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Planning

Soft Market Test: Park & Ride Services in Leicester & Leicestershire

Leicestershire County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=91eedf12-dbc4-ed11-8120-005056b64545&p=527b4bbd-5c58-e511-80ef-000c29c9ba21>

Buyer's address

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/about-the-council/council-spending/doing-business-with-the-council>

I.3) Communication

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

DN661533

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicestershire County Council ('the Council') would like to consult the market in relation to Park & Ride provision in Leicester and Leicestershire. We are inviting interested suppliers to complete a short questionnaire available via the link. THIS IS NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION

Please note that date given at II.3. is indicative ONLY and subject to procurement route chosen.

If interested, please click on the following link to view the questionnaire and submit your response. The deadline for this Soft Market Test response is 12 noon on Wednesday, 5th April 2023.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=91eedf12-dbc4-ed11-8120-005056b64545&p=527b4bbd-5c58-e511-80ef-000c29c9ba21>

Please copy-paste the above link OR click on the link at Section I.1 above.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60100000 - Road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The current Park and Ride contract is let in partnership between Leicestershire County and Leicester City Council ('the Councils') and is due to expire in 2024. Leicestershire County Council is the lead authority for the bus operation and the City Council for the associated site infrastructure. The Councils would like to consult the market in its preparation of how to deliver the bus operation of the Park and Ride service beyond 2024.

The Councils would like to maintain the current electric operation serving the three existing Park and Rides sites at Enderby, Birstall and Meynell's Gorse with a frequent service to the City Centre operating up to 6 days a week, with additional Sunday operation at Christmas. It is the intention that the service is operated on a minimum cost basis with all revenue reverting to the Councils.

Given the current financial challenges facing both the authorities and the industry we are keen to hear from interested parties how to deliver the service through more cost-effective methods. This will enable the Councils to examine the key issues to help inform the decision-making process prior to any possible future procurement.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Proposed future contract on 5+1+1+1 basis (subject to confirmation).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 January 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