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Tender

Local Bus Routes and School Bus Routes

Dumfries and Galloway Council

South West of Scotland Transport Partnership (SWestrans)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04fc30

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.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://www.publictendersscotland.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

Local Bus Routes and School Bus Routes

Reference number

DGCP-0282 and DGCP-0108

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of local bus transport services on behalf of Swestrans and school bus transport services for Dumfries and Galloway Council.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

All lots won by one operator can be combined into a single award. Route bundling can be submitted as per tender documents.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

DGCPO-0282 - Local Bus

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Southwest of Scotland Transport Partnership subsidised local bus network in Dumfries and Galloway.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Start date

4 August 2025

End date

3 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Contract duration up to 7 years at the discretion of Swestrans

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 20

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

DGCP-0108 - School Bus

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Dumfries and Galloway Council require the procurement of school bus services for home to school transport for pupils across the region who meet the eligibility criteria for school transport.

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Operators must hold and evidence PSV License or relevant permit.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

7 May 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

7 May 2025

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

All tenders to be submitted via PCS-Tender for 7th May 2025 at noon.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 28936. 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 Benefit commitments requested in Quality Submission.

(SC Ref:794302)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dumfries Sheriff Court

Dumfries

Country

United Kingdom