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Tender

## Bus Fleet Diesel and Electric Vehicles

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

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### Scope

### Reference

DNDN801648

### Description

In April 2023, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) published an Assessment on Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region, which set out a proposed bus Franchising Scheme in accordance with the Transport Act 2000. In October 2023, the Liverpool City Region Mayor made the decision to introduce a Franchising Scheme covering the Liverpool City Region. Franchising is a legal model where buses are under the control of a public sector authority (LCRCA) who set the routes, frequency, fares and overall standard of buses in the region. The existing commercially led market will be replaced and private bus operators will no longer be able to run most services independently. Instead, bus services will be operated under franchise contracts and bus operators will bid to run the services through a competitive procurement process managed by the Combined Authority. LCRCA intend to introduce the second Tranche of franchised bus services from September 2027, covering Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley. This follows the first Tranche of franchised bus services introduced in September 2026 covering St Helens and the Wirral. For Category 1 franchise contracts, LCRCA will

provide the successful operator with a fleet of vehicles which the operator will then operate, manage and maintain the fleet throughout the franchise term. In preparation for the commencement of the Tranche 2 bus franchising programme in September 2027, LCRCA wish to procure a fleet of new vehicles including diesel and electric vehicles. A number of double-decker, single-decker and midi-sized buses are required to be delivered in May 2027 ahead of the commencement date of franchised services.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £99,000,000 excluding VAT
- £118,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2031
- Possible extension to 30 April 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

1 x 12 month Extension

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons

## **Contract locations**

- UKD7 - Merseyside

## **Lot constraints**

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 2

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Potential Suppliers are invited to tender for any combination of Lots. Each Lot shall be evaluated on an individual basis, with the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT) being selected as the preferred tender for each Lot, subject to the following restrictions:

- A Supplier may only be awarded one of the Lots for the supply of double decker vehicles
  - A Supplier may only be selected as the preferred tenderer for a maximum of two Lots
  - The preferred tenderer for each Lot will be determined by reference to a Lot hierarchy, from Lot 1, to Lot 6, in order.
  - Where, due to the restrictions above, LCRCA finds itself unable to award a Lot to a Supplier that would otherwise have been awarded the Lot, and there are no alternative eligible bids, LCRCA may award the Lot to the Supplier in excess of the restriction of the number of Lots that may be awarded to a single Supplier.
  - Should a Supplier withdraw a tender from a Lot subsequent to the evaluation of tenders and selection of preferred bidder for each Lot, the preferred bidder for each Lot will not be reevaluated.
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## **Lot 1. Double Decker Bus - Diesel**

## **Description**

Quantum (Base): 130 Double Decker Vehicles

Quantum (Max): 155 Double Decker Vehicles

## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £36,900,000 excluding VAT
- £44,280,000 including VAT

## **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 2. Diesel - Double Decker Bus**

### **Description**

Quantum (Base): 117 Double Decker Vehicles

Quantum (Max): 152 Double Decker Vehicles

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £33,200,000 excluding VAT
- £39,840,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 3. Single Decker Bus - Diesel**

### **Description**

Quantum (Base) - 55 Single Decker Vehicles

Quantum (Max) - 115 Single Decker Vehicles

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £13,200,000 excluding VAT
- £15,840,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 4. Midi Bus - Electric**

### **Description**

Purchase of Electric Vehicles

Quantum (Base) - 24 Midi Vehicles

Quantum (Max) - 40 Midi Vehicles

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £8,600,000 excluding VAT
- £10,320,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 5. Midi Bus - Diesel**

### **Description**

Quantum (Base) - 24 Midi Vehicles

Quantum (Max) - 40 Midi Vehicles

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £5,600,000 excluding VAT
- £6,720,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 6. Single Decker Bus - Electric**

## **Description**

Quantum (Base) - 4 Single Decker Vehicles

Quantum (Max) - 10 Single Decker Vehicles

## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £1,500,000 excluding VAT
- £1,800,000 including VAT

## **Same for all lots**

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

27 February 2026, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

9 March 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Submissions must be made via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

DN Ref: DN801648

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

30 April 2026

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### **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	Quality	50%
Price	Price	50%

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### **Other information**

#### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNDZ-8253-CJJM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government