Re-Competition of New Dimension Fleet Management Contract

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Summary

In January 2007, the New Dimension Programme decided to re-compete the present Fleet Management contract in order to seek better value for money in the period prior to the start of the Long Term Capability Management (LTCM) contract (estimated to start 1 April 2008).

This circular advises the result of the re-competition and provides details of the processes that will be of importance to FRSs as a result of the award of contract on 1 April 2007.

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1.0 Background

1.1 The Fleet Management Contract for the Maintenance and Repair of the New Dimension Incident Response Units and the Prime Movers was awarded to Marshall SV some 3 years ago. The terms of the contract were such that a new price agreement was required from 1st January 2007.

1.2 As part of the ND management approach to seeking a new agreement a market survey was undertaken. The results of this indicated that there would be benefit in competing the contract, notwithstanding the imminence of the LTCM contract expected to commence in April 2008.

1.3 Consequently, the contract has been re-competed.

2.0 Status

2.1 The re-competition started on the 17th January 2007, with eight companies subsequently registering interest. Four companies progressed to the second stage of evaluation and from these two were selected to go through to a final stage. As a result of this, a new contract has been awarded to Fraikin Ltd. The new contract will commence on 19th April 2007.

3.0 Impact on FRAs

3.1 A separate circular will be issued to provide more detail of LTCM plans for the future long term maintenance of the New Dimension assets. The circular includes reference to the possibility of some involvement of FRS vehicle workshops in the post-2008 maintenance arrangements.

3.2 As a result of this contract award, the new supplier, in conjunction with the ND programme, will embark on a series of regional road shows to introduce themselves and to detail key aspects of the new service, including interfaces and our expectations.

3.3 From 00:01 on the 19th April 2007, requests for fleet management services must be referred to Fraikin Ltd on 0800 0121 450. It is possible that this 0800 number may not be available in the very short term. If this proves to be the case, please use 0870 600 0209.

4.0 Contact

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