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Planning

Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region - Procurement of second-hand diesel buses

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

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Scope

Description

LCRCA intends to begin introducing franchised bus services from 6 September 2026. LCRCA require at least 100 second-hand buses which must be available prior to the franchise services commencing. The required delivery date of vehicles to LCRCA would be the first half of and in any event, no later than June 2026, when following testing and acceptance of vehicles, ownership would be transferred to LCRCA.

These buses must meet the following criteria:

- Be diesel traction only.
- Preferably compliant with the Euro 6 emissions standard.
- Deemed roadworthiness from the most recent annual vehicle test (MOT) and compliant with all relevant UK regulations.
- Be no more than 8 years old as at 6 September 2026.

- Be double-decker, single-decker or midi sized.
- Be in right hand drive configuration.
- Have one passenger door.

The supplier must also be able to provide all relevant maintenance documents and accident records relevant to the vehicle.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 1 June 2026
- 1 month, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34000000 - Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation

Contract locations

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Engagement

Engagement deadline

10 April 2025

Engagement process description

Please provide the following information via email to the above address.

1. The number of double-decker, single-decker and midi-sized vehicles available for purchase
2. The average age of the vehicles available.
3. Confirmation that these vehicles meet all requirements as outlined above.
4. Confirmation that the potential supplier would be able to meet the required delivery date of no later than June 2026.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

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