

## **Duty Provider Crime Contracts Update: Dyfed-Powys 2, Devon and Cornwall 1 and Hampshire 2**

### **Introduction**

The LAA announced on 19 June that sufficient bids had been received in 82 of the 85 procurement areas in the 2015 Duty Contract tender. There were three procurement areas where insufficient viable bids were received:

- Dyfed-Powys 2
- Devon and Cornwall 1
- Hampshire 2

The LAA has met with organisations in each of the three procurement areas and developed an approach for to ensuring adequate coverage in those areas.

### **Approach**

The approach for each of the procurement areas is set out below. In two of the areas LAA has chosen to award fewer Duty Contracts than originally advertised. The Duty Contract contains provisions that provide for increases in work volumes up to 50% above the Anticipated Contract Value (ACV) advertised in the procurement documents and the LAA calculates that the resulting increase in Duty Contract work will be within the scope of these provisions. LAA considers this action proportionate and necessary in the context of contingency planning following the analysis of outcome of the 2015 Duty Contract tender.

#### **Dyfed-Powys 2**

- The LAA received three bids in this procurement area against four available Duty Contracts.
- Subject to the organisations who bid for duty contracts successfully completing the assessment process; LAA will award three Duty Contracts only in the procurement area.
- No further procurement exercise would be required.
- The successful bidders will be responsible for managing any conflicts of interest that may arise during the course of the contract. For example, by referring the work on to Own Client Contract holders in the procurement area.

#### **Devon and Cornwall 1 (Devon)**

- The LAA received four bids to deliver work in this procurement area against eight available contracts.
- Organisations who bid in the original tender will be awarded the Duty contract that they tendered for covering the procurement area, subject to successful completion of the assessment of process.
- In this specific procurement area it was identified that a key barrier to bidding identified by providers was the travel requirements to cover the entire procurement area. To address this, LAA will further subdivide the procurement area into four smaller zones, centred in Exeter, Plymouth, Teignbridge/Torbay and Barnstaple. The LAA will then run a tender for up to an additional four Duty Contracts in each zone.

- The tender will be open to all organisations that hold a 2015 Own Client contract and have an office in the Devon & Cornwall procurement area. The Barnstaple zone will also be open to holders of a 2015 Own Client Contract in the Somerset & Avon 1 area.
- It is the intention of the LAA that there will be a minimum of six contracted Duty Contract providers across in the Devon and Cornwall 1 procurement area. Therefore, organisations awarded a Duty Contract as part of the original tender will only be eligible to bid for one further Duty Contract in one zone only.

### **Hampshire 2 (Isle of Wight)**

- The LAA received two bids in this procurement area against four available contracts.
- Subject to the organisations who bid for duty contracts successfully completing the assessment process; their share of the Duty Contract work will be increased by 50% against the ACV.
- The LAA will tender for a third Duty Contract; comprising 25% of the total work available in the procurement area. Any eligible organisation may tender including the original bidders.
- The successful bidders will be responsible for managing any conflicts of interest that may arise during the course of the contract. For example, by referring the work on to Own Client Contract holders in the procurement area.

### Next Steps

The LAA will publish a timetable for the new tenders in Devon and Cornwall 1 and Hampshire 2. The new contracts will commence in line with the previously published timetable.