



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00439

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Contract Awarded to EC Harris

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek information about a contract which Policing Service of Northern Ireland awarded to EC Harris for their role as contractor on the contract framework: UK-Carrickfergus: project management consultancy services, won in 2008. I have provided a link to the EC Harris source below:

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:19875-2008:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

Could you please confirm the following details regarding this contract:

The project start date and duration.

Answer

With reference to the TED [Tenders Electronic Daily, which is a supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union] and the TED Notice: 19875-2008 there is a misconception that this is a contract awarded to EC Harris. The purpose of the tender and outcome was to establish a pre-qualified 'select' list of eight professional services providers who would in turn have the opportunity to tender, in a secondary competition, for individual and specific projects as and when they were released by PSNI for tendering. The 'select' list of providers remained open to the eight potential tenders for a period of four years.

Based on the above there is no contract per se and no 'project' and hence there is no start date nor duration.

Question 2

The exact value paid to EC Harris for any services rendered.

Answer

Based on the TED Notice: 19875 -2008, and answer to question one, there is no value.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.