

# Joint International Fire Board

## Terms of Reference

### Purpose

The Joint International Fire Board (JIFB) has been created to provide a mechanism to match overseas opportunities with associations and organisations who have an interest in export or working overseas. Specifically, it facilitates UK Trade Investment overseas opportunities to be brought to the wider fire sector and at the same time, allows the fire sector to maximise the UK Government's contribution overseas, not just in terms of trade and export through world class goods and services but also in terms of providing a mechanism for humanitarian or disaster management response to be generated in a scalable manner, bringing the UK fire and rescue expertise to the wider world.

The Joint International Fire Board has been established to support the "whole of Government effort" to increase our exports and the balance of trade and to remedy the disparate and disjointed approach previously in place from within the fire sector. It is focused on supporting the full supply chain from inception through consultancy/advice, the direct provision of training/staff as well as providing goods and services.

The vision for the Joint International Fire Board (JIFB) is to establish a cohesive, world class supply chain for an export project's entire life cycle.

### Membership

The membership of the JIFB includes the Fire Industry Association, Association for Specialist Fire Protection and Fire Sector Federation. It also has the Chief Fire Officers Association, London Fire Brigade, Capita Fire Service College and individual Fire and Rescue Service Trading Companies as members. Representatives from Government Departments also attend as appropriate.

The Joint International Fire Board is chaired by a Chief Fire Officer representative from the Chief Officers Association who also acts as a conduit from the Joint International Fire Board (JIFB) to UK Trade and Investment, the Home Office Security Engagement Team and DFID (FCO) Stabilisation Unit. Liaison with the NPCC Joint International Policing Board will be increasingly important.

### Process

High Value Opportunities will be shared with the Joint International Fire Board (JIFB) which will signpost overseas contracts available for UK businesses. These will be identified by UKTI desk officers "in Country" or through Government to Government (G2G) discussions.

At the same time, discussions with the Department for International Development (DfID)/ Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) may present other opportunities to support Nation Building or post conflict support. These will be coordinated and shared through the Joint International Fire Board where appropriate.

Note: On no occasion will discussions take place within the Joint International Fire Board (JIFB) as to pricing or specific commercial responses, this being a matter for the market to respond as it sees fit. A declaration regarding competition law will be included on all Joint International Fire Board (JIFB) meeting minutes.