**Provision of Specialist Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Clothing**

The Specialist PPE project has been identified as a key deliverable for the Fire Commercial Transformation Programme under the Clothing Category.  Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) will be the Lead Authority for this project and will work with subject matter experts from across the Sector to deliver a National multi-supplier Framework Arrangement.

The aim of this project is to deliver a Framework Arrangement which allows Fire and Rescue Services (FRS), and other Blue Light Agencies, to establish contracts for the supply of Specialist PPE clothing and associated services for use in a variety of environmental scenarios. KFRS is currently in the very early stages of the project and as such, engagement has recently commenced with all potential customers across the Blue Light Agencies in order to forecast demand, scope requirements and develop options for the structure of the Framework Arrangement. Our next step is to engage early with Industry and customers to progress this further.

We therefore invite you to attend an early engagement event, which is open to both suppliers and customers, as detailed below:

**Location:**       Maidstone Masonic Centre,

Courtenay Rd,

Maidstone ME15 6LF

**Date**:              Friday 15th February 2019

**Time**:            11.00am – 14.00pm

The purpose of this event is to share our early thinking and to garner feedback from both suppliers and customers, which will be considered as we further develop our requirements.

Please register your interest in attending this event to SpecialistPPE@kent.fire-uk.org, providing the following details:

* Names of attendees (limited to 2 per Supplier)
* Supplier Name
* Your role within your organisation
* **Registration is required no later than 16.00hrs on Monday 4th February 2019.**

A full agenda will be issued to all participants no later than Friday 8th February 2019.

Regards

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