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Contract

## **Fleet purchase**

East Suffolk Services Limited

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-000547

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ce4e

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

East Suffolk Services Limited

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WOODBIDGE

IP12 1RT

#### **Contact**

Zoe Archer

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH14 - Suffolk

**Companies House**

14001825

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.eastsuffolkservices.co.uk/>

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

Other type

Local Authority Trading Company (LATCO)

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Fleet purchase

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34100000 - Motor vehicles

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is a contract award notice only.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £451,492.20

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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:

1. Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting Authority.
2. Purchase of services on particularly advantageous terms from a service provider which is definitively winding up its business activities.

East Suffolk Services Limited (ESSL) considers the award of the Contract without prior publication of a contract notice is permitted by Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) on the basis that due to the bespoke nature of vehicles within the fleet to be procured that due to technical reasons, there was no reasonable alternative supplier who could provide the vehicles within the timescales for the provision of vital services to the residents and businesses of East Suffolk.

Further, the Authority relies on Regulation 32(2)(c) in that it was not foreseen that ESSL would be required to purchase vehicles to ensure the continuity of delivery of the public services. Purchase of the vehicles has been brought about conditions of extreme urgency as brought about by delays in the market, which were out of ESSL's control. ESSL completed a procurement exercise for leasing new fleet vehicles using an approved framework to replace many of the vehicles on an operating lease. The delivery of some of these vehicles would have been much later than initially anticipated. This would have resulted in ESSL's fleet being substantially reduced, impacting on their ability to provide vital services. Therefore, the direct award was necessary to allow for the essential services to be continued by ESSL to the residents and businesses of East Suffolk from 1st January 2025.

ESSL also relies upon Regulation 32(5)(d) in that the supplier is winding up its business activities, the purchase agreement that has been entered into between the supplier and ESSL has been negotiated on particularly advantageous terms than those now available on the open market and therefore, the negotiated procedure without prior publication has been used in this situation.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 December 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

Norse Commercial Services Limited

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Companies House

02888808

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £451,492.20

Total value of the contract/lot: £451,492.20

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

East Suffolk Council

Woodbridge

Country

United Kingdom