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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): ocds-h6vhtk-03f8a0

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

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

EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Armagh

#### **Contact**

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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

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## **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**

- 60000000 - 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)

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## 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

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## 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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Education Authority

Armagh

Country

United Kingdom