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Contract

ID 5401460 Tourism Northern Ireland - Provision of Private Coach Hire Services

Tourism Northern Ireland

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-012615

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c80d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Tourism Northern Ireland

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 5401460 Tourism Northern Ireland - Provision of Private Coach Hire Services

Reference number

ID 5401460

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

TNI has a requirement for the provision of private coach hire services to facilitate a number of Familiarisation Trips and Business Events throughout each year. The service will entail the collection and transportation of persons as directed by TNI to and from various locations throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Tourism NI is now seeking to establish a contract to appoint Supplier(s) to provide coaching and transport services to help deliver it's FAM trips and Business Events and achieve Tourism NI's overarching objectives. The contract will be separated into Lots, one for each of the requirements below, which will be dictated by the FAM type and visitor and the business event requirements. Lot 1 Large Executive and Luxury Coaches Lot 2 Small to Medium Sized VIP and Executive Coaches There is no limit on the number of Lots a Tenderer can submit a tender for or can be awarded.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 Large Executive and Luxury Coaches

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Proposed Delivery Methodology / Weighting: 27

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Contract Management and Contingency / Weighting: 21

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Social Value / Weighting: 12

Cost criterion - Name: AC4 Total Contract Price / Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period is for three years. there are two optional extension periods of up to 12 months each.

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

Lot 2 Small to Medium Sized VIP and Executive Coaches

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-040311](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 Large Executive and Luxury Coaches

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NEWRY

BT35 6SD

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Telephone

+44 2830821439

Country

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Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £125,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £125,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 Small to Medium Sized VIP and Executive Coaches

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £375,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £375,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of three years from the date of issue.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.