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Award

TVCA-PROC-0717 Darlington Bus Services 3 &4

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

TVCA-PROC-0717

Description

Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)(the 'Contracting Authority'), part of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Group, intend to award a contract for the provision of Darlington Bus Service 3 & 4.

Award of De Minimis bus transport subsidy contract in line with the Transport Act and Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.

Local authorities or Passenger Transport Authorities/Executives with forecast expenditure on bus service subsidies in any one year of £600,000 or more will be able to spend up to 25% of this on de minimis contracts; within this 25% there is no limit on the expenditure in any one year that may be incurred on an individual de minimis contract or the amount of de minimis contract expenditure in any year with any single operator.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- ARRIVA DURHAM COUNTY LIMITED

Contract value

- £41,752.62 excluding VAT
- £50,103.14 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

25 November 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 March 2026 to 18 July 2026

- Possible extension to 26 September 2026
- 5 months, 29 days

Description of possible extension:

Optional Extension of 2 months up to and including Saturday 26th September 2026.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

ARRIVA DURHAM COUNTY LIMITED

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Sunderland

SR3 3XP

United Kingdom

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Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Tees Valley Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNG-8971-ZVCR

Teesside Airport Business Suite, Teesside international Airport

Darlington

DL2 1NJ

United Kingdom

Contact name: Procurement

Telephone: 01325792600

Email: procurement@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

Region: UKC13 - Darlington

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government