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Planning

The Cornwall College Group Student Transport / Bus Tender September 2025

The Cornwall College Group

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60100000 - Road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Cornwall College Group has a number of campuses throughout Cornwall along with Bicton College in Devon will be seeking suitably qualified supplier(s) to provide Student Transport / Bus Services from September 2025. The routes would be required to run from the start of the autumn term, right through to the end of the summer term; excluding the

Christmas and Easter holidays, half-terms and bank holidays. To ensure the safety of our learners, all vehicles must be PSVAR compliant and all drivers will have an up to date DBS check and agree to complete safeguarding training. As our service needs to be extremely reliable we would welcome companies who would have a spare bus available, should there be an emergency, and to those who can or are willing to explore the possibility of transport being tracked by the end user. We will also require a designated person of contact, should we need to coordinate routes on a daily basis.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60100000 - Road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Cornwall College Group has a number of campuses throughout Cornwall along with Bicton College in Devon. The college provides a wide range of vocational and further education courses and apprenticeships for 16-18 learners. The group of colleges combined have up to 1,000, 16-18 further education learners, who require transport to and from college each day. Our transport routes would be required to run from the start of the autumn term, right through to the end of the summer term; excluding the Christmas and Easter holidays, half-terms and bank holidays. To ensure the safety of our learners, all vehicles must be PSVAR compliant and all drivers will have an up to date DBS check and agree to complete safeguarding training. As our service needs to be extremely reliable we would welcome companies who would have a spare bus available, should there be an emergency, and to those who can or are willing to explore the possibility of transport being tracked by the end user. We will also require a designated person of contact, should we need to coordinate routes on a daily basis. To improve the experience of our learners and to enable us to monitor passengers we would welcome those who would be able to use Ticketer. Alongside this, it would be beneficial to be able to provide WiFi as well as exploring options for providing our learners with any discounted off-peak travel offers. Suggested routes are as attached. Flexibility may be required due to student numbers, at the beginning of term and we would welcome a price scale for different size vehicles. Route 1 Axminster to Bicton College via; Honiton and Ottery St Mary Route 2

Tiverton to Bickton College via; Willand, Cullompton and Cranbrook
 Route 3 Crediton to Bickton College via; Cowley Bridge and Whipton
 Route 4 Torquay to Bickton College via; Teignmouth, Newton Abbott and Chumleigh
 Route 5 Dawlish to Bickton College via; Topham and Exmouth
 Route 6 Bude to Cornwall College St Austell via Camelford
 Route 7 Callington to Cornwall College St Austell via Liskeard and Bodmin
 Route 8 Pendeen to Cornwall College Camborne and Duchy Rosewarne via Penzance and Hayle
 Route 9 Okehampton to Duchy Stoke Climsland via Tavistock and Gunnislake
 Route 10 Bude to Duchy Stoke Climsland via Whitstone and Launceston
 Route 11 Barnstaple to Duchy Stoke Climsland via Bideford and Holsworthy
 Route 12 Looe to Duchy Stoke Climsland via Pelynt, Dobwalls and Liskeard
 Route 13 Ivybridge to Duchy Stoke Climsland via Plympton and Plymouth North and Central
 Route 14 Sherford to Duchy Stoke Climsland via Plymouth South, Devonport, Ferry Terminal and Saltash
 Route 15 Wadebridge to Duchy Stoke Climsland via St Kew and Camelford

II.2.14) Additional information

The Colleges Electronic Tendering System InTend will be used to manage this Tender. Interested Suppliers must register (if not already registered) on the In-Tend procurement portal as follows: Supplier Side <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/cornwall.aspx/HomeUseful>
 Contact Information: In-Tend Helpdesk 0845 5578079 email: support@in-tend.co.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 May 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No