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Tender

Sunderland University 'Connect' Bus Service

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive T/A Nexus

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Scope

Reference

NEX25/45

Description

The procurement of the operation of Registered Local Bus services in the local authority areas of Tyne and Wear with effect from 8th September 2025. It is anticipated that 2 contracts will be let and operate between 8th September 2025 to 6th September 2026.

There will be no option to extend this agreement. Services provided will operate to specified timetables. The vehicles required will be low floor, easy access, meeting a minimum of Euro 6 engine emission standards, and meeting the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 with a minimum capacity specified within the individual Invitations to Tender.

The vehicles utilised on this service are required to have some additional enhancements above the typical Nexus vehicle specification, such as free Wifi, USB charging ports and a unique Sunderland 'Connect' livery. All additional information, service and suitability requirements is set out within the procurement documentation.

Total value (estimated)

- £405,864 excluding VAT
- £487,037 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 September 2025 to 6 September 2026
- 11 months, 29 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As per procurement documents

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per procurement documentation

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

3 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tender Submissions must be submitted via OPEN

Please access at www.open-uk.org

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 June 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercials	Price	100%

Other information

Payment terms

Please refer to the procurement documentation

Description of risks to contract performance

Please refer to the procurement documentation

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Single stage process where Potential Suppliers require to satisfy minimum criteria (such as stated in the procurement documents). Only Tender Responses that satisfy minimum criteria will have their Operator Pricing and Compliance Response evaluated.

Procurement documents are available free of charge at www.open-uk.org

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.open-uk.org>

Potential Suppliers must be registered user on the North East Procurement Organisation procurement portal - 'OPEN' - to secure free access to procurement documents. Please access at www.open-uk.org

Technical specifications to be met

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

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Contracting authority

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive T/A Nexus

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)