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Scheduled Bus and Coach Service

University of Greenwich

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e3b1

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ - South East (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gre.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

www.gre.ac.uk

I.6) Main activity

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Scheduled Bus and Coach Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University is in contract with Centaur Overland Travel Ltd for providing bus and coach services, between three campuses. The University plans to extend its contract until 31/08/2027 (an extension of 2 years). The extension period allows us to take advantage of the dedicated vehicles procured by the contractor in alignment with the University's Carbon Net Zero 2030 Strategy. The contractor has made significant investments, including electric double-decker buses and branded bus liveries. Bespoke innovations developed for the contract include a dedicated tap-in system for University ID cards, onboard WiFi, a real-time bus tracking application and digital timetables with real-time updates. The value of the extension is £5.2m. The University believes that the extension is within the scope of the original contract and it has published this notice to be transparent. If your company believes that it can provide an equivalent service, please provide details to us.

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: £5,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University is in contract with Centaur Overland Travel Ltd for providing bus and coach services, transporting students and staff between three campuses. We plan to extend its contract until 31/08/2027 (extension of 2 years). The extension period will allow the university to take advantage of the dedicated vehicles procured by the contractor for the provision of the services in alignment with our Carbon Net Zero 2030 Strategy. The contractor has made significant investments, including, electric double-decker buses and branded bus liveries, tap-in system for University ID cards, onboard WiFi, a real-time bus tracking application and digital timetables with real-time updates. The value of the extension is £5.2m. Although we believe that the extension is within the scope of the original contract, we have published this notice to be transparent. If your company believes that it can provide an equivalent service with the bespoke innovations, please provide details to us.

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.2.14) Additional information

The value indicated here is for the extension period of 2 years. The extension is allowed for under the terms of the original contract. This notice is being published for the purposes of full transparency.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

We believe the contract extension is a permitted contract. The university has worked with the supplier over a number of years to ensure vehicles used on the contract align with the University's Carbon Net Zero Strategy 2030 and stringent targets. The supplier has made bespoke developments to suit the University, which are essential to maintaining the student experience and high level of customer satisfaction for service users.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

1

Title

Buses and Coaches Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Centaur Overland Travel Ltd

Unit 34-35, Acorn Industrial Park, Crayford

Kent

DA1 4AL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

National registration number

1210180

Internet address

<https://www.centaurtravel.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £5,200,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £5,200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The amount quoted of £5.2M excluding VAT is for the 2 year extension to contract. If your company believes that it can provide an equivalent service with the appropriate facilities, please provide details to us.