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## **Home to School Transport- Mainstream (East Lothian Council)**

East Lothian Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-014547

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0457ac

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

East Lothian Council

John Muir House

Haddington, East Lothian

EH41 3HA

#### **Email**

[procurement@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@eastlothian.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1620827827

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00181](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00181)

**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**

Home to School Transport- Mainstream (East Lothian Council)

Reference number

ELC-18-1889

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice (VEAT). This notice is to indicate that East

Lothian Council intends to award call-off contracts under the ELC-18-1889 Home to School- Mainstream framework, these shall continue after the expiry of the said framework, to 31 July 2026.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,500,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

East Lothian Council organises school bus services in line with section 51 of The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and the East Lothian Council Education Transport policy.

The Provision of Home to School Transport for Mainstream Pupils (ELC reference ELC-18-1888) Framework will expire on 31 July 2024. The Council has awarded call-off contracts under the said Framework, these shall continue after the expiry of the said framework, to 31 July 2026. The Directive 2014/24/EU (upon which the Public Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016 are based) allows for call-off contracts to continue beyond the expiry of a framework.

Furthermore, the Council is currently in the process of working towards the creation of a new provision of home to school transport Framework. In doing so, the Council deems it necessary to conduct a strategic consultation to assess the Education Transport policy, aligning it with the council's climate change strategy and commitments to achieve net zero. Consideration will also be given to the local development plan and the subsequent growth agenda within East Lothian.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 May 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

AC Taxis

44, Redwing brae

Ladywell

Eh546UH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM78 - West Lothian

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Eve Coaches Ltd

Spott Road

Dunbar

EH42 1RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Prentice Coaches Ltd

Station Garage, Hospital Road

Haddington

EH41 3BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Alba Taxis

Unit 5 , Whin Park Industrial Estate

Cockenzie

EH32 9SF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Torrance Taxis

26 Warrender Crescent

Dunbar

EH42 1LU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=765969](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=765969).

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom