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Tender

Tender for the Supply of Local Bus Services for September 2025

Angus Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00236

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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

Tender for the Supply of Local Bus Services for September 2025

Reference number

AC/25/008/INF

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Tenders are being sought for contracted local bus services in Angus. The tender will be divided into a number of lots. Operators may bid for as many of these routes as they wish.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25007 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25008 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25009 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

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Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25010 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

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Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25011 Forfar - Noranside - Forfar

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Forfar three days per week

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25011 - 25012

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25012 Forfar - Noranside - Forfar

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Forfar three days per week

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25011 - 25012

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25013 Kirriemuir - Cortachy - Dykehead - Kirriemuir

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Kirriemuir two days per week

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25013 - 25014

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25014 Kirriemuir - Cortachy - Dykehead - Kirriemuir

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Kirriemuir two days per week

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Only one lot will be awarded from 25013 - 25014

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

25015 DRT in Rural Areas West of A90 to Kirriemuir, Forfar and Brechin

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Demand responsive service to operate from the A90 westward and to/from Brechin, Forfar and Kirriemuir.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

25015 may be awarded in lieu of either 25011 OR 25012 AND 25013 OR 25014

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Part IV, A: Operators are required to have a PSV Operators Licence/Special Restricted Licence Number (PM Number) at the time of submitting their tender.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Must meet Angus Council's Insurance Requirements

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

It is a requirement that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract the types of insurance detailed below:

Employers Liability Insurance to the extent of at least GBP10m per claim and unlimited in total.

Public Liability Insurance to the extent of at least GBP5m per claim and unlimited in total.

Motor Insurance - minimum indemnity limits: for the loss of life or personal injury unlimited; for damage to property GBP10m per claim and unlimited in total.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bus company bidders must declare that they have passed the financial standing test of the Traffic Commissioner and have a PSV Operator Licence/Special Restricted Licence.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Provide PSV Operator Licence/Special Restricted Licence Number.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Holders of PSV Operators Licence/Special Restricted Licence

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

See conditions of contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Date

16 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Angus House, Sylvie Way, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar DD8 1AN

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Authorised officers of Angus Council

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: January 2026

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause in this contract.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=798533

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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