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Award

Rural Transport

Suffolk County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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www.suffolk.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)