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### REQUEST

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for the " Project - End Point Assessment Organisation, Notice Reference - 20230404134331-31831 "

1. Copy of successful tender (by removing confidential information)
2. Scoring table of all bidders, split by scores awarded for each question of bid.
3. Approximate date that the tender will be reissued towards the end of the current contract period.
4. How many bidders submitted responses?
5. Name of all bidders who submitted responses.
6. Rank of all bidders who submitted responses I would prefer to receive the information electronically.

### RESPONSE

1. We are exempting this information under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 43(2) has been applied because the information in scope of the exemption would affect the commercial interests of SFJ Awards. The winning bid contains confidential information and the release of the detailed bid would negatively impact on the awarded supplier, inline with the Public Contract Regulations (PCR20150 and best practice, an award notice was released on Contracts Finder ([End Point Assessment Organisation - Contracts Finder](#))). Release of information could also prejudice relations between Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and its suppliers. For these reasons I have set the level of “would” rather than “would be likely to”.

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## RESPONSE CONT.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service is committed to recognising there is strong public interest to demonstrate openness, transparency and accountability with regards to the Freedom of Information legislation, however on the balance I consider the broader public interest favours maintaining the exemption and withholding the information.

### 2. Scoring table of all bidders.

Criteria/Sub-criteria	Available Score	Score obtained by SFJ Awards	Feedback
Costs	40%	40%	Full score awarded
Support Package/Resources/Accessibility	20%	20%	Full score awarded
Implementation Plans	20%	20%	Full score awarded
Business Continuity	10%	10%	Full score awarded
Social Value	10%	10%	Full score awarded
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%	

3. Commenced 01/06/2023 to 31/05/2025 with 2 x 12 month extension options. A decision will be made in 2025 if extensions will be utilised; if not utilised it may be released Jan 2025 or if utilised Jan 2027
4. One
5. SFJ Awards, details released on Contract Finder
6. Ranked number one.

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