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Tender

## **Blackpool Illuminations Switch On Event**

BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Updated submission information with link to the opportunity on The Chest (ProActis)

### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN770978

## **Description**

The Contracting Authority is looking to appoint an experienced and innovative organisation to partner with and help deliver the iconic Blackpool Switch-On event. The selected Supplier will play a central role in shaping and executing a dynamic, high-impact event that reflects the vibrancy and cultural significance of the Blackpool Illuminations. Proposals are expected to address and integrate the following three key objectives:

Event Entertainment and Line-Up - Curate and manage a compelling programme of entertainment that appeals to a diverse audience, including securing world class headline talent and the Switch-On Celebrity.

Production - Deliver a high-quality, safe, and seamless production to a provided specification that meets the expectations of a large-scale live and broadcast audience.

Marketing and Campaign - Design and implement an engaging marketing campaign that maximises regional and national visibility, drives attendance, and reinforces Blackpool's position as a premier UK event destination. Full details are provided within the tender documentations

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £840,000 excluding VAT
- £1,008,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 11 June 2025 to 31 May 2026
- Possible extension to 31 May 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 20 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract is offered for 1 year with the option to extend incrementally for 36 months (likely to be +1+1+1y). The contract extensions will be subject to contract review of delivery and performance, and budget .

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract shall include the right to include additional purchases by agreement with the supplier for any event or services related to provision of Illuminations switch-on and any extended programme. There is no obligation or guarantee attached to this option.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79950000 - Exhibition, fair and congress organisation services

## **Contract locations**

- UKD42 - Blackpool

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

7 May 2025, 5:00pm

### **Submission type**

Tenders

### **Tender submission deadline**

12 May 2025, 9:30am

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

Tenders should be submitted via the Council's e-procurement portal The Chest (ProActis).

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

The link to the tender opportunity, including all information and tender documentation can be found here:

<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Advert?advertId=c9747b28-d016-f011-8136-005056b64545>

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

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

3 June 2025

**Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 February 2029

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	Written submission and interview. As described within the tender documents	Quality	50%
Price	As described within the tender documents	Price	30%
Social Value	As described within the tender documents	Quality	20%

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**Other information****Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

The procurement is being conducted under the light touch regime. Any Supplier may submit a tender in the first and only round. The conditions of participation will be assessed and Suppliers who pass these will have their tender fully evaluated. Three suppliers will be shortlisted for interview based on the highest scoring tenders.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **BLACKPOOL COUNCIL**

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Region: UKD42 - Blackpool

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government