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## **Supply of Service Buses**

Translink

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

Translink

Procurement Department

Belfast

BT2 7LX

#### **Email**

[etni@translink.co.uk](mailto:etni@translink.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

### **I.6) Main activity**

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Service Buses

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

- 34121000 - Buses and coaches

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

Supplies

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

Translink are intending to establish one/several framework(s) aimed at delivering cost effective and agile means to replace low floor, wheelchair accessible, zero emission (Battery Electric or Fuel Cell), single and double deck buses used for bus urban and rural operations throughout Northern Ireland. The number and duration of the framework(s) has not been confirmed but it is anticipated it/they will be Single Supplier Framework(s). Once established the framework(s) does not guarantee any orders from Translink as any potential order is subject to funding.

To that end Translink wishes to invite suitably interested Economic Operators to present in Belfast in Quarter 1 2024 their current and future capability and capacity in these areas.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

High specification Zero Emission single and double deck buses:- Max length - 12m Max width – 2.55m Max height – 4.4m Min Range – 150 miles Capacity Circa 80

Propulsion types – both Electric Vehicle or Fuel Cell

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

It is the intention of Translink to invite suitably interested Economic Operators to present in Belfast during Quarter 1 2024 (days, dates and times to be confirmed)... . Suppliers should contact David Lowry at [david.lowry@translink.co.uk](mailto:david.lowry@translink.co.uk) to register their interest.. Suppliers registering their interest in participating in this exercise should note that:.. . 1. This Notice is to initiate a market engagement and information gathering exercise and does not indicate the start of a procurement exercise. It is instead intended to act as an informal market research document providing a brief synopsis of Translinks' future requirements. This document is not intended to provide a definitive list of requirements.. . 2. We intend to invite interested suppliers to discuss the Supply of Single and Double deck buses. 3. This document is not a tender specification nor request for quotation. Translink is merely investigating market opportunities at this stage. without entering into any contractual or financial commitments.. . 4. Please note, progress in the project will be subject to the availability and timing of funding. If this requirement is given financial approval, it will be tendered under the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016. Any documents, discussions, presentations, demonstrations, or clarifications submitted for this Market Research will not be considered as any part of the tender exercise. If Translink does decide to proceed with a competitive tender process, a separate detailed tender specification document will be produced as part of that process.. . 5. Nothing in this advertisement or any other documents or information provided by Translink or any of its advisers or agents is to be construed as implying a commitment by Translink to place any Contract, now or in the future with any participating supplier in respect of the requirement under consideration.. . 6. Translink takes no responsibility for any actions or decisions taken, costs incurred or commitments made by interested parties in responding to this notice or by being involved in any subsequent discussions in this market engagement and information gathering exercise.. . 7. At this stage it is not possible to give an accurate timeframe for this requirement.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 April 2024

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## **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

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

5 January 2024

Local time

3:00pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

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