

Appendix B - Tranche 2 Traffic Officer Vehicle Procurement 2005/6

Requirements

For each RCC vehicle demand is triggered by three key requirements:

- Vehicles for Supervisor and HATO training
- Vehicles to support First Service commencement
- Vehicles to support PCO and function migration.

137 are identified for operational needs, Appendix A shows the allocation of the 137 vehicles.

Contract Hire with Maintenance remains the preferred option. The terms required include

- Contract hire of vehicles to an agreed performance specification.
- 18 month/150,000 miles contract (based on capped mileage of 100,000 per year).
- Single point responsibility for delivery, including pre-delivery check.
- One stop shop facility for livery and equipment fit.
- Maintenance & routine servicing
- Vehicle recovery and breakdown cover.
- Tyre/windscreen service and on site support.

Vehicle Delivery Programme

A delivery programme was agreed with the Regional Delivery Teams and the National Training Team (People Workstream). Adjustments made as part of the detailed negotiation on delivery dates and taking into account ancillary activities such as radio and data logger fitment (via National Technology Contract).

Vehicle Specification

A revised specification was produced, drawing on the experience gained to date with the 18 West Mids, Training & Publicity vehicles and the findings of the working Group led by the Requirements Workstream.

4 key changes are:

- (i) The introduction of better defined essential and desirable requirements
- (ii) Clear statement on payload requirements, which will impact on the type of vehicles that are proposed to the Highways Agency.
- (iii) Clarity on the servicing and support services required together with response times for on road services.
- (iv) Changes to lighting and livery following further conspicuity trials with TRL.

Procurement Route

The strategy of leasing, via a Contract Hire + Maintenance arrangement is maintained, the Inland Revenue (IR) Framework remains to be the Government Frameworks that satisfies the requirement.

Vehicle Selection

A rigorous process has been adopted to determine the selection of models.

The vehicles selected are:

- Toyota Landcruiser
- Nissan Pathfinder
- Mitsubishi Shogun
- Range Rover (only considered as an alternative, should any of the other models not be available)
- A further vehicle is being pursued, the Land Rover Discovery, however final pricing has yet to be agreed.

