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Award

Provision of an internal mail courier service

Cumberland Council
Westmorland and Furness Council

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Scope

Description

The Council is reprocurring a dedicated, secure, Internal mail and parcel collection and delivery service contract. This contract is split over 2 routes, one for the geographical area of Cumberland and one for the geographical area of Westmorland and Furness. This service will move a variety of items securely between approx 40 sites across the two areas. Due to the nature of the items transported by this service there is a requirement for items to be handed over from one route to the other. This tender will be to procure a single supplier with two contracts, one for each area. There are various Council buildings in both routes but they also include some Police & Fire stations/ buildings. Due to the nature of the service security measures will be vital to the contract including the vetting of contractor staff.

Contract 3. Cumberland Route

Supplier

- HART DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

Contract value

- £277,472 excluding VAT
- £332,966 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 January 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

22 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 3 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

4 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 February 2026 to 3 February 2028
- Possible extension to 3 February 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

24 month contract with 2 possible 12 month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 64120000 - Courier services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria
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Contract 4. Westmorland and Furness Route

Supplier

- HART DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

Contract value

- £312,832 excluding VAT
- £375,398.40 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

HART DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

- Companies House: 05301197
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRDW-2665-DDYD

4 Lowther Glen

Penrith

CA10 2BP

United Kingdom

Email: office@hartdistribution.co.uk

Website: <http://www.hartdistribution.co.uk>

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Cumberland Route

Contract 4. Westmorland and Furness Route

Contracting authorities

Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

Cumbria House, 107-117 Botchergate

Carlisle

CA1 1RD

United Kingdom

Email: procurement.mailbox@cumbria.gov.uk

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Westmorland and Furness Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYYD-1758-YNVR

South Lakeland House

Kendal

LA9 4DQ

United Kingdom

Email: Procurement.Mailbox.WAF@Cumbria.gov.uk

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Cumberland Council for any enquiries.