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## **Provision of School & Local Transport in Helensburgh & Lomond**

Argyll and Bute Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**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**

Provision of School & Local Transport in Helensburgh & Lomond

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 600000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Argyll and Bute Council are looking to contract with a transport operator who will provide safe and secure school and public transport in the Helensburgh & Lomond area.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

Main site or place of performance

Argyll & Bute

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

Argyll & Bute Council are looking to contract with a transport operator who will provide safe and secure school transport in the Helensburgh & Lomond area.

Aim of Service:

The main elements of the School Transport Service are:

- (a) To transport children to and from school safely and timeously;
- (b) To encourage responsible behaviour by scholars;
- (c) To liaise with Head Teachers or nominated representatives and Council Officers to achieve a high standard of service.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Initiatives / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fleet and Maintenance / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Method Statement - Discipline on Bus / Weighting: 4

Quality criterion - Name: Method Statement - Communications with Client / Weighting: 4

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: Prompt Payment Performance / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: 75

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,200,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Renewal will be 5-7 years after contract award.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

#### **IV.2) Administrative information**

##### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-033418](#)

##### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

##### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

##### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

##### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

9 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Online via PCS Post-box.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 5 or 7 years from award.

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:  
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As per tender document

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=754545](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=754545).

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

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A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:  
<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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

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

Oban Sherriff Court

Sheriff Court House, Albany Street,

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Country

United Kingdom