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## **Provision of a Buckinghamshire Demand Responsive Bus Service**

Buckinghamshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk](http://www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk)

**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 a Buckinghamshire Demand Responsive Bus Service

Reference number

DN584519

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

Services

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

Buckinghamshire Council wish to commission a Demand Responsive Transport Service for Buckinghamshire. The service provision will be divided into 2 lots – one for Aylesbury and one for High Wycombe. Organisations can tender for one or both lots.

##### **LOT 1 – Aylesbury**

The scheme for Aylesbury focuses on improving connectivity to the rural areas surrounding Aylesbury (Weedon, Hartwell, Aston Clinton, Weston Turville and Halton) which are currently under-served by traditional bus routes. The DRT service will provide better connections to local economic, retail, education, and healthcare facilities, notably Stoke Mandeville Hospital (SMH) which is an important local employer and a key regional hospital.

The budget for this service is £1,700,000 for the full contract term.

##### **LOT 2 – High Wycombe**

The scheme for High Wycombe focuses on improving connectivity to the rural areas surrounding High Wycombe (Booker, Downley, and Wooburn Green). These areas are currently under-served by traditional bus routes so implementing a DRT service will provide better connections to local economic, retail, education and healthcare facilities, notably the Cressex Industrial Park which is a key source of employment in the area, town centre, railway station and hospital.

The budget for this service is £2,600,000 for the full contract term.

The contract start date for both services is Wednesday 1st June 2022. The contract term is 3 years with the option to extend for two further 12 month periods.

If your organisation wishes to participate in this process, you need to register with the Buckinghamshire Business Portal. You will be unable to take part if you do not register. Please use the link below and follow the instructions on the website:

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Aylesbury

Lot No

1

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

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for Buckinghamshire. The service provision will be divided into 2 lots – one for Aylesbury and one for High Wycombe. Organisations can tender for one or both lots.

## LOT 1 – Aylesbury

The scheme for Aylesbury focuses on improving connectivity to the rural areas surrounding Aylesbury (Weedon, Hartwell, Aston Clinton, Weston Turville and Halton) which are currently under-served by traditional bus routes. The DRT service will provide better connections to local economic, retail, education, and healthcare facilities, notably Stoke Mandeville Hospital (SMH) which is an important local employer and a key regional hospital.

The six objectives of the proposed DRT service for Aylesbury, as set out in the RMF bid documents, are to:

1. Reduce public transport journey times and improve journey time reliability through flexible demand-responsive systems.
2. Remove the requirement for interchange in the town centre for cross-town journeys and the need to pay multiple operators due to a fragmented local bus market and lack of integrated ticketing.
3. Increase network coverage beyond the current fixed radial system, with improved access to SMH and areas out of the town centre.
4. Improve accessibility for all passengers, with a user-friendly and inclusive service which is flexible enough to meet users' individual needs.
5. Contribute to tackling Aylesbury's peak time congestion through increased modal shift by providing an attractive public transport solution that in turn contributes to carbon reduction and improved air quality.
6. Include subsidised travel to cater for an ageing population and ensure that those who qualify can benefit from the service.

The budget for this service is £1,700,000 for the full contract term.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,700,000

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

Start date

1 June 2022

End date

31 May 2025

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: No

#### **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 term is 3 years with the option to extend for two further 12 month periods.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - High Wycombe

Lot No

2

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

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

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LOT 2 – High Wycombe

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The six objectives of the proposed DRT service for High Wycombe, as set out in the RMF bid documents, are to:

1. Reduce public transport journey times and improve journey time reliability through flexible demand-responsive systems.

2. Remove the barrier of needing to interchange in the town centre to make cross-town journeys.
3. Increase network coverage beyond the current fixed radial system, with improved access to Cressex Industrial Estate and High Wycombe Hospital and a dramatically improved transport service to surrounding villages and suburban areas.
4. Improve accessibility for all passengers, with a user-friendly and inclusive service which is flexible enough to meet users' individual needs.
5. Contribute to tackling High Wycombe's severe peak time congestion problems through increased modal shift resulting from a more flexible public transport service, with direct knock-on benefits in terms of carbon reduction, improved air quality and access to employment.
6. Include subsidised travel to cater for an ageing population and ensure that those who qualify can benefit from the service.

Another objective of the scheme is to support the development of the transport network by encouraging the natural development of mobility hub(s). The DRT should at least provide accessibility and connectivity to the current transport network. This connectivity to the current transport network should be promoted as a basis of the DRT service.

The budget for this service is £2,600,000 for the full contract term.

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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

11 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

11 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

The High Court, The Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom