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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

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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

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.belfastcity.gov.uk

Buyer's address

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

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 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

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

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