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VEAT Notice - Bus Contingency Provision during the Commonwealth Games

West Midlands Combined Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Birmingham

B19 3SD

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wmca.org.uk

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

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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

There is a risk that industrial action on the UK rail network may coincide with the Commonwealth Games, which will be hosted in the West Midlands between 28 July and 9 August. On the busiest days, over 100,000 rail trips, as part of a journey to and from the Games, are predicted.

The transport plan for the Games' venues indicates that approximately 40% of workforce and spectators would be expected to travel to the Games events by train. A contingency plan is therefore required should the rail network be unavailable, or severely reduced, due to industrial action.

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: £4,068,958

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 63712600 - Vehicle refuelling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This contingency plan is being developed by the Transport for West Midlands Team of the West Midlands Combined Authority ("WMCA") on behalf of the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee. A key element of the contingency plan is to provide additional bus services within the West Midlands region, to provide additional shuttle services between venues, city centres and Park & Ride sites. Another important aspect is the provision of additional coach capacity from towns and cities across the UK, replacing the connections that would otherwise be offered by the rail network.

Market assessment to identify and source additional buses and coaches in order to enact

the contingency plan was undertaken at a time when there were and are many other calls on scarce buses, coaches and drivers, to serve other major events, airports, critical workplaces and provide rail replacement services. As a result, it was critical that WMCA secure bus operators in the shortest possible time and obtain the maximum number of resources mobilised and ready for 23rd July 2022. This will allow for driver route training and mobilisation plus Opening ceremony full dress rehearsals 24th and 26th July.

As a consequence of a UK wide rapid market engagement with regional, national bus and coach operators WMCA has found capacity and capability that achieves the most desirable possible outcome given the current restrictions and direct awards, in accordance with Clause 32(2)(C) of the Public Contracting Regulations 2015, will be made at the end of a 10 day standstill period.

This has enabled WMCA to acquire buses, coaches and drivers in the shortest possible time and maximise the resources available to deliver its contingency plan.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The duration of the contracts are from 25th July - 9th August 2022

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

Commonwealth Games Bus Contingency Provision

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2022

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

London General Transport Services Ltd

19 Merton High Street

London

SW19 1DN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

02328489

Internet address

www.londoncentral.com

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

GO South Coast Ltd

Towngate House, 2-8 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset

Poole

NE1 6EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK24 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

National registration number

03949597

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Coach Events Services Ltd

7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire

Eastleigh

SO53 3DA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

National registration number

09498974

Internet address

www.coacheventsservices.co.uk

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

First South West Ltd

Union Street, Camborne, Cornwall

Camborne

TR14 8HF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

National registration number

02140599

Internet address

www.truonian.co.uk

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Johnsons Coach & Bus Travel

Liveridge House, Liveridge Hill, Henley in Arden, Warwickshire

Henley in Arden

CV5 9LT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG13 - Warwickshire

National registration number

00289846

Internet address

www.johnsoncoaches.co.uk

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Adventure Travel

Coaster Place, Cardiff

Cardiff

CF10 4XZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Berrys Coaches (Taunton) Ltd

Peter Clifford House, Great Western Way

Taunton

TA2 6BX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Chalkwell Coach Hire

The Coach Depot, Unit 2a Church Road, Sittingbourne, Kent

Sittingbourne

ME10 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Holmeswood Coaches Ltd

Sandy Way, Holmeswood, Lancashire

Holmeswood

L40 1UB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD4 - Lancashire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Newport Transport Ltd

160 Corporation Road, Newport, Gwent

Newport

NP19 0WF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

R.E Morris & Sons Ltd

The Garage, Oswestry, Shropshire

Oswestry

SY10 0AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Reading Buses

Great Knollys Street

Reading

RG1 7HH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Stephensons of Essex

Riverside Industrial Estate, South Street, Rochford, Essex

Rochford

SS4 1BS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

D&G Bus Limited

Stoke on Trent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Dews Coaches

Cambridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Notts + Derby Buses

Derby

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Peoplesbus Limited

Liverpool

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Roberts Travel Group

Coalville

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

West Midlands Travel Limited

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,068,958

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Birmingham

B19 3SD

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