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### REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for the Project

"Project Name: Asset Management System Reference number: 20231011145025-31831 Link: <u>https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/cfb3c5d9-0d61-4564-a9dc-</u> <u>d8f628187c41?origin=SearchResults&p=1</u>"

1. Copy of successful tender – we want this information under freedom of Information act 2000

2. Scoring table of all bidders, split by scores awarded for each question of bid

3. Price/Cost Proposed by each Bidder – we want this information for all the bidders who submitted the response.

4. Name of the Winning Bidder.

5. Name & Rank of all bidders who submitted responses. . Approximate date that the tender will be reissued towards the end of the current contract period.

We expect the responses to all the above questions under Freedom of Information Act 2000

## RESPONSE

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the FOIA, and it is therefore withheld. Section 43(2) Prejudice to commercial Interests, under section 43(2) of the FOIA, information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

As the procurement process is currently in evaluation and no contract has been executed the disclosure of any information relating to the procurement exercise would be prejudicial to the Service and the bidders. This is because it would prejudice the current procurement exercises and any future procurement.

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## **RESPONSE CONT.**

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service recognise that disclosure of the information could assist in further understanding of the procurement process by allowing the public and tenderers to understand more about the bidding process. We also recognise there is a need for transparency to ensure the public have faith in the manner in which goods and services are procured.

As the procurement process has not yet concluded it would not be in the public interest to disclose the information. The service believe that there is a public interest in ensuring that public procurement can be conducted effectively. There is a public interest in ensuring that future procurements proceed in an environment where free and fair competition is possible, and achieve the best value for public funds.

The details of this award once concluded will be published will be available via Contracts Finder - GOV.UK (<u>www.gov.uk</u>).



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