

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT No. 26-028

Issued: 5 June 2026

Vendors are advised the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) intends to direct award a contract to Associated Fire Safety Group for the provision of fire services-related technical rescue equipment for Nanoose Bay Fire Department (NBFD) and Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department (CHVFD).

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Air bags and related equipment (Holmatro)
- Vehicle stabilization struts and related equipment (Holmatro)
- Auto extrication tools (Holmatro)

The estimated value of the agreement may be greater than \$75,000 (excluding tax).

The RDN wishes to direct award for the following reasons:

- Multi-vendor market assessment completed
- Operationally superior solution identified
- Standardized equipment across regional departments, where possible
- No suitable standing contracts available

Vendors wishing to challenge the RDN's intention to direct award a contract to Associated Fire Safety must submit their objection, in writing, via email to the following person on, or before 3:00 p.m. PST on 19 June 2026:

Linda Ryan, Fire Services Coordinator
Regional District of Nanaimo
Email: FireServices@RDN.bc.ca

Objections must be submitted on company letterhead and be signed by an individual authorized to represent the company submitting the objection. Vendors must clearly state the reasons why they believe they are qualified to supply the services that are being proposed to be direct awarded and why the services should be competitively tendered.

The RDN retains the right to determine its future course of action depending on any responses received and to perform its due diligence as required prior to making a final decision.