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Contract

## **Provision of bus shelters and real time information**

Central Bedfordshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c260

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Central Bedfordshire Council

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SHEFFORD

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.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 bus shelters and real time information

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 44212321 - Bus shelters

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Central Bedfordshire Council wishes to contract for the provision, installation and maintenance of bus shelters and timetable cases at bus stop locations around Central

Bedfordshire, to be funded by Bus Service Improvement Plan monies received from Department for Transport during the period 2022/23 - 2024/25.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34924000 - Variable message signs

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

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

The Bus Service Improvement Plan envisages the installation of 40 new bus shelters each year at locations around Central Bedfordshire during the life of the BSIP (2022/23 - 2024/25). The Plan envisages that some of these shelters will be high-spec "super-shelters" to be installed at stops along the Luton - Dunstable Busway corridor, others will be standard shelters of various designs to be installed at other locations throughout the Central Bedfordshire area. The contract will also cover maintenance and repair of the shelters once they are installed.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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:

The Council has used the negotiated procedure without prior publication under Regulation 32.(5)(b) for the following reasons. Externiture already have a contract with Central Bedfordshire Council to supply, install and maintain bus shelters throughout the local authority area and when providing additional public transport infrastructure as a result of BSIP funding, the Council wishes to promote a uniformity of appearance, style and design as part of a consistent transport branding throughout Central Bedfordshire. This will assist with customer recognition of public transport facilities which in turn will encourage the use of public transport and so help the authority to achieve its sustainable transport objectives. With this objective in mind, it is essential that shelters throughout the local authority area are provided by the same supplier in order to ensure uniformity of equipment provided. Secondly, the use of a sole supplier for public transport infrastructure facilitates the installation and maintenance of shelters as all equipment, parts and replacements are available from the same supplier and installation and maintenance of all facilities can be carried out by the same supplier throughout the area. Equipment provided by other suppliers would not offer uniformity of appearance, would not offer interchangeability of parts and spares and would have different installation and maintenance requirements. If shelters were to be obtained from multiple suppliers, the authority would need to deal with different suppliers with regard to the installation and maintenance of shelters in various parts of the authority area. In addition, working with an existing supplier will enable the infrastructure upgrades planned with the BSIP funding to be implemented more quickly and so ensure compliance with DfT timescales. Lastly, Externiture are approved to install Real Time Passenger Information screens procured by the council from another supplier, Vix Technology, through a separate contract. This partnership working between two suppliers achieves a cost saving to the council of £200 per installation, which would not be available if shelters were provided by alternative suppliers.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

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

1 April 2023

#### **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**

Externiture

Thatcham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Companies House

04338401

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £800,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Central Bedfordshire Council

Chicksands

Country

United Kingdom