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Tender

November 25 & January 2026 Subsidised Tender Bus Services

West Midlands Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

06979-2025

Description

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) supports the provision of an extensive passenger transport network across the West Midlands, both in fulfilment of statutory duties and to enable access to facilities and services.

Current Subsidised Bus Contracts expiring on 1st November 2025 and 3rd January 2026 need to be re-procured in order to ensure the routes contained within each contract remain operational. There are fourteen (14) contracts in total that are being tendered.

Please note the value of the procurement published is the total aggregated value of all fourteen (14) contracts.

Please also note there are two (2) contract commencement dates within this round of bus tenders. The soonest contract start of 2nd November 2025 has been entered into this notice, however, there are contracts that will commence 4th January 2026. Full details of contract terms can be found within the Invitation to Tender documentation.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,079,770 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 November 2025 to 30 October 2027
- Possible extension to 29 October 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

Based on performance and available funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 34121100 - Public-service buses

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

A Financial viability self assessment will be carried out by the supplier, which they will be required to submit as part of their Tender Submission.

This will be assessed in Two (2) stages, it will be ratified by the Authority prior to the evaluation of tenders. It will then be assessed again prior to award, once the total aggregated annual contract value is known for each bidder.

Full documentation and guidance is included within the 'Invitation to Tender' pack.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please see Part 3 of the 'Qualification' envelope for a full list of our 'Conditions of Participation' for this opportunity. Please note all 'Conditions of Participation' must be passed in order for suppliers tenders to be considered further/evaluated.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 June 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 June 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

4 August 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 7 May 2029

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial/Price	Price	100%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

- 1) Worsening Highway Conditions
- 2) Exceptional Cost Inflation
- 3) Change to travel demand or travel patterns

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No Market Engagement has been undertaken for the contracts/services being tendered during this round. The decision not to conduct Market Engagement was taken due to potential major changes to the current West Midlands Bus network and the WMCA tendering/commercial model.

Market Engagement will form a key part in any future tender opportunities once the landscape is known, this opportunity to engage will be published to the open market via Find a Tender Service (FTS).

Contracting authority

West Midlands Combined Authority

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