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Education Training Collective: Student Transport Services

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.stockton.ac.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Education Training Collective: Student Transport Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

ETC are seeking a student transport service provision which will allow learners and pre-determined users the

ability and facility to travel to/from ETC and work placements. As a minimum requirement;

learners will be travelling throughout the day between the hours of 7.00am and 9.30pm,

College days only,

Monday to Friday, and during term time only. Typically, students attend College for approximately 3 days per

week.

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: £1,151,232

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees
- UKC12 - South Teesside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Education Training Collective are seeking a student transport service provision which will allow learners and predetermined users the ability and facility to travel to/from ETC and work placements.

As a minimum requirement; learners will be travelling throughout the day between the hours of 07.00 and

21.30, College days only, Monday to Friday, and during term time only. Typically, students attend College for

approximately 3 days per week.

The College are anticipating the need to appoint more than one Service Operator in order to cover their

requirements, as many transport operators only service designated routes and manage their own jurisdictions.

The College expects that services will operate to all post code areas within Teesside, on a minimum frequency

of every 30 minutes between the hours of 07.00 and 21.30, Monday to Friday, allowing for a flexible provision for

each of the relevant college users.

The College are looking for the best value for money solutions and would therefore welcome proposals from

Service Operators for the requirement to be covered by pre-existing public service routes.

The College expects that all vehicles used on this contract will be clean and tidy in appearance and maintained

to a high standard. Vehicles used on this contract must comply fully with transport regulations at all times,

including the provision of seat belts where it is deemed necessary for the type of vehicle used on the contract.

Should the College become aware of vehicles being used that do not meet the College's required standards, the

College reserves the right to request a replacement vehicle. Should the College be required to take this action

the Service Operator(s) will be issued with a written warning. Failure to comply with the warning may result in

the contract being terminated.

Drivers are required to be holders of the appropriate driving licence for the vehicle being driven, smartly

presented, and act in a professional manner. The College expect the Service Operators(s) to check Driving

Licences of all drivers on a quarterly basis. Should the College become aware of Drivers acting inappropriately

the College will request a full investigation be carried out by the Service Operators(s). Findings of any

investigation will need to be forwarded to a nominated member of College staff within the timescales agreed

upon commencement of such an investigation. Dependent on the nature of the complaint, the College

reserves the right to request the withdrawal of the Driver in question from services under the contract until a full

investigation has been completed.

The learners' perception of the condition of the vehicles and the service level of the Driver(s) is imperative to the

College. The learners' opinion of the service will be gained throughout the year and feedback will be provided to

the Service Provider during contract review meetings.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Licensed to provide public bus services on appropriate routes. 0 / Weighting: 90

Cost criterion - Name: Total cost of contract. / Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Remedies Directive provides for the publication of a "Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice" (VEAT)

where a Contracting Authority deems that a contract does not require prior publication of a contract notice. For example Contracting Authorities may issue awards to companies who they

believe are the only company selling something that they need to procure. In the case of this student transport

requirement the only licensed service operators offering services that fully meet the requirements of the College

in terms of service frequency are Stagecoach and Arriva. Running a tender would not increase the number of

licensed service operators in the marketplace.

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

Education Training Collective: Student Transport Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 July 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

Arriva North East Ltd

Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park

Sunderland

SR3 3XP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC23 - Sunderland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Stagecoach North East

Wheatsheaf, North Bridge Street

Sunderland

SR5 1AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC23 - Sunderland

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: £1,151,232

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Tenet Education Services

Procurement House, Leslie Hough Way

Salford

M6 6AJ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point that this notice is published.

