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Tender

Provision of School & Local Transport in Helensburgh & Lomond

Argyll and Bute Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0417ab

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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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.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

Provision of School & Local Transport in Helensburgh & Lomond

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - 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

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

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.

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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The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at
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,

Oban

PA34 4AL

Country

United Kingdom