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Contract

# RES/TR/First Bus - Individual Active Travel Bus Ticket Offer – February 2024 to March 2025

**Bristol City Council** 

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

**Bristol City Council** 

Bristol City Council, City Hall, College Green

Bristol

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#### Contact

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#### **Email**

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/

Buyer's address

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/

## 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

RES/TR/First Bus - Individual Active Travel Bus Ticket Offer – February 2024 to March 2025

Reference number

DN710686

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

RES/TR/First Bus - Individual Active Travel Bus Ticket Offer - February 2024 to March

#### 2025

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £480,000 taken into consideration

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKK11 - Bristol, City of

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

RES/TR/First Bus - Individual Active Travel Bus Ticket Offer – February 2024 to March 2025 - In accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 a negotiated procedure without prior publication (direct award) process was followed due to competition being absent for technical reasons. The service contract was directly awarded to First Bus Group Ltd to supply taster tickets to the public up to 31st March 2025 as part of the Bristol Clean Air Zone project.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 100

#### 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

## Section IV. Procedure

#### **IV.1) Description**

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

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

#### Explanation:

A negotiated procedure without prior publication (direct award) was followed in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 due to competition being absent for technical reasons. The services are essential requirements of the Council and can only be met by a proprietary solution only available from a single supplier. Bristol bus routes are predominantly controlled by First Bus Group and in order for the bus taster tickets to be widely useable it is essential for them to be valid for the largest number of bus routes possible.

Therefore the contract has been awarded to First Bus Group Ltd to supply taster tickets (m-Tickets) to the public until March 2025 as part of the Bristol Clean Air Zone project and the m-Tickets are only available from First Bus Group Ltd.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

## Section V. Award of contract

#### **Contract No**

DN710686

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 February 2024

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

First Bus Group Ltd

Bristol

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKK11 - Bristol, City of

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £480,000 taken into consideration

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Bristol District Registry of the High Court

Greyfriars, Lewins Mead

Bristol

BS1 2NP

Country

United Kingdom