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## **Rural Transport**

Suffolk County Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0395c1

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Rural Transport

Reference number

CD1368

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
  - MA09 - For transport

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The provision of rural transport for isolated rural communities within 7 geographic areas of Suffolk which will enable the connecting of communities through Rural Transport Operators. Providing connections to bus and rail links as well as door to door journeys for those with limited mobility whilst also offering an alternative car dependency and supporting the Council Net Zero target

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £764,256

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Babergh - Connecting Communities

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

The Babergh area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within rural communities of the Babergh area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Forest Heath - Connecting Communities

Lot No

2

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

The Forest Heath area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within rural communities of the Forest Heath area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

## Ipswich - Connecting Communities

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

Ipswich area of Suffolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within isolated communities of the Ipswich area of Suffolk

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Mid Suffolk - Connecting Communities

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

The Mid Suffolk area of Suffolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within rural communities of the Mid Suffolk area of Suffolk

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

St Edmundsbury - Connecting Communities

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

The St Edmundsbury area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within rural communities of the St Edmundsbury area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Coastal - Connecting Communities

Lot No

6

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

The Coastal area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within rural communities of the Coastal area of Suffolk

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

## Waveney - Connecting Communities

Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Main site or place of performance

The Waveney area of Suffolk

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of transport within rural communities of the Waveney area of Suffolk

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Council considered Regulation 32 (2)b ii applied in so far that competition was absent for technical reasons.

This decision was reached following a market engagement event with potential providers and their feedback in relation to the challenges of the pandemic recovery including driver shortages, fuel price increases and limited return of patronage. In addition the Council recognised the challenges of there being a limited number of transport providers within the rural areas of Suffolk and their ability to deliver a sustainable service meeting the communities needs and within the Council's budget profile whilst recovering from the pandemic.

It was considered appropriate to implement 1 year contracts with the Council's existing Connecting Communities providers to enable the market to adapt and understand the new market conditions which would enable the Council to undertake a procurement exercise when the market is more stable and achieve better value for the communities of Suffolk.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

CD1368

### **Lot No**

1

## **Title**

Babergh - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Hadleigh Community Transport Group Limited

Hadleigh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Mutuals Public Register

28617R

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £132,240

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

CD1368

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Forest Heath - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

The Voluntary Network

Newmarket

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

03954998

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £89,528

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**Section V. Award of contract/concession**

**Contract No**

CD1368

**Lot No**

3

**Title**

Ipswich - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract/concession**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Communities Together East Anglia

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

02636217

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £28,880

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### **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

#### **Contract No**

CD1368

#### **Lot No**

4

#### **Title**

Mid Suffolk - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

##### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Communities Together East Anglia

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

02636217

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £135,280

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### **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

#### **Contract No**

CD1368

#### **Lot No**

5

#### **Title**

St Edmundsbury - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

The Voluntary Network

Newmarket

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Companies House

03954998

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £89,528

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

CD1368

### **Lot No**

6

### **Title**

Coastal - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Coastal Accessible Transport Services

Leiston

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Mutuals Public Register

28439R

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £180,880

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

CD1368



## **Lot No**

7

## **Title**

Waveney - Connecting Communities

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

BACT Community Transport Ltd

Bungay

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Mutuals Public Register

28446R

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £107,920

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Each of the Contracts shall be for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Suffolk County Council

Ipswich

IP1 2BX

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Suffolk County Council incorporates a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the point at which information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved: The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules, to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Any such action must be brought promptly)