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Tender

Provision of Cromarty-Nigg Ferry Service

The Highland Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.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

Provision of Cromarty-Nigg Ferry Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60610000 - Ferry transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Seasonal ferry service between Cromarty - Nigg - five year contract with option to extend

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60610000 - Ferry transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ferry tender Cromarty-Nigg

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Elements / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

30 September 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

option for up to two years' extension

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

23 February 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 February 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 30568. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Community Benefits - In addition to our requirements, please tell us what Community Benefits you propose to provide during the Contract Period. Community Benefits should be relevant and proportionate to the Services for which you are tendering.

Examples of Community Benefits could be:

Methods of engagement with the local community to ensure that the service is delivered in a way that maximises value to service users, responds to their needs and supports social inclusion;

Employment and training opportunities for the long term unemployed and disadvantaged individuals, short-term work experience placements (e.g. for senior school pupils), training, apprenticeships;

Environmental targets, including reduction of pollution or supporting walking, cycling or other green initiatives;

Additional provisions or concessions for school pupils travelling to/from school or on school trips;

Provision of advertising or other support for local businesses, or a commitment to obtain supplies from local businesses;

Practical or in-kind assistance to voluntary groups.

Other proposals may also be considered.

The Council can provide contact details for local community representatives on request if you wish to discuss possible community benefit provisions with them.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Justice Centre

The Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

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United Kingdom