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Planning

## **Market Engagement exercise for the provision of coach/minibus service hire with driver**

Belfast City Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-025341

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f7b5

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Belfast City Council

Adelaide Exchange, 9 - 21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

#### **Email**

[cps@BelfastCity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@BelfastCity.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Market Engagement exercise for the provision of coach/minibus service hire with driver

Reference number

T2463

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The purpose of this prior information notice is to request expressions of interest from the market to participate in a market engagement exercise for the provision of coach/minibus hire services with driver. The market engagement exercise will help inform the Council of the best procurement strategy for the services, i.e use of lots, considerations for the specification and pricing.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The hire of coach/minibus service with driver shall be used by Council Departments, to facilitate transportation throughout the year for various annual events and ad hoc journeys with seasonal activities such as Summer Schemes being the busiest and concentrated time when transportation will be required.

The Council requires coach/minibus of variable sizes, but the most commonly used are those with 16, 24, 33 and 53+ seats, a number of coach/minibus in each available size need to be wheelchair accessible or suitable for passengers with mobility aids.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic Operators are asked to email [cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk) to request a copy of the Market Engagement questionnaire to complete.

Completed Market Engagement questionnaires are to be returned on or before 4.00pm on 21 September 2023 by email to [cps@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:cps@belfastcity.gov.uk)

Spend on this requirement is estimated at £100K per annum (£400K over 4 years)

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 November 2023

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes