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Planning

WYCA: School Transport Procurement: March 24

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/103257>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/80126>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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Reference number

CA82575

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) wishes to advise the market of the forthcoming WYCA procurement for School Transport (Bus) Services. WYCA will be tendering a number of school transport routes, primarily in Kirklees and Calderdale.

WYCA will seek to award contracts to commence on the 2nd of September 2024 for an initial three (3) year term, with two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods bringing the total maximum contract term to five (5) years.

Please see full description below for further information.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

WYCA will be tendering a number of school transport routes across the region, primarily in Kirklees and Calderdale. Routes will be grouped into lots. Bidders can submit proposals to provide school transport for as many lots as they are capable of delivering in line with WYCA requirements.

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Full route details will be provided in the Statement of Requirements on the anticipated procurement launch date of 1st March 2024. The anticipated response deadline for bids will be 5pm, 31st March 2024. (Please note WYCA reserves the right to amend these dates).

II.2.14) Additional information

CONTRACT VALUE:

Please note that the indicated contract value is the current annual price for all existing Lots/routes in scope of this procurement.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2024

Section IV. Procedure
IV.1) Description**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

ENGAGEMENT SESSION:

An engagement session will be held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 12pm. Attending will be members of WYCA's Mobility Services and Commercial Teams, and Go4Growth (an organisation WYCA is partnering with to provide support to bidders for this upcoming procurement).

The purpose of this session will be to give a high-level overview of the requirement, and notify bidders of the key changes to the procurement process since previous School Transport procurements. Bidders will be signposted to information that may support them during the procurement process.

To attend this session, please complete the form linked with your details and an invitation will be circulated in due course: <https://forms.office.com/e/6yNSPs00jn>

KEY POINTS FOR BIDDERS:

- WYCA is keen for both new operators and incumbents to be involved in engagement and the subsequent procurement process.
- The aim of this procurement is to secure reliable, value for money services for transporting pupils to and from school.
- It is important that all Operators interested in bidding attend the engagement session.
- Bidders should consider early registration for WYCA's e-tendering system.

Please note this PIN is for prior information only to inform potential suppliers of an upcoming opportunity. There are no documents attached to this notice. Any subsequent tender documentation in connection to this opportunity will go live on our e-tendering system YORtender, in due course (<https://yortender.eu-supply.com>). Bidders are advised to register on the above tender platform in anticipation of the tender opportunity, and review the anticipated timescales mentioned above.