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Tender

Provision of Coach and Minibus Hire

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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Scope

Reference

NTU/25/2876/DS

Description

The Supply of executive and high-quality standard coaches in immaculate condition both inside and outside, ranging in sizes from 25 to 85 passengers on a mixture of private hires. A mixture of Euro 4, Euro 5 and Euro 6 standard (including Euro 7 in the future, electric, gas powered and hybrid) and executive coaches and Euro 5 and Euro 6 minibuses. The majority of the university's requirements lies within the United Kingdom and primarily for the transportation to other universities, colleges, schools, museums, local businesses, city attractions, airports, railway stations, Eurostar, and sport related trips. The requirements entails a combination of one day tours to more complex journeys, with multiple stopping points and in some cases lasting more than one day.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,666,666 excluding VAT
- £2,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 October 2025 to 12 October 2031
- Possible extension to 12 October 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The Tender is being run in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 (the Act) and any regulations made under it, including the Procurement Regulations 2024 (Regulations), as amended from time to time. This is an Open Procedure tender, as defined in sections 20(1) and 20(2)(a) of the Act. The University is setting up an Open Framework, which is a series of successive frameworks as defined by the Act. This is the framework 1 of the scheme (NTU/25/2876/DS). There are a maximum of two frameworks under this open framework. This competition is for the award of framework one in the scheme of frameworks. Framework one will have a contract period of 36 months. Framework two will have a contract period of 36 months, with an option to extend up to a maximum of 24 months. The open framework will last 8 years in total.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

Contract locations

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

12 October 2033

Maximum number of suppliers

6

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Please see 2876 Schedule 2 - Invitation to Tender for further details.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 July 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

21 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=95081&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 September 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 2 June 2033

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Order of importance
NTU Strategic Commitments (Sustainability)	NTU Strategic Commitments (Sustainability) 18%	Quality	1
Fleet Specification	Fleet Specification 11%	Quality	2
Service Delivery	Service Delivery 24%	Quality	3
Legislation	Legislation 10%	Quality	4
Health & Safety	Health & Safety 12%	Quality	5
Commercial Offer	Commercial Offer 25%	Price	6

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

The university did not conduct any pre-market engagement activities in relation to this tender.

Contracting authority

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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