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## **Provision of Inter-Island Air Services for Orkney Outer North Isles**

Orkney Islands Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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**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**

Provision of Inter-Island Air Services for Orkney Outer North Isles

Reference number

OIC/PROC/1915

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

- 60400000 - Air transport services

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

Services

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

Orkney Islands Council (the Authority) has a requirement for the provision of an Inter Island Air Service operating to the six Outer North Isles of Papa Westray, North Ronaldsay, Westray, Sanday, Stronsay and Eday under a Public Service Obligation (PSO), which establishes the minimum frequencies and sets the maximum fare levels provided to each of the isles.

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,890,244

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 60410000 - Scheduled air transport services
- 50211200 - Aircraft repair services
- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 63730000 - Support services for air transport
- 60420000 - Non-scheduled air transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM65 - Orkney Islands

Main site or place of performance

Orkney Islands

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

Orkney Islands Council (the Authority) has a requirement for the provision of an Inter Island Air Service operating to the six Outer North Isles under a Public Service Obligation (PSO), which establishes the minimum frequencies and sets the maximum fare levels provided to each of the isles.

The maintenance of scheduled air services between Orkney Mainland (Kirkwall) and the islands of Papa Westray, North Ronaldsay, Westray, Sanday, Stronsay, and Eday are essential to counter the islands peripherality, fragile economic base and depopulation of the islands. There is no rapid alternative means of transport to Kirkwall on the Orkney Mainland, and for onward connections with the Scottish Mainland. The designated services, which are currently operated by the air carrier Loganair Ltd, are essential for the maintenance of the economic and social fabric of the islands. They are used for access to essential services (e.g. educational, financial, commercial, professional, advisory and health) which cannot be provided locally; and are also used for tourism. Should these air services be withdrawn the upkeep of the airfields could be placed in jeopardy and this in turn would put at risk the vitally important air ambulance service (currently operated by helicopter) which provides the essential emergency medical link. For North Ronaldsay and Papay Westray these services are defined as lifeline services in terms of the Scottish Government criteria. In recognition of

the importance of these services, subsidy is made available by Orkney Islands Council (“the Council”) to subsidise the Designated Services.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £6,890,244

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Tenderers are required to provide information and costs for 3 options as follows:

Option 1 - current service operation;

Option 2 - enhanced service (additional aircraft expected);and

Option 3 - enhanced service (additional aircraft and crew expected).

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

The contract value as noted at 11.2.6 is in relation to Option 1 the current services and for the contract duration of 48 months. An estimated contract value of 8,890,243 GBP is estimated to include the enhanced services. Take up of Option 2 and 3 will be subject to a Council decision following subject to Committee approval.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As described in the tender documentation

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The bidder will need to hold the appropriate Air Operator Certificate in compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As per the conditions of contract included in the invitation to tender documentation.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

14 October 2024

Local time

2:00pm



Place

TEAMS Meeting

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

The postbox will be opened by Officers with delegated procurement in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: August 2028

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Orkney Islands Council reserves the right to cancel the procurement at any stage and not award a Contract. The expenditure, work or effort undertaken by bidders prior to the award of any Contract is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of bidders. Late tenders will not be considered by the Council and all questions are to be submitted via the questions and answers section of this contract advertisement on PCS. An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=777202](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=777202).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox

facility. A user guide is available at  
[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:  
<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:  
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

The Authority is required to consider the Community Benefit that could potentially be derived from a Contract with a value in excess of 4 million GBP and considers the following factors to be suitable community benefits appropriate to the subject matter of the services to be provided under this contract:

- Supply chain development activity
- To work with schools, colleges and universities to offer work experience opportunities where appropriate; and
- To minimise negative environmental impacts, for example impacts associated with vehicle movements and/or associated emissions and impacts on protected areas, buildings or sites.

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Download the ESPD document here:  
[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=777202](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=777202)

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

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

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#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be**

**obtained**

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