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Tender

Route 9 Bus Service

Reading Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03d009

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Reading Borough Council

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Contact

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Email

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Country

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Internet address(es)

Main address

www.reading.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc.aspx/Tenders/Current>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc.aspx/Tenders/Current>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc.aspx/Tenders/Current>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Route 9 Bus Service

Reference number

RBC P 00001589

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Reading Borough Council (RBC) is inviting tenders from suitable operators for the provision of a public Bus Service along Route 9. The current Route 9 runs from Reading Station to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Cressingham Road and Whitley Wood Road/Northumberland Avenue. This tender is offered over two Lots: Lot 1 replicates the existing route and timetable. Lot 2 extends the Lot 1 contract route via Worton Grange to Lime Square and Reading Green Park Train Station. It is assumed that this will be a three-bus timetable. Both services will run from Monday to Friday from approximately 0600-2030. Bidders are invited to bid for one or both Lots. RBC intends to award to one Lot only, based on the prices obtained and the final budget available. The value of the contract is estimated to be between £216K and £1.82million, depending on the Lot selected and the take up of extension options. The closing date for this tender is 10:00 on Tuesday 27th June 2023.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,820,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Route 9 core service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver
- 50113100 - Bus repair services
- 34114400 - Minibuses
- 50113200 - Bus maintenance services
- 34121100 - Public-service buses
- 60100000 - Road transport services
- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 34121300 - Double-decker buses
- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver
- 34121000 - Buses and coaches
- 34144910 - Electric buses
- 34121400 - Low-floor buses

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As part of the Reading Borough Council's (RBC) Bus Service Improvement Plan, RBC has committed to delivering key bus services within the Borough in order to improve equality of access to transport service. The Route 9 service is vital to delivering this outcome. Lot 1 is the core Route 9 service to replicate the existing route and timetable. The service runs from Reading Station to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Cressingham

Road and Whitley Wood Road/Northumberland Avenue. The core service will run from Monday to Friday from approximately 0600-2030, although changes to the service, including extending the operating hours, may be enacted during the course of the contract if required to meet customer needs. This Lot is offered on a gross cost basis, with RBC taking on the commercial risk of the service. In this model, bidders submit their price for operating the service as part of the tender return. The Operator shall be paid the full, monthly contract price, but any fares taken aboard the Route 9 Service shall be the property of RBC and shall be netted off against the contract price when invoicing. The estimated value of this contract is between £216K and £660K, based on the core service and depending on the take up of extension options within the contract. However, this service may be developed over the course of the contract to ensure the best possible service for customers, including extended operating hours, and therefore the value of the contract could increase accordingly. The initial term of the contract is due to commence on 24th July 2023 and end on 31st March 2025, with the option to extend until 31st March 2028.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

56

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term of the contract runs until 31st March 2025. The contract includes the option to extend for a period of 36 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the contract runs until 31st March 2025. The contract includes the option to extend for a period of 36 months.

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 - Route 9 extended service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver
- 50113100 - Bus repair services
- 34114400 - Minibuses
- 34121000 - Buses and coaches
- 60100000 - Road transport services
- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 34121300 - Double-decker buses
- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver
- 34121400 - Low-floor buses
- 34144910 - Electric buses
- 50113200 - Bus maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As part of the Reading Borough Council's (RBC) Bus Service Improvement Plan, RBC has committed to delivering key bus services within the Borough in order to improve equality of access to transport service. The Route 9 service is vital to delivering this outcome. Lot 2 is an extended Route 9 service. This extends the Lot 1 contract route that runs from Reading Station to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Cressingham Road and Whitley Wood Road/Northumberland Avenue, via Worton Grange to Lime Square and the soon to be opened Reading Green Park Train Station. It is assumed that this extended route will require the equivalent of a three-timetable. The core service will run from Monday to Friday from approximately 0600-2030, although changes to the service, including extending the operating hours, may be enacted during the course of the contract if required to meet customer needs. This Lot is offered on a gross cost basis, with RBC taking on the commercial risk of the service. In this model, bidders submit their price for operating the service as part of the tender return. The Operator shall be paid the full, monthly contract price, but any fares taken aboard the Route 9 Service shall be the property of RBC and shall be netted off against the contract price when invoicing. The estimated value of this contract is between £650K and £1.82M, based on a three-bus timetable delivering the core service hours, and depending on the take up of extension options within the contract. However, this service may be developed over the course of the contract to ensure the best possible service for customers, including extended operating hours, and therefore the value of the contract could increase accordingly. The initial term of the contract is due to commence on 24th July 2023 and end on 31st March 2025, with the option to extend until 31st March 2028.

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

27 June 2023

Local time

10:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 June 2023

Local time

10:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

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London

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United Kingdom

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<https://www.justice.co.uk>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The relevant deadlines depend on the specific nature of the remedies required and are defined in Regulations 93 & 94 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The Cabinet Office

70 Whitehall

London

SQ1A 2AS

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/cabinet-office>