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Contract

Coach Hire for Student Open Days

University of Exeter

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Scope

Reference

UOE/2025/074/CH

Description

The University of Exeter hosts a series of Open Days each year to allow prospective students and their guests to visit the campus, meet staff and students, and experience university life. These events are a key part of the University's student recruitment activities and attract large numbers of visitors from across the UK. To support the smooth running of these events, the University requires a reliable and professional coach hire service to transport prospective students and guests between key locations, including Streatham and St Luke's Campus, Exeter St David's Train Station and Westpoint Arena. The appointed supplier(s) will play an important role in ensuring that visitors have a positive and safe experience when attending Open Days. This tender seeks to establish a contract with a reputable coach provider who can deliver a high-quality, flexible, and cost-effective transport service aligned with the University's standards of customer service, safety, and sustainability.

Contract 1. UOE/2025/074/CH - Hire of Coaches for Student Open Days

Supplier

- Linden Holdings (Devon) LTD

Contract value

- £102,885 excluding VAT
- £123,462 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

18 December 2025

Contract dates

- 18 December 2025 to 18 December 2028
- Possible extension to 18 December 2029
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend by 1x 12-month increment at the sole discretion of the University.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

Contract locations

- UKK4 - Devon

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

Linden Holdings (Devon) LTD

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

University of Exeter

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)