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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00219](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00219)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13282](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13282)

## **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

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## **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



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## **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

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## **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

