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Contract

T24-122BUS PEACEPLUS Be Driven Project

Derry City and Strabane District Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-001334

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0498a7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Derry City and Strabane District Council

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Derry

BT48 7NN

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

T24-122BUS PEACEPLUS Be Driven Project

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85322000 - Community action programme

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Derry City and Strabane District Council invite suppliers to tender for a PeacePlus Be Driven project. This project focuses on a Driver Training Programme, designed to enhance capacity and connectivity in the rural District Electoral Areas (DEAs) of Faughan, Sperrin, and Derg. These areas currently face a significant challenge due to the shortage of qualified mini-bus drivers, which hinders accessible transportation for residents. This initiative aims to address this gap by training six individuals (ideally three men and three

women) specifically in obtaining a D1 driving license, thereby enhancing their driving skills and creating a pool of qualified drivers to better serve the community. Once the initial training has been completed, the project will widen to ensure a minimum total of 78 participants are engaged in the project on a cross-community basis. One or more of the trainee drivers, having obtained their D1 licence, will be employed to facilitate transporting of isolated rural participants to engage in cross-community activities, events, workshops, history, heritage and cultural diversity experiences. Arising from the Co-design process in the Rural District Electoral Area's of Sperrin, Faughan and Derg, this was highlighted as a key project underpinning rural engagement holistically in wider PEACEPLUS activity and should strive to bring key benefits and connectivity to these rural areas. This project is under the Thriving Peaceful Communities Theme. Please refer to the CfT documents for further detail.

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: £55,096

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85322000 - Community action programme

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 10

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: Yes

Identification of the project

PEACEPLUS Programme 2021-2027. Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans

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: [2024/S 000-028552](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

EASILINK COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

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Strabane

BT82 9FR

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £55,364

Total value of the contract/lot: £55,096

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice NI

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Royal Courts of Justice NI

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As per PCR 2015

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Royal Courts of Justice NI

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom