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SC22135 - Electric Fastrack Services

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032faf

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=df1256d3-f10c-ed11-8116-005056b64545&p=8691483f-2f3d-e711-80e1-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.kentbusinessportal.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

SC22135 - Electric Fastrack Services

Reference number

DN605914

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council requires a utility services contract for the operation of electric Fastrack bus services, including:

- Fastrack bus depot – The bus operator will be required to provide the primary operational base for Fastrack staff and vehicles, with suitable facilities for both.
- Resource management – The bus operator will be required to manage staff recruitment, staff retention, and customer service levels.
- High quality customer service – The bus operator will be required to meet high customer service standards, as well as driver and vehicle quality standards.
- Dedicated electric bus fleet – The bus operator will procure and manage a new fleet of electric buses dedicated to providing Fastrack services.
- Ticketing services – The bus operator will receive and manage payment for bus tickets on-bus and off-bus.
- Electric Vehicle repairs and maintenance – The bus operator will be responsible for the ongoing repair and maintenance of the electric bus fleet.

The initial scope of the contract will be limited to the operation of the Fastrack Kent Thameside network, with the option of modifying the contract to include the option of

Fastrack Dover network (or similar cross-boundary services in/around Kent) at any stage throughout the contract period.

A full specification of the required services will be shared with successful Candidates as part of the Invitation to Tender.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

180

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

KCC will reserve the right to extend the Contract Period on one or more occasion (by three months' notice in writing served by KCC on the bus operator) provided the aggregate of any such extensions do not extend beyond an additional 5 years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

Notice number: [2022/S 000-010513](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

26 August 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom