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## **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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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045](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://publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **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

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## **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

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## 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

Inverness

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Country

United Kingdom