

**Collaborative Fire Fighting Equipment and
Associated Services
ID 1544218 – Lot 2 – NI Public Sector**

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Department of Finance (DoF), Construction & Procurement Delivery (CPD), Property Services Division (hereafter referred to as PSD) are responsible for building maintenance and fire safety services to the Northern Ireland Civil Service, and wider public sector. CPD intends to establish a collaborative Framework Agreement for Fire Fighting equipment and associated services within Northern Ireland, on behalf of the participating bodies listed in <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/list-public-bodies-which-can-participate-cpd-collaborative-frameworks>.

The remainder of this specification relates specifically to those bodies covered by PSD.

2. INTRODUCTION TO DoF PROPERTY SERVICES DIVISION

2.1 PSD Building Maintenance & Fire Safety Branch currently provides fire safety services to 2300 properties across Northern Ireland on behalf of Government Departments, their Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies and Centre of Procurement Expertise. (COPES). PS Fire Safety are the sole group to establish the coverage of fire equipment in any of its client's buildings. A sample list of PSD Clients is included at Annex A along with a Data Export of all current fire equipment at Annex B. A list of Northern Ireland Water buildings and their current equipment list is included at Annex C for information. Please note, following award of the Framework Agreement, a Direct Award will be made in relation to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender in relation to Lot 1 PSNI and Department of Finance and NI Water in relation to Lot 2.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REQUIREMENT

3.1 NICS and the wider public sector buildings, are provided with fire-fighting equipment as required to comply with current legislation and to ensure staff and visitors can safely escape from a fire to a place of safety. The Fire & Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006 requires employers to take necessary fire safety measures that are identified as part of a Fire Risk Assessment.

3.2 The Fire Safety Regulations (NI) 2010 specifically require equipment for fire-fighting to be provided and that it must be maintained.

3.3 In order to comply with the above statutory duty, NICS require a comprehensive service in respect of all aspects of provision, installation, maintenance, recharging, testing and environmental disposal of portable fire-fighting equipment and associated fire safety signs. The contractor must follow the code of practice for the inspection and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers as outlined in British Standard BS 5306, European Standard EN3, or other standards deemed to be equivalent.

3.4 Currently all First Aid Fire Fighting Equipment (FAFFE) throughout the estate is owned and not leased and is BS Kite Marked.

3.5 The first aid fire-fighting equipment currently in use throughout the Government estate is as follows:

- Water (Stored Pressure) Type Extinguishers
- Foam (Stored Pressure) Extinguishers
- Dry Powder (Stored Pressure) Extinguishers
- Carbon Dioxide Extinguishers
- Wet Chemical Extinguishers
- Fire Buckets with Sand
- Hose Reels
- Fire Blankets

3.6 A number of premises have fire hydrants located within their curtilage and would require regular testing and maintenance. Hydrants that require testing are designated by the inspecting Officer during the fire risk

