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Planning

Cowley International College - Home to School Transport

Department for Education

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05452c

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Scope

Description

1.1. The buyer (Cowley International College) wishes to award a contract for the provision of passenger transport for sixth form students 16-19. The requirement is for a bus service for Cowley International College - St Helens and involves 1 route.

Total value (estimated)

- £255,000 excluding VAT
- £267,750 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 31 August 2028

- Possible extension to 30 August 2030
- 4 years, 9 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

The initial contract is for 36 months with the option to extend by 12 months then a further 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Must hold appropriate PSV Licenses.

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 July 2025

Tender submission deadline

1 August 2025, 11:59pm

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

3 October 2025

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type | Order of importance |
|---------|-------------|---------|---------------------|
| Price | 65% | Price | 1 |
| Quality | 35% | Quality | 2 |

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Cowley International College

Summary of their role in this procurement: Contracting Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJYD-1385-RVTM

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Contact organisation

Contact [Cowley International College](#) for any enquiries.