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Contract

Supported Buses

East Lothian Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c1ee

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

East Lothian Council

John Muir House

Haddington, East Lothian

EH41 3HA

Email

mvallejo@eastlothian.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00181

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Supported Buses

Reference number

ELC-24-0396

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this tender invitation is to establish a Framework Agreement for the operation of supported bus services in East Lothian with a vision to creating an integrated transport network for East Lothian.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,605,116

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Service 124

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service 124 (Option A)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Service 113 – Western General

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service 113 (Option A).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Service 122 (Gullane Circle)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service 122 (Option A)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Service 120 - Dunbar to North Berwick

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service 120 (Package offer, includes: Service 121 & Service 123).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Service 110-Elphinstone to Prestonpans Rail Station only

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service 110 (Option 2)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Service 111 Haddington to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service 111 (Option A)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-038948](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Service 122 (Gullane Circle)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Prentice Coaches Ltd

Station Garage, Hospital Road

Haddington

EH41 3BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £261,480

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Service 113 – Western General

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

East Coast Buses Ltd

55 Annandale Street

Edinburgh

EH7 4AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £472,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Service 124

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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55 Annandale Street

Edinburgh

EH7 4AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £392,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Service 120 - Dunbar to North Berwick

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

East Coast Buses Ltd

55 Annandale Street

Edinburgh

EH7 4AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,990,256

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

8

Title

Service 110-Elphinstone to Prestonpans Rail Station only

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Prentice Coaches Ltd

Station Garage, Hospital Road

Haddington

EH41 3BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £426,420

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

9

Title

Service 111 Haddington to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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EH41 3BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,062,960

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Part 4D: Quality Assurance Schemes

It is a mandatory requirement that Tendering Organisations with more than 5 employees have in place a Health & Safety Policy which is approved at a senior level within the Organisation and is reviewed regularly. Bidders should confirm that this condition has been met within the response to this question. Where a Bidder does not have a Health & Safety Policy and is required to do so, the Council may exclude the Bidder from the competition.

It is a mandatory requirement of this Framework that the Contractor or any proposed sub-contractor will utilise vehicles used on the service must be of low-floor vehicles, fully accessible specification, in accordance with The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations 2000 in the operation of any contract procured under this Framework.

There are community benefits requirements as part of this Framework agreement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chamber Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom