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Contract

TRN-23-008 Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport

EDUCATION AUTHORITY

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f8a0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Armagh

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.eani.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

TRN-23-008 Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 600000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £150,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

A provision to extend, by mutual agreement, for a further two separate periods:

1st September 2024 to 30th June 2025 (Year Two)

1st September 2025 to 30th June 2026 (Year Three)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Education Authority requires the provision of transport services across existing Public Transport Network in Northern Ireland i.e collection of pupils from any/all Northern Ireland bus stops and train stations and drop offs at destination bus stops and train stations. Translink Group are regulated by the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 as the only service provider to provide a service of the scope and scale required. This service requirement therefore falls under Regulation 32 (2)(b). The proposed contract is permitted by Regulation 32 (2)(b) of PCR 2015. As explained herein are necessary:

Competition is absent for technical reasons and the protection of exclusive rights and no reasonable alternative is available. Public transport in Northern Ireland is regulated under Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 under power conferred by section 1(2) to enter into service agreements including the power to award service contracts in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1370/2007. The Education Authority tender for all other transport services including bus and taxi services using a Dynamic Purchasing System.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Translink

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £150,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £150,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Education Authority

Armagh

Country

United Kingdom