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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00653

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Further Questions on Design and Testing of Vehicle - F-2011-00287

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answer to your questions are as follows:

Question 1

I see that the winning bidder claims B6 Minimum but that the contract was awarded following evaluation of the tender submissions. Has this armour package been ballistically tested prior to the award of the contract?

Answer

The winning bidder in accordance with the specification is required to ensure the vehicle armour is appropriately tested and certified to the tender specification.

Question 2

I had been led to believe that a site visit is required to check on the standard of the armour, its protection level, spec and welding process. Could you tell me the basis for the design of the vehicle as I am also led to understand that Hobson Industries own the IP for some of or all of this vehicle?

Answer

The PSNI armoured vehicle specification has been developed over a 30 year period of policing operational experience.

Question 3

Were the designs submitted for this tender based on the Hobson vehicle supplied to PSNI 5 years ago or was it a new design?

Answer

The vehicle has been designed to meet the operational requirements of PSNI and the specification was developed to reflect that.

Question 4

Could you confirm that Ovik's/ABBA's armouring facility passed the PSNI Inspection process as

required by the tender?

Answer

An Inspection process was not a requirement of the tender.

Question 5

Could you confirm the exact details of the IP claimed by PSNI giving the make and model of Land Rover and Fire Suppression System.

Answer

PSNI has developed and operated the Public Order Armoured Land Rover for over 30 years which includes the Fire Protection System.

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