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## **2021 Somerset County Council DPS for the Provision of Passenger Transport**

Somerset County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Somerset County Council

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TA1 4DY

#### **Contact**

Kate Williams

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK23 - Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

**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**

2021 Somerset County Council DPS for the Provision of Passenger Transport

Reference number

1199278

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

Services

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

Somerset County Council wishes to establish a new Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) under which all procurement activity for the provision of high quality and cost effective Passenger Transport will be conducted.

This is to replace the current Passenger Transport DPS which expires on 31st March 2021. All existing suppliers will need to reapply to the new DPS.

The type of transport the Council provides includes Home to School transport service for children in mainstream education and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Children and Adult Services, County bus services, Ad Hoc Taxis and Minibus / Coach hire, and any other passenger transport services. On certain routes there is a requirement for regular drivers, and/or passenger assistants.

The Council also provides scheduled local bus services to meet public transport requirements which would otherwise not be met; these are scheduled public passenger transport services that transport citizens within the boundary of Somerset County Council and across neighbouring council boundaries, when the Council provides additional subsidised services.

The DPS will commence on 1st April 2021 and will run for 5 years (to 31st March 2026) with the option to extend by 2 further periods of 2 years each (Maximum of nine years in total to 31st March 2030).

The total value of the DPS over the total agreement period for all four Lots is GBP 230,000,000

Somerset County Council is managing this procurement process in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102)

The DPS is split into four Lots; suppliers will be able to bid for one or more Lots as follows

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Lot 1: Vehicles over 23 Passenger Seats

Lot 2: Vehicles 9 to 22 Passenger Seats

Lot 3: Vehicles up to 8 Passenger Seats

Lot 4: Vehicles up to 8 Passenger Seats where contracts are required on an accelerated timescale

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

Value excluding VAT: £230,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

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

Lot 1: Vehicles over 23 Passenger Seats

Lot No

1

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

- 34100000 - Motor vehicles

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **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

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

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

Lot 2: Vehicles 9 to 22 Passenger Seats

Lot No

2

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

- 34100000 - Motor vehicles

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

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Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 3: Vehicles up to 8 Passenger Seats

Lot No

3

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

- 34100000 - Motor vehicles

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

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Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **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

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

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

Lot 4: Vehicles up to 8 Passenger Seats where contracts are required on an accelerated timescale

Lot No

4

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

- 34100000 - Motor vehicles

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

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

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

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

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

#### **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**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

Date

31 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Somerset County Council

Taunton

TA1 4DY

Country

United Kingdom