontractor(s) must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority as soon as the conflict or potential conflict is or becomes apparent. Tenderers are required to declare that the preparation of their Tender was carried out independently. In the event of any actual or potential conflict of interest, the Contracting Authority may invite Tenderers to propose means by which the conflict of interest might be removed and in circumstances where there are links between Tenderers, the Contracting Authority may seek further information to confirm the Tenders have been prepared independently. The Contracting Authority will, at its absolute discretion,

decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating a Tenderer from this Competition or any Mini-Competition or terminating any Framework Agreement or Services Contract entered into by a Tenderer.

2.19 WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS COMPETITION

Tenderers are required to notify the Contracting Authority immediately, via the e-tenders website, if at any stage they decide to withdraw from this Competition.

2.20 SITE VISIT

- 2.20.1 A minimum of two sites visits will be required by the Contracting Authority to the Tenderer's premises.

2.21 INSURANCE

- 2.21.1 The successful Tenderer shall be required to hold for the term of the Goods Contract the following insurances:

Type of Insurance	Indemnity Limit
Employer's Liability	€13,000,000 – Insurance must include indemnity to Louth County Council or Principal
Public Liability	€6,500,000 - Insurance must include indemnity to Louth County Council or Principal
Product Liability	€6,500,000 - Insurance must include indemnity to Louth County Council or Principal
Professional Indemnity	€1,000,000

2.21.2

By signing the Tenderer's Statement at Appendix 3, Tenderers confirm, that if awarded a Goods Contract under this Competition, (i) they will, from the Effective Date of the Goods Contract (as defined in the Goods Contract), obtain and hold the types and levels of insurance as specified at paragraph 2.21.1 (ii) the territorial limits and jurisdiction of its insurance policies include Ireland and (iii) they are not aware of any exclusions, restrictions, conditions or warranties or, in the case of policies with an aggregate limit of indemnity, any outstanding claims, which could have a material adverse impact on the level of coverage specified above . A formal confirmation from the Tenderer's insurance company or broker to this effect will be requested from the successful Tenderer(s) prior to the award of (and shall be a condition of) any Goods Contract.

- 2.21.3 The successful Tenderer will, during the term of the Goods Contract, be required to:

- immediately advise the Contracting Authority of any material change to its insured status;
- produce proof of current premiums paid upon request;
- produce valid certificates of insurance upon request.

2.22 SAMPLES

2.22.1 *“Not Used”*

2.22.2 The Tenderer must in its Tender, provide a clear and complete list of all documentation and manuals applicable to any sample, or alternatively, where no such documentation or manuals exist, the Tenderer must provide a statement to that effect. All documentation and manuals submitted (where requested) must be in the English language only.

2.22.3 The Tenderer will be responsible for the insurance and transportation of samples used in presentations, demonstrations or field trials.

2.22.4 Any samples required must be furnished upon written request of the Contracting Authority.

Part 3: Selection and Award Criteria

3.1 COMPLIANT TENDERS

- 3.1 Only those Tenderers who have:-
- (a) Submitted compliant Tenders pursuant to paragraph 2.2 above, and
 - (b) Declared by way of ESPD that either:
 - (i) no mandatory grounds for exclusion of the Tenderer pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to them, or
 - (ii) in circumstances where any mandatory exclusion grounds apply to the Tenderer (and where the Tenderer is not precluded from doing so under Regulation 57(17) of the Regulations), that it can provide evidence to the effect that measures taken by it are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of any such relevant exclusion ground, and
 - (c) Declared by way of ESPD that they satisfy the selection criteria for this Competition as set out in part 3.2 below (the “Selection Criteria”), will be evaluated in accordance with the Award Criteria at part 3.3 below.

However, please note that the Contracting Authority also reserves the right to exclude from evaluation a Tenderer to whom discretionary ground for exclusion pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations applies.

Tenderers should note that where a Tenderer is relying on the capacity of other entities (for example, Subcontractors) for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part 3.2 below it must ensure that each such entity:

- (i) completes and submits a separate ESPD in respect of each such entity, and
- (ii) when requested by the Contracting Authority, submit proof, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, that each such entity will place the necessary resources at the disposal of the Tenderer.

Where a Tenderer (Prime Contractor) intends to subcontract any share of any Contract to a Subcontractor, but is not relying on the capacity of such Subcontractor for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part below, it must ensure that each such Subcontractor submits a separate ESPD in respect of such Subcontractor completing those sections of the ESPD which are specified in section 2.D of the ESPD for this Competition.

The Contracting Authority may decide to examine Tenders before verifying the absence of exclusion grounds in Regulation 57 of the Regulations (the “Exclusion Grounds”) and the fulfilment of the Selection Criteria.

However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this part 3.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to ask Tenderers at any moment during the Competition to submit any or all of the following for the purposes of verification of the status of the Tenderer (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractor):

- (i) a Declaration in the form attached at Appendix 4;
- (ii) evidence to the effect that measures taken by the entity concerned are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground;
- (iii) in the case of the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractor on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies, all or any of the supporting documents specified at paragraph 3.2 below;
- (iv) information concerning the Tenderer, and any proposed subcontractors, for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same) including, but not limited to, in respect of natural persons, copies of identity documents and, in respect of legal persons, a certificate or extract from the commercial register or other competent authority of the country in which the legal person is established; and
- (v) information concerning the origin of goods, if any, for the purposes of assessing compliance with Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

If a Tenderer does not, upon request by the Contracting Authority, provide evidence which is considered by the Contracting Authority as sufficient to demonstrate (i) its fulfilment of the Selection Criteria (or any one of them) in accordance with this RFT and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds, or its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground and (iii) that it does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576) and (iv) that the origin of goods, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same) then it shall be excluded from further participation in this Competition.

If a Tenderer does not, upon request by the Contracting Authority, provide evidence which is considered by the Contracting Authority as sufficient to demonstrate (i) the fulfilment by any Subcontractor on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies of the Selection Criteria (or any one of them) in accordance with this RFT and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds in respect of any Subcontractor, or the reliability of any Subcontractor despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground and (iii) that any proposed Subcontractor on whose capacity the Tenderer relies (where the value of that subcontract exceeds 10% of the value of the Services Contract) does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576) then, it shall be excluded from further participation in this Competition *unless* it replaces the Subcontractor with one which meets all relevant requirements of this RFT.

3.1a TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Tenderers must detail in the Tender Response Document the compliance of the tendered vehicle with the minimum technical specifications and minimum warranty requirements and provide details of any variation from the required specifications set out in Appendix 1. Louth County Council will review various proposed solutions along with variations and will determine if the solution proposed broadly meets their requirements as set out in the RFT. The evaluation of the Technical Specification is on a PASS/FAIL basis.

Only Tenderers who achieve a “PASS” mark for the Technical Specifications will proceed to evaluation stage. Tenderers who receive a “FAIL” will be eliminated from the competition at this stage and will be considered inadmissible.

Please complete the TRD - Tender Response Document B (Technical Specifications) in conjunction with this RFT.

	Description	Complies Yes/No
1.	Compliance with the Technical Specifications and Minimum Warranty Requirements <i>The Tenderer must detail in The Tender Response Document the compliance of the tendered vehicle with the technical specifications and minimum warranty requirements set out in Appendix 1.</i> <i>Louth County Council Fire & rescue will review various proposed solutions along with variations and will determine if the solution proposed broadly meets their requirements as set out in the RFT.</i> <i>Only Tenders that receive a “Pass” mark for the Technical Specifications will proceed to evaluation.</i> <i>As minimum tenderers are requested to carry out the following;</i> • <i>Complete requested technical detail in the TRD - Tender Response Document B (Technical Specifications)</i> • <i>Ensure Comments/Variations are included in the column provided where applicable. Insert ‘N/A’ if not applicable</i> • <i>Ensure boxes labelled ‘Tenderers to Fill in Details Here’ are completed with the required information</i> Please provide all responses in the TRD B (Technical Specifications) document furnished separately with this RFT	

3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

3.2.1 Tenderers will either Pass OR Fail each of the Selection Criteria in this part 3.2. A Tenderer who fails a selection criterion will be excluded from further participation in this competition and will be considered inadmissible. Tenderers must pass the Selection Criteria in order to proceed to evaluation against the Award Criteria.

3.2.2 Please complete the TRD (Tender Response Document) in conjunction with this RFT.

Economic and Financial Standing

Tenderers must declare by way of ESPD that they satisfy the financial and economic standing requirement(s) set out below and that they are able, upon request and without delay, to provide the supporting documentation specified below to the Contracting Authority in each case.

Tenderer's must have a minimum annual turnover in excess of €2,000,000 per annum average over the 3 most recent years of audited accounts or, where the date of the establishment is more recent, for each year the entity has been established. The turnover level is set in accordance with the NDFEM Capital Grant Aid Guidelines and reflects the specialised, safety-critical nature of the goods being procured.

Tenderers must provide the supporting documentation specified above without delay when requested by the Contracting Authority. However, where the Tenderer is unable, for a valid reason, to provide the specified documentation, the Tenderer must inform the Contracting Authority of the valid reason as to why the documentation cannot be supplied and, if the Contracting Authority considers the reason given to be valid, provide such other suitable alternative documentation to prove, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, their economic and financial capacity.

Technical and Professional Ability

Tenderers must declare by way of ESPD that they satisfy the technical and professional requirement(s) set out below and that they are able, upon request and without delay, to provide the supporting documentation specified below to the Contracting Authority in each case.

Previous Experience

Tenderers must have successfully supplied and delivered, or be in the process of supplying and delivering, a minimum of 2 No. fire appliances of a similar type to the Water Tanker appliance specified in this RFT, in the past seven years (similar appliance means: Class B Water Tender, Water Tanker, Emergency Tender or Aerial Appliance). It is at the Contracting Authority's sole discretion to decide on whether these examples are deemed of a similar type to those sought in this RFT.

Tenderers must be able to provide written references from their relevant clients. The Contracting Authority may contact the referees for verification purposes without any prior notice being given to the Tenderer.

Tenderers must provide the supporting documentation specified above without delay when requested by the Contracting Authority.

Health and Safety

Tenderers must be able to demonstrate, by way of a statement or certification, that their company has complied with the Safety Health & Welfare at Work Act 2005.

Quality Assurance

Tenderers must be able to demonstrate, by way of a statement or certification, that their company has certified Quality Management procedures in place to a minimum standard of ISO 9001:2015 (or equivalent).

Environmental Management Systems

Tenderers must be able to demonstrate, by way of a statement or certification, that their company has complied with Environmental Management Systems.

3.3 AWARD CRITERIA

3.3.1 The Goods Contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender(s) as identified in accordance with the following criteria (10,000 marks):

AWARD CRITERION ONE: Experience and Qualifications of staff (1000 marks available)		Max. Marks Available	Min. Marks Required
1	<i>The Tenderer must provide details and examples of the relevant qualifications and experience of its employees engaged in the build/assembly of Class B Water Tender, Emergency Tender, Aerial Appliance, Water Tanker or Incident Command Unit, and also of any subcontractors engaged in the process. Include details of the number of</i> i. <i>technicians/mechanics employed and their qualifications;</i> ii. <i>their experience building fire appliances;</i> iii. <i>ongoing training/upskilling; and any other information which demonstrates that its staff have the requisite skills and experience.</i> Please provide responses in the Tender Response Document	1000	600

AWARD CRITERION TWO: Aftersales Support and Technical Assistance (1000 marks available)		Max. Marks Available	Min. Marks Required
2	<i>The Tenderer must operate, either directly or via an agent, at least one workshop facility with the capacity and capability to carry out repairs/servicing to the fire appliance and the ancillary equipment procured under this Contract.</i> <i>The Tenderer must have the capability to provide a call-out service within 24 hours on a nationwide basis in the Republic of Ireland. Any costs associated with collection and transporting fire appliances to the Tenderer's workshop must be borne by the Tenderer.</i> <i>The Tenderer must set out the quality of its proposal in relation to its capacity and capability for the provision of maintenance, repair and technical assistance from its workshop facilities, and its capacity and capability for repair/maintenance services on-site at Louth County Council. Tenderers must provide details of workshops, if any, they have in the Republic of Ireland to carry out both chassis and Fire Engineering repairs. The Tenderer should also provide details of the process by which clients' repair issues are managed from the time a fault is reported through to successful conclusion. If sub-contracting after sales support to another supplier, full details must be provided of that sub-contractor, including their workshop details (for both chassis and Fire Engineering repairs), network details, technical capabilities of their employees in relation to fire-engineering support and their qualifications for same, and details of stock they carry and where the stock is located.</i> Please provide responses in the Tender Response Document	1000	600

AWARD CRITERION THREE: Availability of Spare Parts (1000 marks available)		Max. Marks Available	Min. Marks Required
3	<i>The Tenderer must set out the quality of its proposal for ensuring the availability of all spare parts for the appliances and ancillary equipment for the minimum expected lifespan of the vehicle (15 years).</i> <i>The Tenderer should include details of its process and lead times for obtaining spare parts; how it manages this supply chain to ensure parts are delivered on time; and how it manages instances of order delays and parts being out-of-stock.</i> Please provide responses in the Tender Response Document	1000	600
AWARD CRITERION FOUR: Ordering and Delivery (500 marks available)		Max. Marks Available	Min. Marks Required
4	<i>The Tenderer must provide a detailed narrative demonstrating its high-level process and timescales for the successful delivery of a Water Tanker - from the time of the official order through to full commissioning and handover of the appliances.</i> <i>The Tenderer should Include details of the tenderer's methodology for ensuring that all appliances are supplied and delivered in accordance with the requirements specified by the client.</i> Please provide responses in the Tender Response Document	500	300

AWARD CRITERION FIVE: Environmental and Sustainability Efficiencies (500 marks available)		Max. Marks Available	Min. Marks Required
5	<i>The Tenderer must provide a detailed narrative to demonstrate how it incorporates environmental and sustainability efficiencies/measures during the build process. For example:</i> <i>• Energy optimisation initiatives in the warehouse/premises including rain harvesting, use of PV Panels, fabric of the building including insulation, efficiency of lighting and heating, EV charging capabilities etc.</i> <i>• Use of recycled and/or recyclable material</i> <i>• Waste management/disposal/recycling</i> <i>• Minimisation of waste</i> <i>• Transport and logistics measures</i> <i>• Corporate Social Responsibility policies</i> <i>• Proposed Targets for Environmental Sustainability</i> <i>• Sustainable purchasing</i> Please provide responses in the Tender Response Document	500	300
AWARD CRITERION SIX: Cost (6000 marks available)		Max. Marks Available	Min. Marks Required
6	Cost of Water Tanker <i>The Tenderer must give the total cost, in Euros, of the vehicle's as specified in Appendix 2</i> <i>• Including delivery to Louth</i> <i>• Including firefighting equipment & ancillary equipment specified in Section 4 of Appendix 1</i> <i>• Including all expenses/ tariffs/ custom charges</i> <i>• Excluding VAT</i> Please provide responses in the Tender Response Document	6000	n/a
TOTAL MARKS		10,000	

Tenderers must achieve the minimum marks required in respect of each criterion. Tenderers who fail to achieve the minimum marks required in respect of each and every criterion will be eliminated from the competition at this stage of the evaluation.

Tenderers should ensure that they provide detailed information in respect of all aspects of the contract award criteria as stated above. This will enable the awarding authority to assess fully the extent of their offers.

Methodology for Calculating the Cost Score

The lowest cost tender that also meets all the minimum requirements of the qualitative award criteria will receive the maximum score achievable under this criterion (i.e. 600 marks). Other tenders will receive a percentage score inversely proportional to the lowest tendered price using the following formula:

$$\text{Score} = \left(\frac{\text{Lowest Cost from Bona Fide Tender}}{\text{Cost of Tender being evaluated}} \right) * \text{Max. Score available for Cost}$$

The overall cost (ex VAT) outlined in Appendix 2: Pricing Schedule (TRD B – Technical Specifications) – namely, *Vehicle Total + Services Total = Contract Total* - will be used in the above formula.

Note: where there is a tie-break, the economic operator with the highest quality score will be awarded the tender.

3.3.2 Subject to paragraphs 2.1 (Important Notices) and 3.5 (Standstill Period) of this RFT, award of the Goods Contract to the highest ranked Tenderer (as determined by paragraph 3.3.1) will be conditional upon:

- (a) the Tenderer submitting the following evidence in respect of the Tenderer (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractors, as applicable in accordance with paragraph 3.1 above) to the extent not already provided, within seven (7) days of request by the Contracting Authority: (i) a Declaration in the form attached at Appendix 4; (ii) if applicable, evidence to the effect that measures taken by the entity concerned are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground; (iii) all or any of the supporting documents specified at paragraph 3.2; and
- (b) the evidence specified at paragraph 3.3.2 (a) above demonstrating that each entity concerned meets the Selection Criteria and the compliance requirements specified at paragraph 3.1 (b) and (c) above.
- (c)

Methodology for Calculating Scoring of Qualitative Criteria

The evaluation of Tenders in response to the Award Criteria above will be conducted in accordance with the following methodology:

Score	Interpretation
90 – 100%	An excellent response that fully meets requirements and provides comprehensive, detailed, and convincing assurance that the Tenderer will deliver on the Contracting Authority's requirements to an excellent standard.
80 – 89%	A very good response that demonstrates real understanding of the requirements and assurance that the Tenderer will deliver on the Contracting Authority's requirements to a high standard.
70 – 79%	A good response demonstrating a good understanding of the requirements and assurance that the Tenderer will deliver on the Contracting Authority's requirements to a good standard.
60 – 69%	A satisfactory response which demonstrates a reasonable understanding of the requirements and gives reasonable assurance of delivery of the Contracting Authority's requirements to a satisfactory standard but does not provide sufficiently convincing assurance to award a higher mark.
50 – 59%	An average response where some capabilities to meet the requirements are detailed however reservations exist. Lacks full credibility and/or convincing detail, and there is a risk that the delivery of the Contracting Authority's requirements may not be successful.
Less than 50% is unacceptable and considered ineligible from further consideration	
25 – 49%	Response demonstrates limited understanding with insufficient or no detail with a significant risk of non-delivery.
1 – 24%	Response demonstrates very limited understanding of the requirements and has fundamental flaws and insufficient detail is provided, and/or the response has fundamental flaws, lacking credibility with a significant risk of non-delivery.
0%	No response or response completely fails to address the criterion under consideration

Marks in the score ranges outlined above can be awarded where responses so merit additional marks.

Note: where there is a tie-break, the economic operator with the highest quality score will be awarded the quotation. In a case where the overall qualitative scores are identical the economic operator with the highest score on the highest weighted qualitative criterion will be awarded the quotation.

3.4 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

Tenderers may be required to make a presentation of the proposal contained in their Tender. The Contracting Authority will not be responsible for the cost of such presentations (in accordance with paragraph 2.8). Performance at presentations will NOT be evaluated.

3.5 STANDSTILL PERIOD

- 3.5.1** In circumstances where the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010 (Statutory Instrument 130 of 2010), as amended by the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument 192 of 2015) and the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (Statutory Instrument 327 of 2017) apply, no contract can or will be executed or take effect until at least fourteen (14) calendar days after the day on which the Tenderers have been sent a notice informing them of the result of this Competition ("Standstill Period") if such notice is sent by electronic means. The Standstill Period shall be sixteen (16) calendar days if such notice is sent by other means. The preferred bidder will be notified of the decision of the Contracting Authority and of the expiry date of the Standstill Period
- 3.5.2** Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority may, when notifying Tenderers of the results of this Competition, include the scores obtained by the Tenderer concerned and the scores obtained by the preferred bidder in respect of each award criterion assessed by the Contracting Authority.

3.6 RETURN OF SIGNED CONTRACTS

- 3.6.1** The successful Tenderer must sign and return the Goods Contract and the Confidentiality Agreement, both in duplicate to the Contracting Authority no later than 10 calendar days from the date of expiry of the Standstill Period unless notified otherwise in writing by the Contracting Authority. A signed Goods Contract returned by the successful Tenderer is not binding on the Contracting Authority until the Contracting Authority has signed the Goods Contract in accordance with paragraph 2.1.2 above.
- 3.6.2** Where the signed Goods Contract and the Confidentiality Agreement have not been received by the Contracting Authority within the period as specified at paragraph 3.6.1 then the Contracting Authority may proceed to award the Goods Contract to the next highest-ranked Tenderer in accordance with paragraph 3.6.1 above.

Appendix 1: Requirements and Specifications

SECTION 1: General

Louth County Council is seeking solutions for the supply of two new Water Tanker Fire Appliances as outlined below in this Appendix. Louth County Council will determine whether the proposed solutions meet their requirements.

1.1 VEHICLE GENERAL CAPACITIES

The appliances must be constructed in accordance with the most recent edition of all parts of EN 1846, with a motor class of super (S), urban category (1), for water tanker appliances with a seating capacity of 2 persons, a tank capacity for firefighting water of minimum contents 8,000 litres, an installed pump performance of 10bar delivering 2,000l/min and appropriate locker arrangement, and any subsequent amendments of same on the date this tender was advertised (unless specifically stated otherwise within this RFT).

1.2 ROAD TRAFFIC VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION LAW

The appliances must be constructed in accordance with all relevant parts of the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie>) and any subsequent amendments of same on the closing date of tender (unless specifically stated otherwise within this RFT).

1.3 SAFETY BELTS AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

The appliances must be constructed in accordance with the most recent edition of the Council Directive 2003/20/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to safety belts and restraint systems of motor vehicles and any subsequent amendments of same on the closing date of tender (unless specifically stated otherwise within this RFT).

1.4 EQUIPMENT STOWAGE

The design of an appliances and the stowage of equipment shall be in accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work General Application (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (and latest editions), with particular regard to Manual Handling of Loads, and any subsequent amendments of same on the closing date of tender (unless specifically stated otherwise within this RFT).

1.5 VEHICLE CAB

The cab construction must conform to ECE R29 (or equivalent) Standards and any subsequent amendments of same on the closing date of tender (unless specifically stated otherwise within this RFT).

1.6 MAN MADE FIBRES

Man-made fibres used in the construction of the appliances shall have a fire-retardant additive so that, as a minimum, the material conforms to the latest relevant sections of standard EN 13501-1.

1.7 DELIVERY LOCATION

The appliances shall be delivered to the Brigade Headquarters (or alternate Fire Station nominated at the time of placing the official order)

1.8 TEST CERTIFICATES

1 No. set of Test Certificates shall be supplied in English with the appliances for the following:

- a) Proof of pre-delivery inspection, including confirmation of appliances road worthiness, by the chassis manufacturer;
- b) Test Certificates shall be provided as appropriate for any ancillary equipment supplied;

1.9 OPERATOR MANUALS AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS AND HAND-OVER DOCUMENTS

1 No. complete Operator Manual shall be supplied in English in both hard and soft copy with each appliances.

1 No. Maintenance Manual shall be supplied in English in both hard and soft copy with each appliance to include the following:

- a) Finished vehicle including the chassis;
- b) Detailed and complete Wiring Diagrams – all relays and fuses numbered and detailed on both the circuit diagram and on the appliances;
- c) Engineering Drawings of the appliances;
- d) User and Installation Manual for each electrical component;
- e) All ancillary systems and equipment supplied;

1 No. dossier must be supplied in English in both hard and soft copy with each appliances containing all relevant certificates and documentation pertaining to the commissioning, inspection and customer acceptance and/or final sign-off of the vehicle.

The above may be provided in both hard and electronic format. A label showing the registration number of the appliances shall be placed on the front of all manuals and soft data supplied.

SECTION 2: Chassis

2.1 CHASSIS OPTIONS

An 18 tonnes (18,000 Kg) Gross Vehicle Weight Rating chassis must be proposed such that will fully comply with all items contained in this Section 2.

The make, model and bhp of the chassis proposed must be stated in the Tender Response Document

2.2 VEHICLE WEIGHT CONSTRAINTS

The total weight of the appliances with equipment, water and crew must be within the permitted axle loading and permissible total laden mass. The front axle shall have minimum 9,000Kgs capacity. Details of typical equipment stowed are detailed in 4.7.2 below.

2.3 VEHICLE DRIVE REQUIREMENTS

Right Hand Drive 4 X 2 Rear Wheel Drive

2.4 EURO COMPLIANCE

The appliances must be minimum Euro 6 compliant.

2.5 SPEED PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

The appliances shall have an engine power output of not less than 320 BHP.

The appliances at the gross laden mass shall have a minimum top road speed of 120kph and shall reach the following speeds within the following timescales on a flat road;

- 65kph in less than 20 seconds
- 80kph in less than 30 seconds
- 100kph in less than 50 seconds
- 110kph in less than 65 seconds
- 120kph in less than 75 seconds

2.6 SPEED LIMITER

The appliances speed limiter shall be set at 90kph such that the appliances cannot exceed this speed.

2.7 TACHOGRAPH SIMULATOR

The appliances must either:

Have no Tachograph installed, which results in no warning lights on the dash; or

The Appliances shall be fitted with a Tachograph simulator: A tachograph 1391 Siemens VDO interface (or equivalent). Please note that the 1391 Siemens VDO tachograph is not a standard type tachograph and for example does not accept driver cards.

2.8 TRANSMISSION

The appliances shall be fitted with a clutch-less fully automatic Allison Automatic Transmission (or equivalent) with Fully Automatic Integral Retarder.

The name and model of the proposed transmission must be stated in the Tender Response Document

It shall only be possible to start the appliances in neutral with the handbrake on.

2.9 DOOR ALARMS

A visual and audible alarm shall activate on the dash if the driver's door is opened and the handbrake is released.

2.10 WHEELS AND TYRES

The appliances shall be fitted with lightweight alloy wheels. The rear axle must have twin wheels. The appliances must be supplied with new Michelin XZE 2 (or equivalent) tyres that are approved by the chassis manufacturer. The tyres must be rated for the maximum speed of the appliances.

The name and model of the proposed tyres must be stated in the Tender Response Document

Yellow Wheel Nut position indicators shall be fitted to all external wheels. A label stating the appropriate tyre pressure must be located on each wheel arch. It must be possible to easily check the tyre pressures of the inside tyres without removing the outside tyres. A new spare front wheel and tyre must be supplied with the appliances (Note: the spare wheel and tyre must not be carried on the appliances).

2.11 REAR SUSPENSION

The appliances shall have Rear Air Suspension including a stabiliser (anti-roll) bar. It shall be possible to dump the air in the cab and pump bay – with a default to ride height on release of the handbrake.

2.12 BREAKING SYSTEM

Electronic ABS must be fitted to the appliances.

2.13 TRACTION CONTROL

ASR Traction control must be fitted to the appliances.

2.14 ADVANCED EMERGENCY BRAKING

Advanced Emergency Braking shall be fitted.

2.15 LANE DEPARTURE WARNING

Lane Departure Warning shall be fitted.

2.16 ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL SYSTEM

An electronic stability control system / programme shall be fitted to the appliances.

2.17 FUEL TANK

The fuel tank, and any alterations, must be manufactured from a corrosion resistant material and must not encroach into the locker areas. An anti-spill device is to be located between the filler cap and the fuel tank. The fuel tank must have a minimum capacity of 130 litres.

2.18 AIR INTAKE

The air intake must be located at least 1.3m above ground level.

2.19 EXHAUST

The exhaust system must be manufactured from a corrosion resistant material. A low-level offside exhaust must be high enough to not get caught on traffic calming measures when fully laden. Details shall be provided of the required location of the end of the exhaust system at the time of placing the official order.

2.20 TRANSPONDER

A transponder may be supplied by the Contracting Authority for fitting to the appliances to automatically activate the exhaust extraction system on return to station.

2.21 VEHICLE MIRRORS

Electric heated and electrically adjustable side mirrors must be provided on both sides of the vehicle.

A nearside Kerb Mirror and a Wide Angled Mirror located above the centre of the windscreen showing the ground area immediately in front of the full cab width must be fitted.

Camera mirrors will be acceptable as an alternative to the above mirrors.

2.22 CHASSIS LIGHTS

The chassis shall be fitted with LED chassis lights. The chassis shall also have front cornering lights.

2.23 EXTERNAL TEMPERATURE GAUGES

A low external warning temperature device must be fitted with an audible alarm on the dash.

2.24 SIDE CURTAIN AIRBAGS

The chassis cab shall be fitted with side curtain airbags.

2.25 BONNET

Inspection checks shall be easily carried out by lifting the bonnet. The bonnet must be supported by two gas struts when it is open.

2.26 VEHICLE DOORS

Each door shall be fitted with a suitable strap to prevent the hinges being damaged in the event of wind or other suddenly forcing the door to a fully open position.

2.27 TOWING DEVICES

The appliances must be equipped with two towing devices at both the front and rear, which will provide anchorage for winches and facilitate vehicle recovery. These devices shall be of sufficient strength to allow the vehicle to be towed on road at its permitted Total Laden Mass and no undue pressure shall be exerted on the chassis by these devices. A label shall be attached adjacent to each towing eye stating the capacity of each eye.

2.28 VEHICLE WINDOWS

Anti-Bandit windscreen glazing to be provided for both windscreen and side glazing.

The appliances shall be fitted with electric windows for the driver and passenger position.

2.29 SNOW CHAINS

Automatically deployable snow chains must be fitted to the appliances. The chains must be easily removable from the deploying arm for care and maintenance. An easily accessible and identified isolation mechanism must be provided underneath the body to prevent accidental engagement of the snow chains.

2.30 TYRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM

The chassis shall be fitted with a tyre pressure monitoring system that will alert the driver in the event of the tyre pressure being low in any tyre.

2.31 CHASSIS PREPARATION WORKS

All chassis rails, crossmembers, air tanks, axles and suspension systems shall be protected by either painting it with Sigmashield 880 (or equivalent) or by waxing it with DINITROLL 4010 wax. All chassis preparation works (e.g. re-sighting air reservoirs etc.) shall be included. This coating shall provide corrosive protection from water contact and road salt.

2.32 CHASSIS MODIFICATIONS

The chassis manufacturer shall approve any modifications made to the chassis.

2.33 BREAKDOWN/EMERGENCY KIT

A Breakdown Triangle, a Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher and a First-Aid Kit shall be fitted in the drivers' cab. A Hydraulic Jack Kit and a complete chassis toolkit shall be supplied with the appliances.

2.34 TRAINING

1 Day Driver Familiarisation Training shall be delivered by the chassis supplier (separate to pump operation training) for up to 12 personnel at the station that the appliances will be based.

1 Day Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance training (separate to pump and driver familiarisation training) for up to 3 maintenance personnel at each Brigade Headquarters or other nominated location.

1 Day Pump operator to be provided by a suitably qualified pump instructor nominated by the main agent for the pump provided.

The cost of the provision of the above training shall be borne by the supplier.

SECTION 3: Cab

3.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The cab shall be a new single-construction cab.

3.2 CAB TILT MECHANISM

An Electro/Hydraulic Cab Tilt mechanism must be fitted to the cab. Full access must be provided to the engine and gearbox for maintenance.

3.3 SEATING

The drivers and officers seat shall be fully adjustable both fore and aft, for height and rake. The seats shall have a leatherette finish.

3.4 GRAB HANDLES

Grab Handles shall be provided in yellow to assist with access / egress from all cab doors.

3.5 SEAT BELTS

Seat positions shall be fitted with three point high-conspicuity seat belts. The seat belts shall be positioned such that a Firefighter wearing fire-kit can fasten the seat belt.

3.6 SEAT BELT WARNING DEVICE

A seat belt warning device shall indicate which personnel are not wearing seat belts.

3.7 HEAD RESTRAINTS

Height adjustable head restraints shall be provided where full length back seats are not provided. Care shall be taken concerning the position and suitability of head restraints considering helmets have to be worn.

3.8 CABIN DOCUMENT STOWAGE

If a storage unit is not provided for documents and small equipment between the driver and the officer seat by the chassis supplier, a storage unit 400mm wide by 500mm deep by 250mm high with a lockable lid shall be provided. It shall be constructed of material and furnishings to blend in with the manufacturer's cab.

In addition, suitable storage for 1 No. Fire-fighter helmet shall be provided in the front of the cab.

3.9 CABIN READING LIGHT

A Flexi Map Reading Light shall be fitted in the offside front side of the cab.

3.10 ENGINE RUNNING METER

An hour meter for engine running time shall be installed in the cab.

3.11 DIGITAL CLOCK DISPLAY

A 24 hour vehicle powered digital clock visible to the driver in daylight and darkness.

3.12 CABIN WARNING NOTICE

A notice shall be fixed in the cab visible to the driver giving details of the height (highest point of appliances), width, length and gross laden mass of the appliances.

3.13 CABIN FINISHINGS

All internal finishings shall be to a factory finish and any amendments to the interior of the cab shall be made good.

3.14 CAB STEPWELLS AND STEPS

All Cab Stepwells shall be fitted with Tread Kicker Plats to prevent paint damage from kicking. All Cab steps shall be painted in yellow high conspicuity non-slip paint.

3.15 NUMBER PLATES

The appliances shall be registered by the tenderer.

1 No. reflective registration number plate shall be fixed to the front of each appliance and 1 No. reflective registration number plate shall be fixed to the rear of each appliance. A light shall be placed to illuminate each rear registration number plate.

SECTION 4: Body Construction and Design

4.1 General

The body layout provided in this Section 4 is a suggested layout but variations may be accepted if deemed suitable. The exact layout will be agreed with the successful tenderer at pre-build meeting stage.

4.2 Body Construction Material

The required body construction type, including the water storage tank is a composite material.

4.3 Body Design and Profiles

The body design shall be profiled to match the cab profile, including the provision of chassis side air deflectors to completely close the gap between the cab and the body.

4.4 Body Mounting to Chassis

The body shall be mounted onto the chassis strictly in accordance with the chassis manufacturer's guidelines.

4.5 Body Stowage Units

The main body of the appliances shall be designed to accommodate a minimum water capacity of 8,000 litres. The final volume will be confirmed during the build stage to ensure the maximum possible water stowage is achieved while remaining within legal weight limits for the fully equipped appliances, including crew and equipment. Lockers on the side of the appliances shall incorporate stowage for ancillary equipment including a dam and a portable pump. A locker at the rear of the appliances shall house the main fire-fighting pump.

4.6 Body Dimension Requirements

The overall length of the body should not exceed 6,000mm. The overall height of the appliances shall not exceed 3,500mm when fully laden.

The minimum width of the pump bay shall be 1,000mm.

4.7 Vehicle Lockers Dimensions and Requirements

The following section outlines the dimensions and requirements for the lockers.

4.7.1 Locker Shutters and Weather Proofing

The lockers shall be enclosed by either weather proofed alloy shutters with a lift bar easy opening latch assembly or with hinged doors to match the bodywork with a minimum of 2 No. quick release locks on each door. The shutters / doors shall be designed to prevent accidental opening. Shutters, once opened, shall remain in the open position and shall have a strap fitted to the bottom of them hanging down to assist closing of the shutters when fully opened. Shutter lift bars shall be recessed inside the body profile. Doors once opened shall remain in the open position. Central locking shall be provided to all lockers, including the pump bay, operated from a button on the dash.

The name and model of the proposed shutter must be stated in the Tender Response Document

4.7.2 Side Lockers

Locker(s) shall be provided on both sides of the rear of the appliances to allow for stowage of the following typical ancillary equipment. **The equipment detailed below shall be supplied with the appliances.** The equipment layout will be agreed between the successful tenderer at pre-build meeting stage:

- a) 1 No. Water Dam contained in a durable storage bag. The dam stowage should take into consideration manual handling issues that may arise with stowing and removing the dam into and out the locker and should include appropriate mechanical aids to safely load and unload the dam from the locker, i.e. no manual handling issues should be encountered when stowing or removing the dam from a locker;
- b) 1 No. lightweight portable pump stored on a Sliding Cradle on the nearside of the appliances with a facility to charge the LPP;
- c) 4 No. 100mm x 2440mm suction hoses ;
- d) 1 No. Round Thread 100mm Combined Suction and Strainer Basket;
- e) 1 No. Standpipe key and bar;
- f) 1 No. Forestry controlled dividing breach with an instantaneous connection to the pump delivery and 2 storz C outlets
- g) 2 No. 20 litre drums of road washing detergent – note these should be stored such that the detergent pick up tube for induction can be dropped into the drums where stored;
- h) 2 No. 20 litre drums of fire-fighting foam – note these should be stored such that the detergent pick up tube for induction can be dropped into the drums where stored;
- i) 8 No. 23m length of 70mm hoses;
- j) 2 No. 5m length of 70mm hoses;
- k) 6 No. 750mm traffic cones;
- l) 1 No. Directional arrow that will mount on top of a 750mm cone
- m) 1 No. Ground Monitor;
- n) 1 No. Dividing Breach;
- o) 1 No. Collecting Head;
- p) 1 No. Low level strainer;
- q) 1 No. Slurry Tanker Adaptor;
- r) 1 No. Milk Tanker Adaptor; and
- s) 1 No. Incident Warning Sign (! Symbol).

One full width locker at the rear of the appliances, accessible by a roller shutter door on either side of the appliances, complete with appropriate shelving, stowage tunnels, bollarding and strapping is a suggested way to store all equipment. Other alternatives may be considered and agreed at pre-build meeting stage.

Note, all of the above items are required to be supplied with the appliances (see further details in Sections 7.11, 7.12 and 7.13 below)

4.7.3 Automatic Locking of Sliding Trays

Any sliding trays and cradles shall have automatic locking in the 'IN' and 'OUT' position.

4.7.4 Locker Trays/Shelves

All bottom shelves shall have a minimum capacity of 150Kgs. All shelves shall be of peg board construction. High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) yellow reflective tape shall be placed on the front of all shelves. High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) yellow reflective tape shall be placed on the front side of all cradles, sliding and tilt and slide shelves that protrude more than 25mm outside the vehicle bodyline. High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) red reflective tape shall be placed on the front side of all cradles, sliding and tilt and slide shelves that protrude more than 25mm outside the vehicle bodyline.

The name and model of the proposed reflective tape must be stated in the Tender Response Document

4.7.5 Pump Bay Locker

The Rear Pump Bay locker shall be provided with robust construction barn doors which can be secured in the open position.

Stowage shall be provided in the pump bay for the following:

- a) 2 No. Suction Keys (in suitable storage tubing); and
- b) A Blank Cap;

Note, items a) and b) above must be supplied with the appliances.

4.8 WHEEL ARCHES

'Cat's Whiskers' shall be fitted to the wheel arches for spray suppression. Mud Flaps shall be fitted behind the rear wheels for spray suppression.

4.9 ROOF REQUIREMENTS & ACCESS

4.10.1 Roof Access Ladder and Support

Roof access ladder support brackets to be fitted to the nearside of the appliances.

4.10.2 Anti-Slip Roof Material

Anti-slip adhesive tape / paint shall be placed on the roof of the body of the appliances in any areas where an operator could potentially walk.

4.10.3 Safety Harness Anchor Point

1 No. rated Safety Harness anchor point on the roof

SECTION 5: Paint and Conspicuity Markings

All conspicuity markings must conform to ECE 104 (or equivalent) Standard.

5.1 BODYWORK PAINT

The appliances, including the bodywork header panels, front grille closure, front bumper, the step well areas, all wheel arches, the Ad Blue tank (where visible) and the diesel tank (where visible) shall be painted in Red to BS 381C-538 (or equivalent) applied in a wet effect finish.

5.2 LOCKER SHUTTERS

All locker roller shutter and exposed patterned aluminium shall be left unpainted.

5.3 METAL FABRICATIONS

All metal fabrications must be thoroughly degreased.

5.4 FRONT BUMPER AND FRONT PANEL MARKINGS

The front bumper of the appliances shall be painted red and have High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) Yellow / White (to be agreed at the pre-build meeting) 100mm Reflective Strips to match the bumper contours in inverted V style.

The area between the windscreen and the grill shall have a High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) Yellow Reflective Strip with the wording FIRE (forward and reverse) on top of the 150mm Reflective Yellow Strip in red Writing. The Chassis badge name shall be painted red to match the appliance's colour. 25mm High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) Yellow Reflective Strips shall be placed on the grill bars on the front of the appliances.

Note, variations may be required to the above markings depending on the chassis tendered.

5.5 SIDE PANEL MARKINGS

High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) Yellow and Red Day-Glo Reflective Battenburg Pattern shall be applied to both sides of the appliances. The Battenburg pattern shall be applied to the crew cab to blend in with the cab contours whilst maintaining the overall profile of the Battenburg pattern along the full length of the appliances. Individual squares in the Battenburg pattern shall measure between 700mm and 900mm square (note, other variations will also be considered).

150mm High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) Reflective Yellow strips to be positioned along the length of the Header Panel overhead the lockers on either side of the appliances. The name of the Brigade shall be applied in English on the nearside header panel and in Irish on the offside header panel in red writing – the wording for the name of the Brigade in English and Irish shall be supplied at the time of placing the official order for the appliances.

5.6 REAR PANEL MARKINGS

The rear of the appliances shall be striped in alternating yellow and red 100mm High Visibility Avery Dennison Omnidirectional for homogenous night-time visibility (or equivalent) Reflective strips in inverted V style. The inside of the barn doors shall match the striping profile on the rear of the appliances when they are opened.

5.7 FIRE BRIGADE CREST MARKINGS

Brigade Crest Transfers shall be placed on either side of the appliances. In addition, the Local Authority Crest and name shall be applied to the Battenburg on the driver and passenger doors. The detail shall be agreed at the pre-build meeting. The supplier shall be responsible for printing the crests in colour on clear vinyl transfers. The electronic files shall be supplied by the Brigade when placing the official order.

SECTION 6: Electrical Systems

6.1 GENERAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

All electrical wiring shall be of adequate gauge and insulation for the designed load, and where exposed shall be waterproof and corrosion free.

All electrical wiring shall be suitably protected from damage and from the elements. All electrical wires and small air pipes shall be run in conduit within the bodywork. The conduit shall be fixed to the bodywork, easily accessible for maintenance and remain in place for the life span of the appliances.

All important electrical circuits shall have separate circuit breakers, suitably indicated and grouped into a common box located in an accessible position within the cab.

6.2 VOLTAGE AND BATTERY REQUIREMENTS

The electrical system shall be 24V negative earth with 2 No. 180 amp hour heavy-duty maintenance free batteries in series fitted in an accessible position.

6.3 CAB AND DOOR LIGHTING

LED lighting of the cab doors and steps to aid access/egress shall illuminate automatically when the corresponding door is opened.

There shall be a means of switching on the cabin lighting when the doors are closed – the cabin lights shall be red to minimise distraction for the driver if turned on when the appliances are being driven.

Red LED strip lighting shall be provided on the edge of the doors to increase the conspicuity of the doors when they are opened at night-time. The LED strip shall illuminate automatically on a particular door if that door is opened when the sidelights are turned on.

6.4 VEHICLE LIGHT BAR

A Low Profile full width Blue Light bar shall be fitted on the roof of the cab that is visible to oncoming traffic containing the following:

- a) LED in a rotation pattern at either end of the light bar;
- b) 4 No. Independent forward and rear facing LED alternating flashing lights, two either side of the centre of the Light bar;
- c) Alley lights on either side of the Light bar;

The name and model of the proposed Light Bar must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.5 STROBE LIGHTBARS

1 No. strobe lightbar of approximate dimensions 70 mm high x 1,000 mm wide shall be installed on each side of the appliances, either mounted on top of the header panel or integrated within it, to illuminate the area adjacent to the side of the vehicle. The lightbar shall produce a minimum of 7,000 lumens and should have a minimum of 70 LED's. The lightbar should comply with regulation ECE R10. If mounted externally on top of the header panel, the lightbar housing shall be contoured and painted to match the vehicle bodywork.

6.6 VEHICLE SIREN AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

A remote electronic 200-watt siren system shall be fitted, incorporating 'wail', 'yelp', and public address functions. Activation of the 'wail' and 'yelp' tones shall be possible via a dash-mounted switch accessible to the Officer, a floor-mounted switch at the driver's position, or by depressing the vehicle horn. The system shall include a low-frequency pulsing howler module, with dedicated speaker(s) if required, designed to enhance audible warning effectiveness in high-noise and high-traffic environments. The howler shall operate in conjunction with the primary siren amplifier, generating synchronized low-frequency tones that are both heard and physically felt.

The name and model of the proposed Electronic Siren must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.7 AIR HORNS

An independent set of air operated two tone horns shall be fitted and they shall be driver operated through a momentary switch. The horns shall be fitted in a location behind the front grille in an area that does not affect their effectiveness.

6.8 FRONT LED'S

4 No. Dual blue/white alternating LED's shall be fitted to the front of the appliances. The lights shall flash alternating white when:

- a) the handbrake is off;
- b) the blue lights are on; and
- c) the vehicle lights are off.

The lights shall flash alternating blue at all other times when powered on.

6.9 BLUE LIGHTS

LED Blue alternate flashing lights shall be fitted as follows:

- a) 2 No. on both sides of the appliances;
- b) 2 No. on the rear of the appliances;
- c) 2 No. on the rear corners (1 per side) of a locally recessed chamfered portion of the bodywork to allow the lights to flash at an angle of 45° to the rear of the appliances;
- d) 2 No. Blue RSG (or equivalent) alternate flashing intersector lights on each side of the number plate mount

The name and model of the proposed LED Blue Lights must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.10 LED STRIP LIGHTS

A blue LED strip light shall be fitted along the full length of the top of the bodywork on either side and shall activate when 'In Attendance' Mode is selected. A white LED strip shall run in the header panel the length of the locker to illuminate the locker area. This strip shall activate when the locker lights are on.

6.11 LIGHT MAST

A Light mast shall be fitted as follows:

- a) Minimum 5m (to the bottom of the lamps) above ground level when erected;
- b) Vertical, telescopic, non-turning tube style light mast with the vertical tubes fitted in the space between the bodywork and the crew cab. The final location may be subject to change by some Fire Authorities and will be agreed at Pre-Build meeting stage;
- c) A decal advising the operator to check for overhead cables before raising the mast shall be located beside the controller;
- d) An adjustable air regulator, mast controller complete with an air pressure gauge to be positioned in the pump bay locker;
- e) 4 No. 1,100 Lumen, rated 24V LED Lamps;
- f) Light mast to be IP68, RoHS and EMC rated;
- g) Blue Beacon on top of light mast;
- h) Protective Guard / Deflector plate shall be fitted to the roof of the appliances to protect mast from damage from trees in the housed position;
- i) Handbrake Interlock shall be fitted with an audible alarm and supplemented with a flashing red LED light in the cab
- j) Wanderlead controller shall be provided to operate the unit. From this unit it shall be possible to raise, park and rotate the light mast. Auto-park and auto-park cancellation must be provided available on the controller.

The name and model of the Light Mast must be stated in the required field in the Tender Response Document.

Where possible, the light mast should be a non-folding light mast and the vertical tubes should be fitted in the space between the bodywork and the crew cab. The final location may be subject to change by some Fire Authorities and will be agreed at Pre-Build meeting stage.

6.12 SCENE LIGHTS

LED Scene Lights shall be fitted as follows:

- a) 2 No. on both sides of the appliances bodywork;
- b) 2 No. on the rear of the appliances (note, these 2 No. rear scene lights should also automatically come on when a reverse gear is selected and should automatically go off again when the reverse gear is de-selected);

Scene lights shall be interlocked with the handbrake so that they automatically switch off when the handbrake is released. Manual operation of the scene light shall be possible at speeds less than 20kph. There shall be a facility to switch on the LED Scene lights from the pump bay.

The name and model of the proposed LED Scene Lights must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.13 VARIABLE MESSAGING SIGN (VMS)

A VMS Sign shall be supplied and fitted to the roof of the appliances at the rear. The VMS sign shall be of approximate dimensions 1,200mm wide x 600mm high and shall be no higher than 300mm in the closed position. The VMS sign shall be deployable to 90° or folded to the closed position through a switch in the crew cab. The frame shall be constructed from heavy gauge aluminium and shall be powder coated in red. An ! symbol in a triangle shall be affixed in yellow to the frame such that it can be seen by oncoming traffic from the front when deployed. Reflective yellow Hi-Viz striping shall be placed on all sides of the frame (open and closed). The VMS frame shall have a high strength polycarbonate screen. The display screen shall have a minimum of 32 x 64 matrix graphics/led modules with a minimum visible angle of 25°. A controller, with a minimum of a 50mm wide display screen, shall be mounted in the crew cab to display what is on the sign. A minimum of 50 pre-programmed messages shall be stored such that they can be easily selected for display. It shall be possible to free programme messages at any time. 2 No. Blue alternating blue LED light shall be placed on the rear of the VMS and 1 No. on either side of the sign. 2 No. large amber LED lights shall be placed on either side of the VMS sign and shall operate when the VMS is operating.

The name and model of the proposed VMS must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.14 REVERSING CAMERA

A Night Vision Reversing Camera shall be mounted above the pump bay locker fitted with a flat screen colour display located on top of the dash. The display shall be at the same eye-line height as the appliances mirrors and shall not interfere with the drivers view and the camera shall automatically come on when a reverse gear is selected and should automatically go off again when the reverse gear is de-selected. There shall be a manual override facility to leave the camera switched on permanently also.

6.15 REVERSING SENSOR, ALARM AND LIGHTING

A Reversing Proximity Sensor with an audible alert shall be fitted in the dash.

An Audible Alarm warning that the vehicle is reversing shall be fitted. A Facility to turn off this alarm shall be fitted on the dash. The switch shall be reset once the appliances are switched off.

Low Level Rear light clusters shall be LED and repeated at roof level and all rear lights shall be flush mounted.

6.16 LOCKER LIGHTS

White LED strip lighting shall be provided in both frames on either side of all stowage lockers the full height of the frames. Locker lights shall automatically switch on in a particular locker when that locker is opened if the sidelights are turned on.

6.17 PUMP BAY LED STRIP LIGHT

An LED strip light shall be installed overhead the pump compartment to illuminate the area for maintenance activities. The light shall be switchable on/off within the pump bay.

6.18 ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

An Electronic Management Control System shall be fitted with the following characteristics:

- a) The System shall have sufficient input and output ports to deliver all functionality with spare redundancy for future expansion;
- b) A touchscreen with the following characteristics shall be located on the dash that will enable the operator to activate warning systems, lighting and other functions;
 - Minimum Dimensions: 200mm (W) X 150mm (H)
 - Resolution: Minimum 1280 X 800 pixels
- c) The touchscreen shall be capable of providing information using both visual and audio alerts;
- d) The touchscreen shall allow the operator to activate pre-programmed audio / visual warning patterns such as '999' and 'In Attendance' and to individually control all blue lights;
- e) The system shall have J1939 and Generic CAN Bus Integration;
- f) The system shall have a built-in headlight flasher function;
- g) The system shall incorporate a run-lock capability;
- h) The system shall integrate with the siren solution;
- i) The system shall include a vehicle-to-everything (V2X) alerting platform that transmits real-time hazard notifications from the vehicle to roadside vehicles and nearby motorists via navigation apps and connected vehicle systems of the presence of an emergency vehicle in the vicinity when the vehicles blue lights are turned on.
- j) The system shall have an on-board interface for programming;
- k) The system shall have split charger logic
- l) An accessory load management system shall be included to isolate circuits should the vehicle not be generating sufficient power to run the accessories, without using battery power. The system shall reintroduce the accessories, automatically, when power is available. The system shall not interfere with the standard vehicle equipment required for road driving. The system shall also offer thermal protection;
- m) The system should have the capability of updating configuration files remotely;
- n) The system should be capable of reporting key data such as Odometer, Fuel, Location, Live Status, Geofencing, Safety and Risk and Carbon Emission Reporting
- o) A suitable Training course must be available for all aspects of software and hardware for Brigade Maintenance personnel (or equivalent); and
- p) The Hardware must be CE marked
- q) The hardware must comply with Regulation 661/2009 and any subsequent amendments under the EU Whole Vehicle Type-Approval System.

The name and model of the proposed Electronics Management System must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.19 ELECTRICAL INPUT SOCKET

A 110 Volt input socket with an Auto-Eject System shall be fitted to the appliance to keep the batteries automatically charged in situ. The supply voltage shall be specified at the time of placing the official order.

A corresponding Auto-Safe unit to be fitted to the wall of the Fire Station shall be supplied with the appliances (it will be a matter for the Fire Authority to fit this unit in the relevant Fire Station).

The name and model of the proposed Auto-Eject System must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.20 TOP-UP COMPRESSOR

A 110V Top-Up compressor complete with wiring and socket shall be fitted with a minimum capacity of 0.45 m3 / min.

The name and model of the proposed Compressor must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.21 SUSTAINABILITY BATTERY CHARGING AND OPERATION OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT

The appliance's body roof shall have a locally recessed area to be fitted with PV solar panels connected to battery storage in the appliances which will in turn power ancillary equipment when the chassis engine isn't running. The appliances shall also include provision for the engine to turn off automatically when not required with the capability of automatically restarting when a drop in voltage or low temperatures are detected.

The name and model of the proposed Sustainability Battery Charging and Operation of Ancillary Equipment must be stated in the Tender Response Document

6.22 KEYLESS RUNNING FACILITY

A Run lock and Keyless running facility shall be fitted where available from the chassis supplier. Where not provided by the chassis supplier, the supplier shall retrofit an electronic solution to provide a keyless running solution.

6.23 MASTER SWITCH REQUIREMENTS

Accidental turning off of the master switch when the appliances are moving should not turn off the appliances and should not affect the driving of the appliances. A time-delay mechanism shall be integrated into the master switch system. The delay duration shall be recommended by the chassis supplier and shall account for the operational requirements of electronic systems and the AdBlue pump.

6.24 SOCKETS AND CHARGING POINTS REQUIREMENTS

- 1 No. Twin Metal 110 V / 220V Sockets with USB charging ports, switchable, fused and with a red light on each switch indicating whether powered up or not, shall be fitted to the bulkhead between the driver and the Officer for the charging of fire service radios, tablets etc. – the exact voltage shall be confirmed in the Pre-Build Meeting.

- 4 No. combined USB and USB-C charging points shall be fitted to the bulkhead between the driver and the Officer.
- 2 No. 12V Sockets shall be fitted in the cab – the exact location shall be confirmed in the Pre-Build Meeting.

6.25 AERIAL BASES

Aerial Bases shall be fitted by the tenderer to the ground plate – the aerial bases shall be supplied at the time of placing the official order

6.26 WARNING LIGHTS WITH AUDIBLE DEVICE

Warning lights with an audible device shall be mounted on the dash to indicate the following:

- a) Locker open;
- b) Cab or Crew cab door open;
- c) PTO Engaged;
- d) What seat belts are not in use
- e) When snow chains are deployed

6.27 FIRE SERVICE RADIO

The supplier shall arrange for a third party approved supplier to supply and fit all necessary Tetra Hardware to the appliances other than the radio base (the radio base will be provided Free Issue by the Fire Authority). This shall include the supply and fitting of all Control Heads, Microphone Heads, Speakers, Antennas, all necessary cabling, brackets, clips and pump bay kits. The current C Trí approved third parties are Tetra Ireland and Sigma Wireless. In addition

- a) The supplier shall run a free issue wiring loom from the agreed location of the radio to the agreed location of the control head
- b) The supplier shall run a free issue wiring loom from the agreed location of the radio to the agreed location of the Pump Bay Voice Terminal in the pump Bay
- c) The supplier shall run a free issue wiring loom from the agreed location of the radio to the agreed location of the aerials (Tetra and GPS)
- d) The supplier shall provide a 12V DC supply at the agreed location of the radio
- e) The supplier shall provide a 12V DC supply at the agreed location of the Pump Bay Voice Terminal in the pump Bay

Note, the supplier shall be responsible for all costs associated with the above items in this Section, including payment to the Third Party Supplier.

SECTION 7: Fire Engineering

7.1 POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) REQUIREMENTS

A Chelsea PTO (or equivalent) shall be supplied (if not supplied with chassis). Any moving part of the PTO shall be guarded against contact by the operator during use.

The name and model of the proposed PTO must be stated in the Tender Response Document

It shall be possible to drive the appliances when the spray bar is in operation. The pump shall be capable of being engaged / disengaged from both the cab and the pump bay in a single operation (i.e. depress one switch only). A light shall illuminate on the pump bay panel when the PTO is engaged.

7.2 MAIN PUMP

A low-pressure alloy single stage pump with the following criteria shall be fitted:

- a) Nominal low-pressure delivery of 2,000l/min at a nominal delivery pressure of 10bar and a maximum operating pressure of 17bar at 3m suction lift;
- b) Automatic Primer;
- c) An induction system, commonly known as a round the pump proportioner, for inducting road cleaning detergent or fire-fighting foam into the discharge stream of the pump. The solution shall be picked up using a pickup tube, inserted into either the road cleaning detergent or fire-fighting foam 20 litre drums which will be stored in a suitable locker. The pickup tube should be sufficiently long to enable it to be dropped into an external storage intermediate bulk container (IBC) of either road cleaning detergent or fire-fighting foam. The induction rate shall be controllable between 0 and 6% through a calibrated valve. The solution shall be delivered to either the delivery valves or the spray bar (see 7.6 below).
- d) Two crank handle continental style dual flow delivery valves fitted with female instantaneous couplings, each with a blank rubber cap;
- e) An integrated twin inlet collecting head
- f) The pump suction eye shall be provided with a blank metal cap;
- g) The suction inlet shall be fitted with a conical strainer;
- h) Any cooling loop shall not return inducted solution to the main tank;
- i) A drain valve shall be fitted;
- j) Thermal and pressure relief valves shall be fitted;

Note: the cost of any consumables, including road cleaning detergent and foam, incurred in testing and commissioning the pump shall be borne by the supplier.

The name and model of the proposed Pump must be stated in the Tender Response Document

7.3 ON-BOARD WATER TANK

A vented on-board tank with a minimum capacity of 8,000 Litres shall be incorporated into the body work. The tank shall be fitted with an appropriate pressure relief valve to prevent the structural integrity of the body. The final volume will be confirmed during the build stage to ensure the maximum possible water stowage is achieved while remaining within legal weight limits for the fully equipped appliances, including crew and equipment. An overflow pipe capable of discharging at 4,000l/min shall be provided. The tank shall be equipped with internal longitudinal and lateral baffles to minimise water surge during transit when the tank is partially filled.

7.4 SIGHT TUBE GAUGE FOR WATER TANK

1 No. Sight Tube Gauge for Water Tank contents with illumination shall be fitted in the pump bay. Valves to isolate the gauge to allow for removal and cleaning shall be installed.

7.5 WATER TANK LEVEL DISPLAYS

2 No. LED Water Tank Level Displays (one per side), each approximately 1,000 mm in height, shall be integrated into the bodywork on the side of the appliances. These displays will provide a clear visual indication of the water tank contents.

1 No. LED Water Tank Level display shall be included in the dash console to provide the driver with a visual display of the tank contents level.

The LED colour coding scheme will be agreed upon during the pre-build meeting.

7.6 PUMP PIPEWORK AND VALVES

All associated pipe work and valves shall be fitted. The pipework shall be designed to withstand maximum operating pressures. Anti-surge valves shall be fitted to prevent damage to the pump or pipe work. Access panels shall be provided in lockers for maintenance of the main pump. No fixed panelling / shelving shall impede the removal of the volute from the pump for maintenance purposes.

7.7 SPRAY BAR

1 No. stainless steel Spray Bar shall be fitted:

- a) At low level underneath the front bumper but with sufficient ground clearance to avoid damage.
Note, the Fire Authority may wish to agree an alternative location at the rear of the appliances at the pre-build meeting.
- b) The spray bar shall be used to wash oil spills from roadways using a water and detergent mix solution.
- c) The spray bar shall be the full width of the appliances with 7 evenly distributed nozzles fitted to the spray bar.

- d) The outer nozzles shall be located as close as possible to the extremities of the spray bar to maximise the coverage of detergent solution.
- e) An electronic valve, switched in the cab, will turn on / off the spray bar.
- f) It shall be possible when the spray bar is turned on to deliver either water or water with an inducted road detergent to the spray bar - there shall be independent switches for both in the cab, i.e. the operator will have the option of delivering either water directly from the tank or water with inducted road detergent solution to the spray bar regulated at 3 to 4 Bar pressure.
- g) It shall be possible to drive the appliances at a maximum speed of 20kph, or in first gear only, in pump on the run mode when the PTO is engaged.
- h) The spray bar, nozzles and pipework shall be designed to withstand the maximum pump pressure, and the supply shall be filtered to prevent grit entering the nozzles.
- i) It shall be possible to dump the water solution to the spray bar / underneath the appliances when the water temperature reaches 38°C (this is an additional safety feature to the thermal relief valve on the main pump in 7.2 above).

7.8 WATER TAPS

2 No. taps, suitable for dispensing drinking water into containers, shall be provided in a suitable easy accessible location to allow for simultaneous ease of filling.

7.9 WATER FEED PIPE

A water feed pipe of minimum 100mm diameter shall be fitted between the tank and the main pump. A manual ball valve to open or close the tank to pump valve shall be fitted.

7.10 HYDRANT TO TANK FILL SYSTEM

A hydrant to tank fill system, with twin male instantaneous couplings shall be fitted incorporating strainers or filters and shall be connected to a 100mm tank fill pipe. The couplings shall be located in the pump bay at a position that is easy to connect and disconnect a delivery hose. A manual ball valve to open or close the tank fill valve shall be fitted.

7.11 SUCTION HOSE REQUIREMENTS

The appliances shall be supplied with 4 No. Lengths of 100mm x 2440mm clear hard suction hose, 4 No. Suction Keys and 1 No. Round Thread 100mm Combined Suction and Strainer Basket.

7.12 WATER DAM

The appliances shall be supplied with 1 No. self-supporting Water Dam capable of containing 110% of the water stored in the appliances. The dam shall be made from durable heavy-duty material. The dam sides shall automatically lift with the water level when filled and shall have a flotation collar around the dam rim, filled using a hand-pump connected to a non-return valve. Crease removing straps shall be fitted to the dam. The dam shall have a low-level 100mm female suction hose coupling with a shut off valve. 2 No. low level instantaneous non-return couplings shall also be fitted to the dam for pressure feeding the dam. The dam should have a durable storage bag, with suitable carrying handles, capable of storing the dam after multiple uses (i.e. allowance should be made for the dam not being folded

into its' original size after multiple uses). All valves should be removable (to avoid damage to the dam in storage) and provision should be made for storing them in a locker, secured with appropriate bracket(s) – see 4.7.2 above for equipment stowage requirements.

7.13 PORTABLE FIREFIGHTING PUMP 800 L/MIN

1 No. Portable Fire-fighting pump with the following characteristics:

- a) Capable of delivering minimum 800l/min @ 5 Bar @ 3m suction lift;
- b) 2 No. dual flow delivery valves fitted with 65mm female instantaneous couplings, each with a blank rubber cap, shall be fitted to the pump;
- c) Electric Start and Backup Pull Start;
- d) Exhaust Gas Priming;
- e) Wraparound steel frame;
- f) Full Instrumentation;
- g) On-Board Battery Charger;
- h) Stem Light;

Note, see 4.7.2 above.

7.14 EMERGENCY ENGINE STOP BUTTON

An IP66 rated (or equivalent) Emergency Engine Stop Button shall be provided in the pump bay.

7.15 THROTTLE CONTROL SYSTEM

An IP66 rated throttle control lever (or equivalent) shall be fitted in the pump bay to increase or lower engine revs. A control device shall be provided to immediately drop the engine revs to the engine idling speed.

7.16 PUMP BAY GAUGES AND CONTROLS

The following gauges and controls shall be fitted in the pump bay:

- a) Provision of electromagnetic flow sensors as follows;
 - i. One for each low-pressure pump delivery. The installation shall be configured to ensure that access to pump filters for maintenance is not obstructed.
 - ii. The hydrant to tank fill

all indicating on a single integrated digital display panel the flow in l/min for each delivery and hydrant to tank inlet, the total volume delivered for all deliveries and the tank level gauge (with a facility to reset the flow sensors and to record historical data).

- b) PTO Engaged Warning Light
- c) Dampened Low Pressure Gauge;
- d) Dampened Compound Pressure Gauge;
- e) Engine RPM Meter;
- f) Pump Hour Meter;

- g) Engine Low Oil Pressure indicator – audible and visual;
- h) Engine Water Temperature indicator – audible and visual
- i) LED Water Tank Level Display;

Note, a) to c) above must be displayed on the single integrated display panel, however items c) and d) must also have separate gauges / warning light as described.

The name and model of the proposed Flow Sensors must be stated in the Tender Response Document

SECTION 8: Spare Parts, Warranties and Delivery

8.1 BODYWORK WARRANTY

It is a requirement that the bodywork must have a minimum of 15 Years Warranty.

The Tenderer must confirm compliance with this requirement in the Tender Response Document

8.2 WARRANTY FOR ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE APPLIANCES (INCL. ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT)

It is a requirement that all other parts of the appliances (including ancillary equipment) other than the chassis must have a minimum of 2 years warranty.

The Tenderer must confirm compliance with this requirement in the Tender Response Document

8.3 CHASSIS VEHICLE SYSTEMS AND DRIVELINE WARRANTY

It is a requirement that the chassis vehicle systems and driveline must have a minimum of 2 years warranty (other than standard serviceable items).

The Tenderer must confirm compliance with this requirement in the Tender Response Document in the Tender Response Document

8.4 SPARE PARTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Spare Parts and Technical Assistance shall be available for a minimum of 15 years for the appliances and all ancillary equipment. Suppliers should have a network of support throughout the Republic of Ireland for both chassis and fire engineering support including trained technical personnel based in the Republic of Ireland and appropriate transport for these personnel and spare parts. An imprest stock of all commonly used spare parts should be available at a store in the Republic of Ireland. Suppliers should have the ability to have a trained technical person present at any Fire Station throughout the Republic of Ireland within 12 hours from receipt of call-out.

8.5 DELIVERY LEAD-TIME

Tenderers must state their delivery lead time (in weeks) for a complete solution for the chassis proposed.

The lead time shall be taken as the period from the date of the official order placement to the delivery on station of a fully approved appliance.

State the delivery lead times (in weeks) in the Tender Response Document

Appendix 2: Pricing Schedule

Please refer to and complete the separate excel file accompanying this tender, entitled **LCCFRS Water Tanker Pricing Schedule**.

Please note that there are **3 separate workbooks** in this file, which require completion. **All** workbooks must be completed to remain in the competition.

Appendix 3: Tenderers' Statement

[Tenderers shall complete and return the following form of Tenderers' Statement **printed on the Tenderers' headed notepaper** and signed by the Tenderer.]

TENDERERS' STATEMENT

TO: Louth County Council (the "Contracting Authority")

RE: Request for Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of 2 No. Water Tanker Fire Appliances to Louth County Council

Having examined your Request for Tenders (the "RFT") including the Instructions to Tenderers, the Selection and Award Criteria, the Requirements and Specifications, and the Terms and Conditions of the Goods Contract, we hereby declare the following:

1. We understand the nature and extent of the Goods required to be delivered as described in Requirements and Specifications at Appendix 1 to the RFT.
2. We accept all of the Terms and Conditions of the RFT, the Goods Contract, and the Confidentiality Agreement and agree, if awarded a Goods Contract, to execute the Goods Contract at Appendix 5 to the RFT and the Confidentiality Agreement at Appendix 6 to the RFT.
3. We accept all the Selection and Award Criteria as set out in Part 3 of the RFT.
4. We agree to supply the Contracting Authority with the Goods in accordance with the RFT and our Tender.
5. We agree that, if awarded any Goods Contract we shall, in the performance of such contract, comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law.
6. We confirm that we have complied with all requirements as set out at Part 2 of the RFT.
7. We confirm that all prices quoted in our Tender will remain valid for the period of time, commencing from the Tender Deadline, specified at paragraph 2.10.3 of the RFT.
8. We shall, if awarded any Goods Contract under the RFT, have in place on the Effective Date of the Goods Contract all insurances (if any) as required by paragraph 2.21.1 of the RFT.
9. We confirm that all Data Subjects whose Personal Data is provided in our Tender have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by us, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of our participation in this Competition or that we otherwise have a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of our participation in this Competition and that we will provide evidence of such consent and / or legal basis to the Contracting Authority upon request.

10. We do not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).
11. The origin of goods connected to our Tender, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).
12. The subcontractor(s) on whose capacity we rely as part of our Tender (where the value of that subcontract exceeds 10% of the value of the Services Contract) does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

SIGNED

Company

(Authorised Signatory)

Print name

Address

Date

Appendix 3A: Foreign Subsidies Regulation

Tenderers are referred to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Foreign Subsidies distorting the Internal Market, in addition to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441, and their obligation to comply therewith. In particular, tenders and candidates should note the requirements under Articles 28 and 29 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 relating to the prior notification or declaration of a foreign financial contribution, where the estimated value of the public procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the applicable financial thresholds set out therein.

Where the estimated value of the public procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial threshold set out at Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, economic operators are required to comply in full with their obligations under both that Regulation and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441. In that regard, economic operators are required to complete the relevant form of declaration or notification that apply to their particular circumstances.

Appendix 3A: Schedule A – Declaration of no foreign financial contributions

[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has **not** been in receipt of any foreign financial contributions]

TO: **Louth County Council** (the “Contracting Authority”)

RE: Request for Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of 2 No. Water Tanker Fire Appliances to Louth County Council

We hereby declare that none of the notifying parties has been in receipt of any foreign financial contributions within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

SIGNED

Notifying Party

(Authorised Signatory)

Print name

Address

Date

Appendix 3A: Schedule B – Declaration that any foreign financial contributions are non-notifiable having regard to the de minimis threshold

[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of foreign financial contributions that do not exceed *de minimis* aid as defined in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) 1407/2013 (i.e. €200,000) per third country over any consecutive three period]

Form FS-PP relating to the notification of financial contributions in the context of public procurement procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)

2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)

3. Declaration (Section 7 of Form FS-PP)

None of the notifying parties have received foreign financial contributions notifiable under Chapter 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

4. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)

The notifying party(ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

[Signatory 1]

[Signatory 2]

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

Appendix 3A: Schedule C – Declaration of non-notifiable foreign financial contributions (valued between €200,000 and €999,000 in the last three years preceding the declaration)

[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of foreign financial contributions which are valued between €200,000 and €999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration. Notifying parties are required to complete Table 2 below and they may aggregate the foreign financial contributions without indicating their values.]

Form FS-PP relating to the notification of financial contributions in the context of public procurement procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)

2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)

3. Declaration (Section 7 of Form FS-PP)

None of the notifying parties have received foreign financial contributions notifiable under Chapter 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

4. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)

The notifying party(ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

[Signatory 1]

Name:

Organisation:

Position:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Signed:

[Signatory 2]

Name:

Organisation:

Position:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Signed:

Table 2

For reporting of foreign financial contributions which are of a value between €200,000 and €999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration

Third Country	Brief Description of the financial contributions
Country A	
Country B	
Country C	
Country D	

Appendix 3A: Schedule D – Declaration of non-notifiable foreign financial contributions (valued between €1,000,000 and €3,999,000 in the last three years preceding the declaration)

[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of foreign financial contributions which are valued between €1,000,000 and €3,999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration. Notifying parties are required to complete the table below. They must list all foreign financial contributions received, to include all non-notifiable foreign contributions received in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration.]

Form FS-PP relating to the notification of financial contributions in the context of public procurement procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)

2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)

3. Declaration (Section 7 of Form FS-PP)

None of the notifying parties have received foreign financial contributions notifiable under Chapter 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

4. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)

The notifying party(ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

[Signatory 1]

[Signatory 2]

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

Table

For reporting of foreign financial contributions which are of a value between €1,000,000 and €3,999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration, to include all non-notifiable foreign contributions.

Third Country	Type of Financial Contribution (FC)	Brief Description of the purpose of the FC and the granting entity	Estimated value of the FC
Country A			
Country B			
Country C			
Country D			

Appendix 3A: Schedule E – Notification of Foreign Financial Contributions

[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of aggregated foreign financial contributions in the three (3) years prior to notification, valued equal to or greater than €4M per third country].

1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)

2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)

3. Foreign Financial Contributions – (Section 3 of Form FS-PP)

3.1 For the purposes of this section 3.1, the notifying party(ies) should report foreign financial contributions falling into the scope of Article 5(1), points (a), (b), (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, which are amongst the most likely to distort the internal market.

3.1.1. In order to allow the Commission to determine whether a foreign financial contribution has been granted to an undertaking that was ailing within the meaning of Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, notifying parties should indicate whether any of the following conditions were met at any point of time in the three years prior to the notification.

3.1.1.1. Is the notifying party a limited liability company, where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.2. Is the notifying party a company where at least some members have unlimited liability for the debt of the company, and where more than half of its capital as shown in the company accounts has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.3. Is the notifying party subject to collective insolvency proceedings or does it fulfil the criteria under its domestic law for being placed in collective insolvency proceedings at the request of its creditors?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.4. In the case the notifying party in question is not an SME:

3.1.1.4.1. has the notifying party's book debt to equity ratio been greater than 7,5 for the past two years

and

3.1.1.4.2. has the notifying party's EBITDA interest coverage ratio been below 1,0 for the past two years?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.5. If the reply to any of the questions in sections 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.4 was 'yes' in relation to any of the notifying parties, please indicate whether during the period in which the undertaking in question was ailing, it received any foreign financial contributions that may have contributed to restore its long-term viability (including any temporary liquidity assistance designed to support that restoration of viability) or to keep that party afloat for the short time needed to work out a restructuring or liquidation plan.

Notifying party(ies) ☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.6. If the reply to any of the questions in sections 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.4 was 'yes' in relation to any of the notifying parties, indicate if there is a restructuring plan capable of leading to the long-term viability of that party and if this restructuring plan includes a significant own contribution by the notifying party and provide details of that plan.

3.1.1.7. If the reply to any of the questions in points 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.4 was 'yes', please substantiate the answer, including references in the answer to the supporting evidence or documents that are to be provided in annexes (such documents may include, but are not limited to, the notifying party's latest profit and loss account statements with balance sheets, or court decision opening collective insolvency proceedings on the company or documents providing evidence that the criteria for being placed under insolvency proceedings at the request of creditors under national company law are met, etc.).

3.1.2. Has the notifying party been in receipt of a foreign financial contribution in the form of an unlimited guarantee for the debts or liabilities of the undertaking, namely without any limitation as to the amount or the duration of such guarantee (Article 5(1)(b)) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.3 Has the notifying party been in receipt of an export financing measure that is not in line with the OECD Arrangement on officially supported export credits (Article 5(1)(c)) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.4. Has the notifying party been in receipt of a foreign financial contribution enabling an undertaking to submit an unduly advantageous tender on the basis of which the undertaking could be awarded the relevant contract (Article 5(1)(e)) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

☐ yes ☐ no

- 3.2.** For each foreign financial contribution equal to or in excess of EUR 1 million granted to the notifying parties in the three years prior to the notification that may fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, the notifying party must provide the following information and provide supporting documents:
- 3.2.1. Form of the financial contribution (e.g. loan, tax exemption, capital injection, fiscal incentive, contributions in kind, etc.).
 - 3.2.2. Third country granting the financial contribution. Specify also the granting public authority or entity.
 - 3.2.3. Amount of each financial contribution.
 - 3.2.4. Purpose and economic rationale for granting the financial contribution to the party
 - 3.2.5. Whether there are any conditions attached to the financial contributions as well as its use.
 - 3.2.6. Describe the main elements and characteristics of those financial contributions (e.g. interest rates and duration in the case of a loan).
 - 3.2.7. Explain whether the financial contribution confers a benefit within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 to the undertaking to which the foreign financial contribution has been granted. Please explain why, with reference to the supporting documents provided under Section 6 (below).
 - 3.2.8. Explain whether the financial contribution is limited in law or in fact, within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, to certain undertakings or industries. Please explain why, with reference to the supporting documents provided under Section 6 (below).
 - 3.2.9. Explain if the financial contribution is granted only for operating costs exclusively linked with the public procurement at stake.
- 3.3** Having regard to foreign financial contributions not falling within the categories set out in Section 3.1 above, notifying parties are required to provide an overview of the foreign financial contributions equal to or in excess of EUR 1 million granted to the notifying parties in the three years prior to the notification that do not fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560. In that regard, notifying parties are required to complete Table 1 below. Notifying parties should follow the instructions provided at Section 8 (Annex II) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441.

Table 1

Information to be included in Table 1 below by notifying parties.

- (i) Group the different financial contributions per third country and per type, such as direct grant, loan/financing instrument/repayable advances, tax advantage, guarantee, risk capital instrument, equity intervention, debt write-off, contributions provided for the non-economic activities of an undertaking (see recital 16 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560), or other.

- (ii) Include only those countries where the estimated aggregate amount of all financial contributions per country granted in the three years prior to the notification (calculated according to point (iv) below is EUR 4 million or more.
- (iii) For each type of financial contribution, provide a brief description of the purpose of the financial contributions and the granting entities.
- (iv) Quantify the estimated aggregate amount of financial contributions granted by each third country in the three years prior to the notification in the form of ranges, as specified in the notes to the Table below. For the calculation of this amount, the following considerations are relevant:
 - (a) Take into account foreign financial contributions falling into the categories of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and on which information has been provided under Sections 3.1 and 3.2 (above) and;
 - (b) do not take into account foreign financial contributions excluded according to points (v) and (vi) below
- (v) Notifying Parties do not need to include (in the Table below) a description of the following foreign financial contributions:
 - (a) Deferrals of payment of taxes and/or of social security contributions, tax amnesties and tax holidays as well as normal depreciation and loss-carry forward rules that are of general application. If these measures are limited, for example, to certain sectors, regions or (types of) undertakings, they have to be included.
 - (b) Application of tax reliefs for avoidance of double taxation in line with the provisions of bilateral or multilateral agreements for avoidance of double taxation as well as unilateral tax reliefs for avoidance of double taxation applied under national tax legislation to the extent they follow the same logic as the provisions of bilateral or multilateral agreements.
 - (c) Provision/purchase of goods/services (except financial services) at market terms in the ordinary course of business, for example the provision/purchase of goods or services carried out following a competitive, transparent and non-discriminatory tender procedure.
 - (d) Foreign financial contributions below the individual amount of EUR 1 million.
- (vi) The foreign financial contributions that may be relevant for the assessment of each public procurement may depend on a number of factors such as the sectors or activities involved, the type of financial contributions or other specificities of the case. In light of these specificities, the Commission may request additional information where it considers such information necessary for its assessment.

Third Country	Type of Financial Contribution (FC)*	Brief Description of the purpose of the FC and the granting entity**	Total Estimated value of the FC granted***
Country A			
Country B			
Country C			
Country D			

Note: please provide a separate table for each of the notifying parties. Third countries and, where possible, types of contributions, should be ordered by total amount of foreign financial contribution, from the highest to the lowest.

* Identify the financial contributions grouping them by type: such as direct grant, loan/financing instrument/repayable advances, tax advantage, guarantee, risk capital instrument, equity intervention, debt write-off, contributions provided for the non-economic activities of an undertaking (see recital 16 of Regulation 2022/2560), or other. (

** General description of the purpose of the financial contributions included in each type and of the granting entity(ies). For instance, 'tax exemption for the production of product A and R & D activities', 'several loans with State-owned banks for purpose X', 'several financing measures with State investment agencies to cover operating expenses/for R & D activities', 'public capital injection in Company X'.

*** Use the following ranges: 'EUR 45-100 million', 'EUR > 100-500 million', 'EUR > 500-1 000 million', 'more than EUR 1 000 million'

4. Justification for absence of unduly advantageous tender – (Section 4 of Form FS-PP)

4.1 For any of the foreign financial contributions enabling an undertaking to submit an unduly advantageous tender on the basis of which the undertaking could be awarded the relevant contract (Article 5(1)(e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560), are there any elements which can be adduced to demonstrate that the tender is not unduly advantageous directly or indirectly due to the financial contribution(s) received, including the elements referred to in Article 69(2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

In that regard, notifying parties should detail any elements that in their view may demonstrate that their tender is not unduly advantageous.

4.2 The elements may in particular refer to:

- 4.2.1. The economics of the manufacturing process, of the services provided or of the construction method;
- 4.2.2. The technical solutions chosen or any exceptionally favourable conditions available to the tenderer for the supply of the products or services or for the execution of the work;
- 4.2.3. The originality of the work, supplies or services proposed by the tenderer;
- 4.2.4. Compliance with applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law;
- 4.2.5. Compliance with obligations regarding subcontracting.

5. Possible Positive Effects - (Section 5 of Form FS-PP)

5.1 If applicable, notifying parties should list and substantiate any possible positive effects on the development of the relevant subsidised economic activity on the internal market. Notifying parties should also list and substantiate any other positive effects of the foreign subsidies, such as broader positive effects in relation to the relevant policy objectives, in particular those of the Union, and specify when and where those effects have or are expected to take place. Notifying parties should provide a description of each of those positive effects.

6. Supporting Documentation – (Section 6 of Form FS-PP)

Notifying parties are required to provide the following for each notifying party:

- 6.1. Copies of all the supporting official documents relating to the financial contributions that may fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 pursuant to Section 3.1.
- 6.2. Copies of the following documents prepared by or for or received by any member of the board of management, the board of directors or the supervisory board:

Analyses, reports, studies surveys, presentations and any comparable documents discussing the purpose, use and economic rationale of the foreign financial contributions that may fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

Provide the same documents prepared by or for or received by the entity granting the foreign financial contribution to the extent that they are in your possession or that they are publicly available.
- 6.3. An indication of the internet address, if any, at which the most recent annual accounts or reports of the notifying party(ies) are available, or if no such internet address exists, copies of the most recent annual accounts and reports.
- 6.4. Where the notifying party(ies) provide(s) justifications of the absence of an undue advantage of the tender by filling in Section 4 of this form, they also need to provide documentation for the period covering the three years preceding the notification, substantiating the adduced elements. Such documentation may include, inter alia, as relevant: (a) tax declarations for the period under review, including copies of company tax returns and VAT returns, (b) business plans and market research underlying the decision to participate in the public procurement procedure.

7. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)

The notifying party(ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

[Signatory 1]

[Signatory 2]

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

Appendix 4: Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Tenderer

Re: Request for Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of 2 No. Water Tanker Fire Appliances to Louth County Council

NAME: [Click here and insert name]

ADDRESS: [Click here and insert address]

I, [Click here and insert name of Declarant], of [Click here and insert name of entity] do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am a [insert role of Declarant] of [Click here and insert name of entity] and am authorized by [Click here and insert name of entity] to make this declaration which relates to a tender ("the Tender") submitted by [Click here and insert name of entity] in response to an RFT dated titled [insert description of competition] published by [insert name of contracting authority] ("the Contracting Authority").
2. Neither [Click here and insert name of entity] nor any person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of [Click here and insert name of entity] nor any person who has powers of representation, decision or control in [Click here and insert name of entity] has:
 - a. ever been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA.
 - b. ever been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA as well as corruption as defined in the national law of the Contracting Authority or the law of the state in [Click here and insert name of entity] is established.
 - c. ever been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests.
 - d. ever been the subject of a conviction for terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA respectively, or for inciting or aiding or abetting or attempting to commit an offence, as referred to in Article 4 of that Framework Decision.
 - e. ever been the subject of a conviction for money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.
 - f. ever been the subject of a conviction for child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.
3. [Click here and insert name of entity]:
 - a. is not in breach and has not breached its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.
 - b. has carried out the preparation of the Tender independently.

4. [Click here and insert name of entity]:

- a. has, in the performance of all public contracts, complied with applicable obligations in the field of environmental social and labour law that apply at the place where the works are carried out or the services provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016).
- b. is not bankrupt or the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, its assets are not being administered by a liquidator or by the court, it is not in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are not suspended nor is it in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations.
- c. is not guilty of grave professional misconduct.
- d. has not entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition.
- e. is not aware of any conflict of interest due to its participation in the Competition;
- f. has not had any prior involvement in the preparation of the Competition;
- g. has not shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions.
- h. is not guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the Selection Criteria for this Competition and did not withhold such information and did not fail or is not able to submit supporting documents in respect of this Competition as required under Regulation 59 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) .
- i. has not undertaken to unduly influence the decision-making process of the Contracting Authority in respect of the Competition, or obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in respect of the Competition; or negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.

5. [Click here and insert name of entity] does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same);

6. The origin of goods connected to the Tender, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same);

7. Any subcontractor, supplier or other entity on whose capacity [Click here and insert name of entity] relies as part of the Tender does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

I understand and acknowledge that the provision of inaccurate or misleading information in this declaration may lead to my business/firm/company/partnership being excluded from participation in this or future tenders, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be

true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938. This declaration is made for the benefit of the Contracting Authority.

Signature of Declarant

Declared before me by _____ who is personally known to me

(or who is identified to me by _____ who is personally known to me) or*

at _____ this _____ day of _____ 20__

(signed)

Practising Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths

**Please include such other form of identification used to identify the Declarant as permitted by the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938 (as amended)*

Appendix 5: Goods Contract

Louth County Council

and

[Insert successful Tenderer's full legal name - to be completed on signing.]

AGREEMENT

Relating to the Supply of Goods pursuant to

Request for Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of 2 No. Water Tanker Fire Appliances to Louth
County Council

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE ON THE [DATE E.G. 2ND] DAY OF [MONTH] 20[YEAR] BETWEEN:

Louth County Council, of [Address] ("the Client");

and

[Contractor's full legal name], of [Address:] ("the Contractor")

(each a "Party" and together "the Parties").

WHEREAS:

- A. By Request for Tender entitled "[Title of RFT]" advertised in the supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union, OJEU Notice Number _____ of _____ and dated [insert date of RFT] ("the RFT"), the Contracting Authority invited tenders from economic operators ("Tenderers") for the provision of the goods described in Appendix 1 to the RFT (the "Goods"). References to the RFT shall include any clarifications issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie between [insert date] and [insert date] (the "RFT Clarifications"). The RFT (including the RFT Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- B. The Contractor submitted a response to the RFT dated [insert date of tender] ("the Submission"). References to the Submission shall include any clarifications issued by the Contractor in writing to the Contracting Authority between [insert date] and [insert date] (the "Submission Clarifications"). The Submission (including the Submission Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Agreement consists of the following documents, and in the case of conflict of wording, in the following order of priority:
 - i. This Agreement and Schedules A to E attached hereto;
 - ii. The RFT;
 - iii. The Submission.
2. The Contractor shall sell and the Client shall purchase in accordance with this Agreement ("Agreement") the Goods described in Schedule B ("Goods"). Schedule B details the nature, quantity, quality, time of delivery and functional specifications of the Goods in accordance with the RFT and the Submission ("the Specification").
3. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Client agrees to pay to the Contractor the charges as stipulated in Schedule C ("the Charges"). The Charges are exclusive of VAT which shall be due at the rate applicable on the date of the VAT invoice.
4. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Client's Contact is [insert contact name] of [insert contact address]; the Contractor's Contact is [Contractor contact name] of [Contractor contact address].
5. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of this Agreement ("the Effective Date") and shall expire on [Insert date], unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or otherwise lawfully terminated or otherwise lawfully extended as agreed between the Parties ("the Term").

Delete and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:

- The Client reserves the right to extend the Term for a period or periods of up to [Insert number] months with a maximum of [Insert number] such extensions permitted subject to its obligations at law.
6. Unless otherwise specified herein, a defined term used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the RFT.
 7. Headings are included for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.
 8. Unless the context requires otherwise, words in the singular may include the plural and vice versa.
 9. References to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or other legislative instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation or instrument as amended, unless specifically indicated otherwise.
 10. In the event that any ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises in relation to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favouring or disfavouring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Client

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Contractor

(being a duly authorised officer)

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Schedule A: Terms and Conditions

1. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

- A.** The Contractor undertakes to act with due care, skill and diligence in the supply of Goods and generally in the carrying out of its obligations under this Agreement and in the appointment, monitoring and retention of its agents and Subcontractors. The Contractor shall require its agents and Subcontractors to exercise due care, skill and diligence in the supply of the Goods and generally in the carrying out of obligations allocated by the Contractor to its agents and Subcontractors under this Agreement.
- B.** In consideration of the payment of the Charges and subject to clause 5 the Contractor shall:
1. supply the Goods in accordance with the Specification, the RFT, the Client's directions and the terms of this Agreement;
 2. comply with and implement any policies, guidelines and/or any project governance protocols issued by the Client from time to time and notified to the Contractor in writing;
 3. comply with all local security and health and safety arrangements as notified to it by the Client; and
 4. supply the Goods in accordance with good industry practice and comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to all obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law that apply at the place where the Goods provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements and by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) (the "Regulations") . The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all statutory requirements of an employer and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing shall be solely responsible in law for the employment, remuneration, taxes, immigration and work permits of all personnel retained for the purposes of complying with this Agreement.
- C.** The Contractor is deemed to be the prime contractor under this Agreement and the Contractor assumes full responsibility for the discharge of all obligations under this Agreement and shall assume all the duties, responsibilities and obligations associated with the position of prime contractor. The Contractor as prime contractor under the Submission hereby assumes liability for its Subcontractors and shall ensure that its Subcontractors shall comply in all respects with the relevant terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to clause 1B(4) above, to the extent that it or they are retained by the Contractor. Subject to clause 15, the Contractor shall notify the Client as soon as possible of any changes to the name, contact details and legal representatives of its Subcontractors.

- D. Without prejudice to clause 1C, where the Client becomes aware that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to any Subcontractor, the Client reserves the right to require the Contractor to immediately replace such Subcontractor and the Contractor shall comply with such requirement. The Contractor shall include in every sub-contract a right for the Contractor to terminate the sub-contract where any of the exclusion grounds apply to the Subcontractor and a requirement that the Subcontractor, in turn, includes a provision having the same effect in any sub-contract which it awards.
- E. During this Agreement the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and not the employee of the Client. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind or commit the other. Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to create a joint venture, partnership, and/or fiduciary or other relationship between the Parties for any purpose. The officers, employees or agents of the Contractor are not and shall not hold themselves out to be (and shall not be held out by the Contractor as being) servants or agents of the Client for any purposes whatsoever.
- F. The Client acknowledges that the Contractor may from time to time be dependent on the Client to facilitate the Contractor in the carrying out of its duties under this Agreement. The Client agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to so facilitate the Contractor within the timescales and in the manner agreed by it in writing in accordance with clause 11.
- G. The Contractor agrees that any information relating to this Agreement and / or the performance of this Agreement may be passed by the Client to the Office of Government Procurement (“OGP”) and that the OGP may use this information in the analysis and reporting of spend data including the preparation and publishing of reports.
- H. In the case of public procurement procedures which are subject to an IPI measure within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031, the Contractor shall comply with the following obligations:
 - i. not to subcontract more than 50% of the total value of the contract to economic operators originating in a third country which is subject to an IPI measure;
 - ii. for contracts whose subject matter covers the supply of goods, to ensure for the duration of the contract that goods or services supplied or provided in the execution of the contract and originating in the third country which is subject to the IPI measure represent no more than 50% of the total value of the contract, irrespective of whether such goods or services are supplied or provided directly by the successful tenderer or by a subcontractor;
 - iii. to provide to the Client, upon request, adequate evidence corresponding to point (i) or (ii) above;
 - iv. to pay a proportionate charge, in the event of non-observance of the obligations referred to at point (i) or (ii) above, of between 10% and 30% of the total value of the contract.

2. THE GOODS

- A. The Contractor shall deliver the Goods at the time(s), to the location(s) and on the date(s) specified in the Specification or otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties.
- B. Unless otherwise stated in the Specification:

1. Where the Goods are delivered by the Contractor, the point of delivery shall be when the Goods are removed from the transporting vehicle at the Client's premises as notified to the Contractor. Where the Goods are collected by the Client, the point of delivery shall be when the Goods are loaded on the Client's vehicle.
 2. Delivery shall include the unloading, stacking or installation of the Goods by the Contractor's staff, agents or carriers at such place as the Client or a duly authorised person shall reasonably direct.
 3. The Goods shall be packed and marked in a proper manner and in accordance with the Client's instructions and any statutory requirements and any requirements of the carriers and manufacturers. In particular the Goods shall be marked with the contract number (or other reference number if appropriate) and the net, gross and tare weights. The name of the contents shall be clearly marked on each container and all containers of hazardous Goods (and all documents relating thereto) shall bear prominent and adequate warnings.
 4. Unless expressly agreed to the contrary, the Client shall not be obliged to accept delivery by instalments. If, however, the Client does specify or agree to delivery by instalments, delivery of any instalment later than the date specified or agreed for its delivery shall, without prejudice to other rights or remedies of the Client, entitle the Client to terminate the whole of any unfulfilled part of the Agreement without further liability to the Client.
 5. The Client shall be under no obligation to accept or pay for any Goods delivered in excess of the quantity ordered. The risk in any over-delivered Goods shall remain with the Contractor.
 6. The Client shall be under no obligation to accept or pay for any Goods supplied earlier than the date for delivery stated in the Specification.
- C. Any Contractor pre-printed terms and conditions produced, signed or stamped by either Party and for whatever purpose during the Term are hereby disallowed.
- D. *Select either D or E and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*
- Time of delivery shall be of the essence and if the Contractor fails to deliver the Goods within the time period promised or specified in the Specification, the Client may by notice in writing to the Contractor's Contact release itself from any obligation to accept and pay for the Goods and / or terminate this Agreement in either case without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the Client.
- E. *Select either D or E and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*
- Without prejudice to any general right to damages under this Agreement where the Contractor does not deliver the ordered amount within delivery dates or lead times in accordance with this Agreement, the Client may, at his discretion, deduct [insert amount] per week/day, or part thereof, for each week/day of late delivery of the value of the entire relevant invoice or order as liquidated damages up to a maximum amount of [insert amount]. Where the Liquidated Damages Threshold is met or exceeded (being that delivery continues not to be performed after the Liquidated Damages Threshold is met), the Client shall be entitled to:

1. claim any remedy available to it (whether under this Agreement or otherwise) for loss or damage incurred or suffered by it after the end of the Liquidated Damages Period; and;
2. without prejudice to sub-clause (1), the Client shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement with immediate effect by giving notice in writing to the Contractor.

3. INSPECTION OF GOODS

- A. The Client or its authorised representative may inspect (to include a call for advance samples) or test the Goods either completed or in the process of manufacture, during normal business hours on reasonable notice at the Contractor's premises (including the premises of any subcontractor or agent) and the Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance in relation to any such inspection or test free of charge. A failure to make a complaint at the time of any such inspection or test and / or the approval given during or after such inspection or test shall not constitute a waiver by the Client of any rights or remedies in respect of the Goods and the Client reserves the right to reject the Goods in accordance with clause 3B.
- B. The Client may by written notice to the Contractor reject any of the Goods which fail to conform to the approved sample or fail to meet the Specification. Such notice shall be given within a reasonable time after delivery to the Client of such Goods. If the Client rejects any of the Goods pursuant to this clause the Client may (without prejudice to other rights and remedies) either:
 1. treat the Agreement as discharged by the Contractor's breach and obtain a refund (if payment for the Goods has already been made) from the Contractor in respect of the Goods concerned together with payment of any additional expenditure reasonably incurred by the Client in obtaining other Goods in replacement provided that the Client uses its reasonable endeavours to mitigate any additional expenditure in obtaining replacement Goods.

or

 2. have such Goods promptly, and in any event within [insert number] calendar days, either repaired by the Contractor or replaced by the Contractor with Goods which conform in all respects with the approved sample or with the Specification and due delivery shall not be deemed to have taken place until such repair or replacement has occurred.
- C. Rejected Goods shall be removed by the Contractor from the Client within [insert number] calendar days from the date of the notification to the Contractor of their rejection. In the event of failure by the Contractor to remove Goods within [insert number] calendar days of such notification, the Client may dispose of such Goods as he sees fit and pending such removal, the Goods will remain with the Client at the risk of the Contractor. Any costs incurred by the Client relating to such disposal shall at the option of the Client be borne by the Contractor.
- D. For the avoidance of doubt, the Client will be deemed to have accepted the Goods if it expressly states the same in writing or fails to reject the Goods in accordance with clause 3B.

- E. The issue by the Client of a receipt note for the Goods shall not constitute any acknowledgement of the condition, quantity or nature of those Goods, or the Client's acceptance of them.
- F. The Contractor hereby guarantees the Goods for [insert period] from the date of delivery (the "Guarantee Period") against faulty materials or workmanship. The Client shall within such Guarantee Period, or within 14 calendar days thereafter, give notice in writing to the Contractor of any defect in any of the Goods as may have arisen during such Guarantee Period under proper and normal use. The Contractor shall (without prejudice to any other rights and remedies which the Client may have) promptly remedy such defects (whether by repair or replacement as the Client shall elect) free of charge, which replaced or repaired Goods shall also have the benefit of this clause for the Guarantee Period.

4. RISK AND TITLE

- A. The Goods ordered under this Agreement shall be delivered to any location specified by the Client, in Ireland, without limit to the number of locations, in the quantities and by the dates specified in the orders, unless otherwise stated. Any extension of the delivery time shall not constitute a general waiver or acquiescence on the part of the Client. All such Goods shall be delivered free of encumbrances or retention of title clauses or similar provision. The Charges quoted shall be based on the understanding that the Goods are to be delivered carriage paid to the various locations as specified in the order, along with the necessary delivery documentation. Pending such delivery, the Goods shall remain at the risk of the Contractor.
- B. Title shall pass to the Client on payment for the Goods.

5. PAYMENT

- A. Subject to the provisions of this clause 5 the Client shall pay and discharge the Charges (plus any applicable VAT), in the manner specified at Schedule C. Invoicing arrangements shall be on such terms as may be agreed between the Parties.
- B. Discharge of the Charges is subject to:
 1. Compliance by the Contractor with the provisions of this Agreement including but not limited to any milestones, compliance schedules and/or operational protocols in place pursuant to clause 11A from time to time;
 2. The furnishing by the Contractor of a valid invoice and such supporting documentation as may be required by the Client from time to time. Any Contractor pre-printed terms and conditions are hereby disallowed;
 3. Invoices being submitted to the Client's Contact (as set out in this Agreement or such other alternative contact as may be agreed between the Parties). All and any queries relating to the invoice and/or the Goods for any billing period (including whether or not Goods have been accepted, rejected, satisfactorily repaired or replaced as the case may be) must be raised by the Client's Contact within 14 calendar days of receipt of invoice. In circumstances where no queries are raised within the said 14 day period the invoice shall be deemed accepted. Upon resolution of any queries on the invoice to the satisfaction of the Client or upon such deemed acceptance the invoice shall be payable

by the Client. Payment is subject to any rights reserved by the Client under any other provision of this Agreement; and

4. The Client being in possession of the Contractor's current Tax Clearance Certificate. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable EU and domestic taxation law and requirements.
- C. The European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2012 shall apply to all payments. Incorrect invoices will be returned for correction with consequential effects on the due date of payment.
- D. Wherever under this Agreement any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Client in respect of any breach of this Agreement), the Parties may agree to deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Agreement or under any other agreement or contract with the Client. Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Charges or of VAT or otherwise, shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.
- E. Where indicated in the Specification, the Charges shall include the cost of instruction of the Client's personnel in the use and maintenance of the Goods and such instructions shall be in accordance with the requirements detailed in the Specification.
- F. The Charges shall be discharged as provided for in this clause subject to the retention by the Client in accordance with section 523 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 of any Professional Services Withholding Tax payable to the Contractor. Any and all taxes applicable to the supply of the Goods will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

6. WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS

- A. The Contractor acknowledges, warrants, represents and undertakes that:
 1. it has the authority and right under law to enter into, and to carry out its obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement and to supply the Goods hereunder;
 2. it is entering into this Agreement with a full understanding of its material terms and risks and is capable of assuming those risks;
 3. it is entering into this Agreement with a full understanding of its obligations with regard to taxation, employment, social and environmental protection and is capable of assuming and fulfilling those obligations;
 4. it has acquainted itself with and shall comply with all legal requirements or such other laws, recommendations, guidance or practices as may affect the supply of the Goods (to include manufacture and distribution process) as they apply to the Contractor;
 5. it has taken all and any action necessary to ensure that it has the power to execute and enter into this Agreement;
 6. *Delete and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*

it has inspected the Client's premises, lands and facilities before submitting its Submission and has made appropriate enquiries so as to be satisfied in relation to all matters connected with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;

7. the status of the Contractor, as declared in the "Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Tenderer" dated [Insert Date] which confirms that none of the excluding circumstances listed in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor, remains unchanged; and
 8. the Client shall be under no obligation to purchase any minimum number or value of Goods.
- B. The Contractor shall be and undertakes to be responsible for and to take due precautions for the safe custody of any Goods on his premises which are the property of the Contractor and shall insure the same against any form of loss or damage and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.
- C. The Contractor confirms and undertakes that the Goods supplied will, at the time of delivery (and for the Guarantee Period), correspond to the description given by the Contractor in accordance with the Submission (to include any samples furnished thereunder) and the Specification (Schedule B) and that the manufacture, distribution and processes employed will comply in all material respects with the representations made in the Submission. None of the provisions of the Sale of Goods Acts 1893 and 1980 shall be excluded or limited under this Agreement.
- D. The Contractor undertakes to ensure that all and any necessary consents and/or licences are obtained and in place for the purposes of this Agreement. The Contractor hereby indemnifies the Client and shall keep and hold the Client harmless from and in respect of all and any losses (whether direct, indirect or consequential), liability, damages, claims, costs or expenses which arise by reason of any breach of third party intellectual property rights in so far as any such rights are used for the purposes of this Agreement.
- E. The Contractor undertakes to notify the Client forthwith of any material change to the status of the Contractor with regard to the warranties, acknowledgements, representations and undertakings as set out in clause 6A and to comply with all reasonable directions of the Client with regard thereto which may include termination of this Agreement.

7. REMEDIES

Prior to publication please ensure to insert amounts/figures where applicable. When finished, delete these instructions.

- The Contractor shall be liable for and shall indemnify the Client for and in respect of all and any losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses which the Client may suffer due to and arising directly as a result of the negligence, act or omission, breach of contract, breach of duty, insolvency, recklessness, bad faith, wilful default or fraud of the Contractor, its employees, Subcontractors or agents or any of them or as a result of the Contractor's failure to exercise skill, care and diligence as outlined in clause 1. The terms of this clause 7A shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- A.

- B. Save in respect of fraud (including fraudulent misrepresentation), personal injury or death or in respect of the Contractor's indemnity under clause 6(D), neither Party will be liable for any indirect losses (including loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of goodwill, indirectly arising damages, costs and expenses) of any kind whatsoever and howsoever arising even if such Party has been advised of their possibility.
- C. Should the Client find itself obliged to order elsewhere in consequence of the failure of the Contractor to deliver Goods of approved quality, the Client shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor any excess prices which may be paid by the Client.
- D. Except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement, all remedies available to either Party for breach of this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.
- E. *Delete and replace with "Not Used" if not applicable:*
 Save in respect of fraud, personal injury or death or in respect of the Contractor's indemnity under clause 6(D) (for which no limit applies), the limit of the Contractor's aggregate liability to the Client under this Agreement whatsoever and howsoever arising shall not under any circumstances exceed [insert amount – eg: [number] per cent of the Charges paid or projected to be paid (whichever is higher) under this Agreement] regardless of the number of claims.
- F. If for any reason the Client is dissatisfied with the performance of the Contractor, a sum may be withheld from any payment otherwise due calculated as follows:
 [insert]
 ("the Retention Amount") which Retention Amount shall not at any given time exceed [number] per cent of the Charges. In such event the Client shall identify the particular Goods with which it is dissatisfied together with the reasons for such dissatisfaction. Payment of the Retention Amount will be made upon replacement and/or remedy of the Goods as identified by the Client or resolution of outstanding queries. The Client shall hold the Retention Amount on behalf of the Contractor but without any obligation to invest. The terms of this clause 7F shall be without prejudice to and not be in substitution for any remedy of the Client under this Agreement.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. Each of the Parties to this Agreement agrees to hold confidential all information, documentation and other material received, provided or obtained arising from their participation in this Agreement ("Confidential Information") and shall not disclose same to any third party except to:-
 1. its professional advisers subject to the provisions of this clause 8; or
 2. as may be required by law; or
 3. as may be necessary to give effect to the terms of this Agreement subject to the provisions of this clause 8; or
 4. in the case of the Client by request of any person or body or authority whose request the Client or persons associated with the Client (including but not limited to the

Legislature and/or the Executive and/or the Civil Service) considers it necessary or appropriate to so comply.

- B.** The Contractor undertakes to comply with all reasonable directions of the Client with regard to the use and application of all and any of its Confidential Information and shall comply with the confidentiality agreement as exhibited at Appendix 6 to the RFT (“the Confidentiality Agreement”).

The obligations in this clause 8 will not apply to any Confidential Information:

1. in the receiving Party’s possession (with full right to disclose) before receiving it from the other Party; or
2. which is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause; or
3. is independently developed by the disclosing Party without access to or use of the Confidential Information; or
4. is lawfully received by the disclosing Party from a third party (with full right to disclose).

- C.** In circumstances where the Client is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 or the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, then in the event of the Client receiving a request for information related to this Agreement, the Client shall consult with the Contractor in respect of the request. The Contractor shall specifically identify any information that is not to be disclosed on grounds of confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, and shall state the reasons for this sensitivity. The Client will consult the Contractor about this confidential or commercially sensitive information before making a decision on any request received under the above legislation. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations

- D.** The terms of this clause 8 shall survive expiry, completion or termination for whatever reason of this Agreement.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

- A.** A ‘Force Majeure Event’ means an event or circumstance or combination of events and/or circumstances not within the reasonable control of the Affected Party (as defined in clause 9B below) which has the effect of delaying or preventing that Party from complying with its obligations under this Agreement including but not limited to acts of God, war, out-break of disease, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, rebellion, acts of terrorism, government regulations, embargoes, explosions, fires, floods, tempests, or failures of supply of electrical power, or public telecommunications equipment or lines, excluding industrial action of whatever nature or cause (strikes, lockouts and similar) occurring at the Contractor (or Subcontractor or agent) places of business.
- B.** In the event of any failure, interruption or delay in the performance of either Party’s obligations (or of any of them) resulting from any Force Majeure Event, that Party (“the Affected Party”) shall promptly notify the other Party in writing specifying:
1. the nature of the Force Majeure Event;

2. the anticipated delay in the performance of obligations;
3. the action proposed to minimise the impact of the Force Majeure Event;

and the Affected Party shall not be liable or have any responsibility of any kind for any loss or damage thereby incurred or suffered by the other Party; provided always that the Affected Party shall use all reasonable efforts to minimise the effects of the same and shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably possible after the removal of the cause.

- C. If the Force Majeure Event continues for [insert number] calendar days either Party may terminate at 14 days notice.
- D. In circumstances where the Contractor is the Affected Party, the Client shall be relieved from any obligation to make payments under this Agreement save to the extent that payments are properly due and payable for obligations actually fulfilled by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10. TERMINATION

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by the Client, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving [insert period of time months] written notice to the Contractor. This Agreement may be terminated by the Contractor, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving [insert period of time months] written notice to the Client.
- B. Either Party shall have the right (in addition to its rights under clause 10(a) and any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages on the happening of any of the following:
 1. if the other Party commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any provision of this Agreement and fails to remedy such breach(es) (if the breach(es) are capable of remedy) within 30 days after receipt of a request in writing from the other Party;
 2. if the other Party becomes insolvent, becomes bankrupt, enters into examinership, is wound up, commences winding up, has a receiving order made against it, makes any arrangement with its creditors generally or takes or suffers any similar action as a result of debt, or an event having an equivalent effect;
 3. in circumstances where the Client becomes aware of any conflict of interest on the part of the Contractor which cannot, in the opinion of the Client, be removed by other means; and
 4. in circumstances where the Client becomes aware of any registrable interest on the part of the Contractor.
- C. The Client shall have the right, in addition to any other rights which it has at law, to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages in circumstances where the Client becomes aware:
 - i) that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor
 - ii) that the Contractor (or its subcontractor(s), if any) falls within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31

July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same)

- D. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect any antecedent and accrued rights, obligations or liabilities of either Party, nor shall it affect any provision of this Agreement which is expressly or by implication intended to come into or continue in force on or after such termination.

11. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- A. The Client's Contact and the Contractor's Contact shall liaise on a regular basis to address any issues arising which may impact on the performance of this Agreement and to agree milestones, compliance schedules and operational protocols as required by the Client from time to time. If requested in writing by the Client the Contractor shall meet formally with the Client to report on progress and shall comply with all written directions of the Client.
- B. The Contractor agrees to:
 1. liaise with and keep the Client's Contact fully informed of any matter which might affect the observance and performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement;
 2. maintain such records and comply with such reporting arrangements and protocols required by the Client from time to time;
 3. comply with all reasonable directions of the Client; and
 4. comply with the service levels and performance indicators set out in Schedule D.
- C. The Client or its authorised representative may inspect the Contractor's premises, lands and facilities (or such part or parts thereof relating solely to this Agreement) with due access to relevant personnel and records upon reasonable notice in writing to ensure compliance with the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client thereby arising. The cost of inspection shall be borne by the Client.
- D. The Contractor shall be required to hold for the Term insurances of the nature and amount as set out in the RFT and shall immediately advise the Client of any material change to its insured status. The Contractor shall produce proof of current premiums paid upon request and where required produce valid certificates of insurance for inspection. The Contractor shall carry out all directions of the Client with regard to compliance with this clause 11D.

12. DISPUTES

- A. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement (the "Dispute"), the Parties shall first seek settlement of the Dispute as set out below.
- B. The Dispute shall be referred as soon as practicable to [insert Contractor contact] within the Contractor and to [insert Client contact] within the Client respectively.
- C. If the Dispute has not been resolved within fifteen (15) Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties) of being referred to the nominated representatives, then either Party may refer the Dispute to an independent mediator, the identity of whom shall be agreed in advance by the Parties.

- D. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator or if the mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party may within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the proposal to appoint a mediator or within twenty-one (21) days of notice to either Party that the mediator is unable to act, apply to the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Irish Branch to appoint a mediator.
- E. Any submissions made to and discussions involving the mediator, of whatever nature, shall be treated in strict confidence and without prejudice to the rights and/or liabilities of the Parties in any legal proceedings and, for the avoidance of doubt, are agreed to be without prejudice and legally privileged. The Parties shall make written submissions to the mediator within ten (10) Business Days of his/her appointment.
- F. The Parties shall share equally the cost of the mediator. The costs of all experts and any other third parties who, at the request of any Party, shall have been instructed in the mediation, shall be for the sole account of, and shall be discharged by that Party.
- G. For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation. The Contractor shall comply fully with the requirements of the Agreement at all times

13. GOVERNING LAW, CHOICE OF JURISDICTION AND EXECUTION

- A. This Agreement shall in all aspects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland and the Parties hereby agree that the courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement shall be executed in duplicate and each copy of the Agreement shall be signed by all the Parties hereto. Each of the Parties to this Agreement confirms that this Agreement is executed by their duly authorised officers.

14. NOTICES

- A. Any notice or other written communication to be given under this Agreement shall either be delivered personally or sent by registered post or email. The Parties will from time to time agree primary and alternative contact persons and details for the purposes of this clause 14.
- B. All notices shall be deemed to have been served as follows:
 1. if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;
 2. if posted by registered post at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities (and not returned undelivered); and
 3. if communicated by email, on the next calendar day following transmission.

15. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACT

- A. Subject to a Party's obligations at law, any assignment to a third party, or other transfer of a Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement (the "Assignment") requires the prior written consent of the other Party. Prior to any such Assignment, the assignee will be obliged to sign an undertaking to comply with all obligations under this Agreement. Any attempted Assignment not complied with in the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void.

- B. Subject to a Party's obligations at law, any sub-contract of a Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement requires the prior written consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempted subcontract not complied with in the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void. For the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same), the Client may require information from the Contractor in relation to the status of the proposed subcontractor(s) including, but not limited to, in respect of natural persons, copies of identity documents and, in respect of legal persons, a certificate or extract from the commercial register or other competent authority of the country in which the person is established.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties, and any and all other previous agreements, arrangements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement (save where fraudulently made) are hereby excluded.

17. SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision herein is found to be illegal or unenforceable for any reason, then such term or provision shall be deemed severed and all other terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

18. WAIVER

No failure or delay by either Party to exercise any right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver of it, nor shall any partial exercise preclude further exercise of same or some other right, power or remedy.

19. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Client from purchasing goods (or Goods) from a third party at any time during the currency of the Agreement.

20. MEDIA

No media releases, public announcements or public disclosures relating to this Agreement or its subject matter, including but not limited to promotional or marketing material, shall be made by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Client.

21. CONFLICTS, REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND CORRUPT GIFTS

- A. The Contractor confirms that it has carried out a conflicts of interest check and is satisfied that neither it nor any Subcontractor nor agent as the case may be has any conflicts in relation to the Goods and its obligations undertaken under this Agreement. The Contractor hereby undertakes to notify the Client immediately should any conflict or potential conflict of interest come to its attention during the currency of this Agreement and to comply with the Client's directions in respect thereof. In the event of such notification, the Client shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages.

- B. Any registrable interest involving the Contractor (and any Subcontractor or agent as the case may be) and the Client, the Ceann Comhairle (Speaker), or any member of the Government, or any member of the Oireachtas, or their relatives must be fully disclosed to the Client immediately upon such information becoming known to the Contractor (Subcontractor or agent as the case may be) and the Contractor shall comply with the Client's directions in respect thereof to the satisfaction of the Client. In the event of such disclosure, the Client shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages. The terms "registrable interest" and "relative" shall be interpreted as per section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act 1995 (as amended) a copy of which is available on request.
- C. The Contractor shall not offer or agree to give any public servant or civil servant any gift or consideration or commission of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do or for having done or forborne to do any action in relation to the obtaining or execution of this or any other public contract. Any breach of this clause 21C or the commission of any offence by the Contractor, any Subcontractor, agent or employee under the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 shall entitle the Client to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages and to recover the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation, including but not limited to recovery from the Contractor of the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission.

22. ACCESS TO PREMISES

- A. Any of the Client's premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the Client in connection with this Agreement, shall be made available to the Contractor on a non-exclusive licence basis and shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall have use of such premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of this Agreement.
- B. The Contractor shall upon reasonable notice by the Client allow the Client access to its premises (including the premises of any Subcontractor or agent) where the Goods are being performed for the Client under this Agreement.

23. NON SOLICITATION

- A. For the Term and for a period of 12 months thereafter (and save in respect of publicly advertised posts) neither the Client nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party's employees without that other Party's prior written consent.

24. CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

- A. At any time during the Term of this Agreement, either Party may propose a change or changes to any part or parts of this Agreement.
- B. The change control procedures set out in this Schedule will apply to all changes irrespective of whether the Contractor or the Client proposes the change.
- C. A change control notice ("Change Control Notice") shall be prepared for all change requests. The Change Control Notice will provide an outline description of the change requested, the rationale for the change, the effect that the change will have on the supply of the Goods

(where known) and an estimate of the effort and cost required to prepare an impact assessment ("Impact Assessment").

- D. All Change Control Notices proposing changes to this Agreement must be submitted for review to the other Party's Contact.
- E. The Parties must indicate their acceptance or rejection of the change control request and/or Impact Assessment within a reasonable timeframe of its completion and Tender Submission for review, subject to a maximum of twenty (20) calendar days or such other period agreed between the Parties.
- F. On approval of an Impact Assessment, this Agreement and/or the Schedules should be updated and revised as appropriate and in writing.
- G. In the event that either Party rejects the Impact Assessment, the change(s) shall not take place and the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement.
- H. The Contractor and the Client will agree a reasonable charge in advance for investigating each proposed variation and preparing each estimate, whether or not the variation is implemented. If the Client's request for any variation is subsequently withdrawn but results in a delay in the supply of the Goods then the Contractor will not be liable for such delay and will be entitled to an extension of time equal to not less than the period of the delay.

25. DATA PROTECTION AND SECURITY

- A. In this Agreement the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

“Data” means all Confidential Information, whether in oral or written (including electronic) form, created by or in any way originating with the Client (including but not limited to his employees, agents, independent contractors and/or Sub-contractors) and all information that is the output of any computer processing, or other electronic manipulation of any information that was created by or in any way originating with the Client provided under this Agreement and includes any Personal Data;

“Data Controller” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

“Data Processor” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

“Data Protection Laws” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the “General Data Protection Regulation”), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland.

“Data Subject” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

“Data Subject Access Request” means a request made by a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted under the Data Protection Laws to access his or her Personal Data;

“Personal Data” has the meaning given under Data Protection Laws;

“Processing” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

- B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Laws.

- C. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws, the Client is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor in respect of Data which is Personal Data. Schedule E sets out the scope, nature and purpose of Processing by the Contractor, the duration of the Processing and the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject.

- D. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 25B, the Contractor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under this Agreement:-

(1) process that Personal Data only on the written instructions of the Client;

(2) ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures, reviewed and approved by the Client, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Personal Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Personal Data, appropriate to the harm that might result from the unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the data to be protected, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementing any measures (those measures may include, where appropriate, pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring

confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of its systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the technical and organisational measures adopted by it);

(3) ensure that all personnel who have access to and/or process Personal Data are obliged to keep the Personal Data confidential;

(4) not transfer any Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area unless the prior written consent of the Client has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled;

- i. appropriate safeguards are in place in relation to the transfer, to ensure that Personal Data is adequately protected in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation);
 - ii. the data subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
 - iii. The Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
 - iv. The Contractor complies with reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Client with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;
- E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Client if it receives a Data Subject Access Request to have access to any Personal Data or any other complaint, correspondence, notice, request any order of the Court or request of any regulatory or government body relating to the Client's obligations under the Data Protection Laws and provide full co-operation and assistance to the Client in relation to any such complaint, order or request (including, without limitation, by allowing Data Subjects to have access to their data).
- F. The Contractor shall without undue delay report in writing to the Client any data compromise involving Personal Data, or any circumstances that could have resulted in unauthorised access to or disclosure of Personal Data.
- G. The Contractor shall assist the Client in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws with respect to security, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities and regulators.
- H. The Contractor shall at the written direction of the Client, amend, delete or return Personal Data and copies thereof to the Client on termination of this Agreement unless the Contractor is required by the laws of any member of the European Union or by the laws of the European Union applicable to the Contractor to store the Personal Data.
- I. The Contractor shall permit the Client, the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland, and/ or their nominee to conduct audits and or inspections of the Contractor's facilities, and to have access to all data protection, confidentiality and security procedures, data equipment, mechanisms, documentation, databases, archives, data storage devices, electronic communications and storage systems used by the Contractor in any way for the provision of the services. The

Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client arising out of any such inspection, audit or review.

J. The Contractor shall fully comply with, and implement policies which are communicated or notified to the Contractor by the Client from time to time.

K. The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause 25 and allow for inspections and contribute to any audits by the Client or the Client's designated auditor.

L. The Contractor shall:-

(1) take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity of any Personal Data which it processes and to prevent any corruption or loss of such Personal Data;

(2) ensure that a back-up copy of any and all such Personal Data is made [insert frequency] and this copy is recorded on media from which the data can be reloaded if there is any corruption or loss of the data; and

(3) in such an event and if attributable to any default by the Contractor or any Sub-contractor, promptly restore the Personal Data at its own expense or, at the Client's option, reimburse the Client for any reasonable expenses it incurs in having the Personal Data restored by a third party.

M. **(IF YOU ARE NOT CONSENTING TO A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR – DELETE IF NOT IN USE)**

The Client does not consent to the Contractor appointing any third party processor of Personal Data under this agreement

(OR IF USING A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR – DELETE IF NOT IN USE)

the Client consents to the Contractor appointing [insert third-party processor] as a third-party processor of Personal Data under this Agreement. The Contractor confirms that it has entered or (as the case may be) will enter into a written agreement incorporating terms which are substantially similar to those set out in this clause 25 as between the Client and the Contractor, the Contractor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any third-party processor appointed by it pursuant to this clause 25.

N. Save for clauses 25B, 25C, 25D(4) and 25E, all the obligations on the Contractor in this clause 25 relating to the processing of Personal Data shall apply to the processing of all Data.

O. The provisions of this clause 25 shall survive termination and or expiry of this Agreement for any reason.

26. ADDITIONAL CONDITION(S)

[Delete and replace with 'not used' if not applicable:

This is a free text area to allow the Client to include any additional conditions to the Contract, for example a price review clause. Such additional conditions can be set out here by the Client]

Schedule B: Goods: The Specification

[Insert when completing contract]

Schedule C: Charges

[Insert when completing contract]

Schedule D: Service Levels

[Insert at RFT stage, if applicable, or when completing contract]

Schedule E: Data Protection

[complete when completing the contract]

Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects

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Appendix 6: Confidentiality Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the 24th day of September 2026 BETWEEN Louth County Council Fire & Rescue Service

(hereinafter “the Contracting Authority”) of the one
part; and

[Contractor’s legal name: to be completed on signing.], of [address: to be completed on signing.]
(hereinafter called “the Contractor”) of the other part.

WHEREAS

- A. By Request for Tenders dated 20/08/2026 entitled Supply and Delivery of 2 new Water Tanker Fire Appliances to Louth County Council (the “RFT”) the Contracting Authority invited tenders (“Tenders”) for the provision of the Goods/Services described in Appendix 1 to the RFT (the “Goods” “Services”) (“the Competition”). The Contractor submitted a response to the RFT dated the [insert date of Tender].

The Contractor has been identified as the preferred bidder in the Competition.

- B. For the purposes of the Competition and any subsequent contract awarded thereunder (if any) (“the Contract”), certain confidential information as defined at clause 2 of this Agreement, will be furnished to the Contractor. The Confidential Information is confidential to the Contracting Authority.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED in consideration of the sum of €2.00 (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Contractor) as follows:

1. The Contractor acknowledges that Confidential Information may be provided to them by the Contracting Authority and that each item of Confidential Information shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement "Confidential Information" means:
 - 2.1 unless specified in writing to the contrary by the Contracting Authority all and any information (whether in documentary form, oral, electronic, audio-visual, audio-recorded or otherwise including any copy or copies thereof and whether scientific, commercial, financial, technical, operational or otherwise) relating to the Contracting Authority, the supply of Goods/Services under the Contract and all and any information supplied or made available to the Contractor (to include employees, agents, Subcontractors and other suppliers) for the purposes of the Contract(s) including personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Laws; and
 - 2.2 any and all information which has been derived or obtained from information described in sub-paragraph 2.1.
3. For the purposes of this Agreement “Data Protection Laws” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard

to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the “General Data Protection Regulation”), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time

4. Save as may be required by law, the Contractor agrees in respect of the Confidential Information:

4.1 to treat such Confidential Information as confidential and to take all necessary steps to ensure that such confidentiality is maintained;

4.2 not, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority, to communicate or disclose any part of such Confidential Information to any person except:

- I to those employees, agents, Subcontractors and other suppliers on a need to know basis; and/or
- ii to the Contractor’s auditors, professional advisers and any other persons or bodies having a legal right or duty to have access to or knowledge of the Confidential Information in connection with the business of the Contractor

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Contractor shall ensure that all such persons and bodies are made aware, prior to disclosure, of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and that they owe a duty of confidence to the Contracting Authority; and shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that such persons and bodies comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

5. The obligations in this Agreement will not apply to any Confidential Information:

- i in the Contractor’s possession (with full right to disclose) before receiving it from the Contracting Authority; or
- ii which is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause; or
- iii is independently developed by the Contractor without access to or use of the Confidential Information; or
- iv is lawfully received from a third party (with full right to disclose).

6. The Contractor undertakes:

6.1 to comply with all directions of the Contracting Authority with regard to the use and application of all and any Confidential Information or data (including personal data as defined in the Data Protection Laws);

6.2 to comply with all directions as to local security arrangements deemed reasonably necessary by the Contracting Authority including, if required, completion of documentation under the Official Secrets Act 1963 and comply with any vetting requirements of the Contracting Authority including by police authorities;

- 6.3 upon termination of the Competition (or the Contract) for whatever reason to furnish to the Contracting Authority all Confidential Information or at the written direction of the Contracting Authority to destroy in a secure manner all (or such part or parts thereof as may be identified by the Contracting Authority) Confidential Information in its possession and shall erase any Confidential Information held by the Contractor in electronic form. The Contractor will upon request furnish a certificate to that effect should the Contracting Authority so request in writing. For the avoidance of doubt “document” includes documents stored on a computer storage medium and data in digital form whether legible or not.
7. The Contractor shall not obtain any proprietary interest or any other interest whatsoever in the Confidential Information furnished to them by the Contracting Authority and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.
8. The Contractor shall, in the performance of the Contract, access only such hardware, software, infrastructure, or any part of the databases, data or ICT system(s) of the Contracting Authority as may be necessary for the purposes of the Competition (and obligations thereunder or arising therefrom) and only as directed by the Contracting Authority and in the manner agreed in writing between the Parties.
9. The Contractor agrees that this Agreement will continue in force notwithstanding any court order relating to the Competition or termination of the Contract (if awarded) for any reason.
10. The Contractor agrees that this Agreement shall in all aspects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland and the Contractor hereby further agrees that the courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.
11. A. In this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:
 “Data Controller” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
 “Data Processor” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
 “Data Subject” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
 “Data Subject Access Request” means a request made by a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted under the Data Protection Laws to access his or her Personal Data;
 “Personal Data” has the meaning given under Data Protection Laws;
 “Processing” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
- B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Laws.
- C. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws, the Contracting Authority is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor in respect of Confidential Information which is Personal Data. Schedule A sets out the scope, nature and purpose of Processing by the Contractor, the duration of the Processing and the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject.
- D. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 11(B), the Contractor shall, in relation to any Confidential Information which is Personal Data:-

- (1) process that Personal Data only on the written instructions of the Contracting Authority;
 - (2) ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures, reviewed and approved by the Contracting Authority, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Personal Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Personal Data, appropriate to the harm that might result from the unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the data to be protected, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementing any measures (those measures may include, where appropriate, pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of its systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the technical and organisational measures adopted by it);
 - (3) ensure that all personnel who have access to and/or process Personal Data are obliged to keep the Personal Data confidential;
 - (4) not transfer any Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area unless the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled;
 - i. appropriate safeguards are in place in relation to the transfer, to ensure that Personal Data is adequately protected in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation);
 - ii. the data subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
 - iii. The Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
 - iv. The Contractor complies with reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Contracting Authority with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;
- E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Authority if it receives a Data Subject Access Request to have access to any Personal Data or any other complaint, correspondence, notice, request any order of the Court or request of any regulatory or government body relating to the Contracting Authority's obligations under the Data Protection Laws and provide full co-operation and assistance to the Contracting Authority in relation to any such complaint, order or request (including, without limitation, by allowing Data Subjects to have access to their data).
- F. The Contractor shall without undue delay report in writing to the Contracting Authority any data compromise involving Personal Data, or any circumstances that could have resulted in unauthorised access to or disclosure of Personal Data.
- G. The Contractor shall assist the Contracting Authority in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws with respect to security, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities and regulators.

- H. The Contractor shall at the written direction of the Contracting Authority, amend, delete or return Personal Data and copies thereof to the Contracting Authority on termination of this Agreement unless the Contractor is required by the laws of any member of the European Union or by the laws of the European Union applicable to the Contractor to store the Personal Data.
- I. The Contractor shall permit the Contracting Authority, the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland, and / or their nominee to conduct audits and or inspections of the Contractor's facilities, and to have access to all data protection, confidentiality and security procedures, data equipment, mechanisms, documentation, databases, archives, data storage devices, electronic communications and storage systems used by the Contractor in any way for the provision of the services. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Contracting Authority arising out of any such inspection, audit or review.
- J. The Contractor shall fully comply with, and implement policies which are communicated or notified to the Contractor by the Contracting Authority from time to time.
- K. The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause 11 and allow for inspections and contribute to any audits by the Contracting Authority or the Contracting Authority's designated auditor.
- L. The Contractor shall:-
 - 1. take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity of any Personal Data which it processes and to prevent any corruption or loss of such Personal Data;
 - 2. ensure that a back-up copy of any and all such Personal Data is made [insert frequency] and this copy is recorded on media from which the data can be reloaded if there is any corruption or loss of the data; and
 - 3. in such an event and if attributable to any default by the Contractor or any Sub-contractor, promptly restore the Personal Data at its own expense or, at the Contracting Authority's option, reimburse the Contracting Authority for any reasonable expenses it incurs in having the Personal Data restored by a third party.

(IF YOU ARE NOT CONSENTING TO A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR - DELETE IF NOT IN USE)

- M. The Contracting Authority does not consent to the Contractor appointing any third party processor of Personal Data under this agreement.

(OR IF USING A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR - DELETE IF NOT IN USE)

The Contracting Authority consents to the Contractor appointing [insert third-party processor] as a third-party processor of Personal Data under this Agreement. The Contractor confirms that it has entered or (as the case may be) will enter into a written agreement incorporating terms which are substantially similar to those set out in this clause 11 as between the Contracting Authority and the Contractor. The Contractor shall remain

fully liable for all acts or omissions of any third-party processor appointed by it pursuant to this clause 11.

N. Save for clauses 11B, 11C, 11D(4) and 11E, all the obligations on the Contractor in this clause 11 relating to the processing of Personal Data shall apply to the processing of all Confidential Information.

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Contracting Authority _____ (being a duly authorised officer) Witness	SIGNED for and on behalf of the Contractor _____ Witness
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Schedule A to the Confidentiality Agreement: Data Protection

[complete when completing the Confidentiality Agreement]

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