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This bulletin highlights the announcement of the preferred bidder for the Fire Service College.

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1. Background

The Government's response to Fire Futures on 12 April 2011 said that the Fire Service College can achieve its full potential only if there is greater involvement from other sectors (whether private, public or voluntary) in its ownership, operation and governance and that we would "explore with the sector and other organisations options to secure the future of the Fire Service College."

In his written ministerial statement of 22 March 2012, the then Fire Minister Bob Neill announced the Government's decision to sell the Fire Service College as a going concern to the private sector.

2. Decision on the preferred bidder for the Fire Service College

The Government has today announced Capita as the preferred bidder for the purchase of the College, following a thorough, fair and open competition. In identifying Capita as the preferred bidder, the Government is satisfied that the sale will achieve value for money for the public purse and secure the future of the Fire Service College.

The Government is insisting on a number of conditions on the proposed sale, including commitments not only that the College will continue in use as a national training college for fire and rescue authorities, but also that it will continue to offer wider national resilience and emergency services exercises and that Government permission will be required if Capita wish to sell the incident ground.

3. Next Steps

The Government now looks forward to holding constructive discussions with Capita to ensure that the transition from public to private sector is as smooth as possible. We expect to complete the sale early in the New Year after the conclusion of a Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations consultation and wider information sharing with current employees of the Fire Service College.

A copy of the Departmental press notice announcing the preferred bidder can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/preferred-bidder-for-the-fire-service-college-confirmed>

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