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Contract

Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Service for an operator

Leicestershire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02d3c7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKF - East Midlands (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

Buyer's address

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Transport services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Service for an operator

Reference number

DN620202

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60100000 - Road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicestershire County Council (the Authority) requires a transport Operator to operate a new demand responsive transport (DRT) service. The service will be funded by the Government's Rural Mobility Fund, which aims to trial on-demand bus services in rural or suburban areas. The objectives of the DRT service, as set out by the Department for Transport (DfT) are to:

- Improve access to employment, education, healthcare and other services
- Enable greater social inclusion and reduce isolation
- Provide a public transport offer that attracts a diverse customer base
- Support the Government's commitments to tackling air pollution and reducing carbon emissions by reducing reliance on private vehicles

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £800,000 / Highest offer: £900,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60100000 - Road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: 100

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

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

An open FTS tender was conducted with ref DN548857 for both an operator (Lot 1) and a technology provider (Lot 2). Lot 2 was successfully awarded.

No suitable tenders were received in response to Lot 1. The Authority was unable to proceed with the award due to the fact that submitted bids didn't meet the Selection Criteria or the Price exceeded the Authority's budget. Therefore, the Authority is satisfied that circumstances described under Reg. 32(2)(a) apply.

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Woods Coaches Ltd

The Kings Ferry Limited, The Travel Centre, Eastcourt Lane

Gillingham

ME8 6HQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

National registration number

00968555

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1,090,783.08 / Highest offer: £1,817,971.80 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom