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This circular is	<b>Relevant to the National Framework</b>		
Status	<b>This circular informs FRAs of data collection work needed to progress Firebuy Ltd's Integrated Clothing Project and requests additional information.</b>		

# ***FIREBUY LIMITED: Integrated Clothing Project***

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## Addressed to:

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 The Chief Executive of the County Council  
 The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority  
 The Clerk to the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority  
 The Commissioner of the London Fire and  
 Emergency Planning Authority  
 The Chief Fire Officer**

## Please forward to:

**Directors of Finance  
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## Summary

To enable the Tenderers for the Firebuy Ltd's Integrated Clothing Project to accurately cost the clothing and services they intend to supply, the Integrated Clothing Project requires to update the data on current patterns of issue and usage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) previously given in response to FSC 3/2005.

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## **1.0 Integrated Clothing Project (ICP) – Data Gathering**

- 1.1** Fire And Rescue Authorities (FRAs) will recollect that FSC 3/2005 asked individual Authorities to gather and compile data so that robust information could be supplied to ICP Tenderers to allow them to accurately cost the clothing and services they intend to supply.
- 1.2** Since that time some FRAs have instigated interim arrangements for the supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other clothing pending the roll out of ICP. In order to provide the most accurate picture possible to Tenderers FRAs are required to submit a return to DCLG detailing the following;
- Anticipated contract start date for ICP – PPE element
  - Anticipated contract start date for ICP – Station Wear and other clothing categories
- 1.3** In addition to the anticipated contract start dates, FRAs are required to indicate their preferred contract option. The options are as follows:
- Fully Managed Service (FMS)
  - Purchase Only
  - Purchase with managed services
- Note: The responses on preferred contract options will be indicative only, and treated as such, pending initial costings for each contract option from the Tenderer.
- 1.4** In supplying the anticipated contract start date FRAs should be aware that there will be a time delay between contract sign and the supply of goods and services, dependent on the products required and the size of the FRA this could be as much as nine months for PPE items.
- 1.5** Any FRA who requires PPE or other clothing during 2007 should ensure that they liaise closely with the ICP team to ensure that where possible their needs are met. Where timescales will prevent this, interim arrangements may need to be entered into, until such time as delivery of ICP product is possible.
- 1.6** In supplying the anticipated contract start date any contract let would be subject to affordability of the ICP solution. It would also be beneficial to Tenderers if FRAs could indicate the volumes in terms of staff numbers that would be issued with clothing. As a reminder the clothing categories available are;
- **PPE:**
    - Structural firefighting
    - Wildland firefighting

- Technical Rescue
- USAR
- Non-operational PPE e.g. workshops staff, cooks, hydrant inspectors, etc.
- **Other Clothing:**
  - Stationwear
  - Sports wear
  - Corporate wear
  - Undress uniform \*
  - Control \*\*

\* For Undress uniform the number of staff at Area Manager A and above contained in the total figure needs to be stated.

\*\* The ICP team will be liaising with the Fire Control team for numbers.

- 1.7 The data supplied will be forwarded to Tenderers and will fundamentally affect the structure and nature of their bids, consequently FRAs are asked to ensure that as far as reasonably practicable the data supplied is as robust and accurate as possible.

**Pippa Brown**

**Fire and Resilience Directorate**

**ICP DATA RETURN UPDATE - FSC 36/2006 (PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLIOING)**

**FRS NAME:**.....

**Anticipated contract start date for ICP PPE**

(DD/MM/YYYY).....

**Anticipated contract start date for ICP other clothing**

(DD/MM/YYYY).....

**Preferred Contract Option for PPE (please tick)**

FMS

Purchase Only

Purchase with managed services

Please indicate the number of staff in the boxes below:

PPE Clothing	Total number of staff to be issued	
Structural Firefighting		
Wildland Firefighting		
Technical Rescue		
USAR		
Other clothing	Total number of staff to be issued	** Number of staff Area manager A and above included in previous figure
Station wear		
Sports wear		
Corporate wear		

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Undress uniform **		
Control*		

\* Only include control where your FRA will be issuing uniform to control staff prior to the establishment of Regional Controls.

\*\*For Undress uniform the number of staff at Area Manager A and above contained in the total figure needs to be stated.

Please print name of person completing form: .....

Position: .....

Date: ..... Signature: .....

**Please return a signed paper copy of the form to Antonia Loder, DCLG,  
PO Box No 50200, Zone 4/a, Allington Towers, Allington Street, London,  
SW1E 5WY by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

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