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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)

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

As per procurement documents

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

As per procurement documentation

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## **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](http://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

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## Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercials	Price	100%

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## 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

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## **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](http://www.open-uk.org)

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## 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](http://www.open-uk.org)

### Technical specifications to be met

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## Contracting authority

## **Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive T/A Nexus**

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Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

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