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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03076

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** FEDERAL SECURITY / GRAFTON CONTRACTS

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Can I get confirmation that in February, this year, the Federal Security Services Ltd sued the Chief Constable and Resource Group Ltd for awarding a contract for the provision of security guard personnel at police stations?

#### Answer

I can confirm that proceedings were initiated against the Chief Constable in January 2009 by Federal Security Services Ltd in respect of the award of a contract for security guarding and associated services for PSNI. Resource (NI) Ltd were subsequently joined as a 2nd Defendant.

#### Question 2

Can I get confirmation that there were three tenders for security contracts that year - and can I get the names of the companies and the amounts of their tenders?

#### Answer

The last year tender competitions where held for a security contract was 2008. There was 1 tender competition held, to which 4 firms tendered a response.

It is not possible to provide accurate contractual prices for this contract due to the complexity of the requirement.

We can provide the prices that were used for evaluation purposes for this contract. These prices were calculated using an estimated usage requirement, the same estimates being used for each tender.

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| Resource / Grafton | £42,327,857.80                |
| Federal            | £39,825,185.40                |
| G4S                | £40,932,801.00                |
|                    | £40,329,598.40 Variant Bid    |
| ISS Pegasus        | Not Available / Not Evaluated |

The above prices reflect only the first 3 years of a potential 5 year contract. Resource was the successful bidder. Prices in regard to the last 2 years will be negotiated near to the contract anniversary date, in years 3 & 4, with the successful tender bidder only.

The tender response from ISS Pegasus was not evaluated in regard to price as the bid failed to meet other mandatory requirements.

#### Question 3

Who is currently providing the tender? Is it Resource Group Ltd?

**Answer**

In regard to the Provision of Security Guarding and Associated Services, per question 1, yes, Resource Group Ltd are the current provider.

**Question 4**

And how much are the PSNI paying to Resource for the tender?

**Answer**

The answer to this question is contained in full within the answer to question 2 above.

**Question 5**

And can I get confirmation that Grafton Group currently supplies temporary staff to the PSNI? And how much is that contract worth?

**Answer**

It is confirmed that Grafton Group currently supplies temporary staff to the PSNI. It is estimated that this contract has a value worth £5 million.

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