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## **Provision of School & Public Transport on Islay**

Argyll and Bute Council

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Prior information only

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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 School & Public Transport on Islay

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

Services

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

Argyll and Bute Council are looking to contract with a transport operator who will provide safe and secure school and public transport on the island of Islay. This notice serves as an early announcement to inform potential suppliers about the upcoming tender opportunity.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,447,247

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

Main site or place of performance

Argyll & Bute

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

Argyll & Bute Council intends to initiate a procurement process to appoint a transport

operator to provide safe and secure school transport on the island of Islay. This notice is an early announcement to inform potential suppliers about the upcoming tender opportunity.

**Aim of Service:**

The main elements of the School Transport Service are:

- (a) To transport children to and from school safely and timeously;
- (b) To encourage responsible behaviour by scholars;
- (c) To liaise with Head Teachers or nominated representatives and Council Officers to achieve a high standard of service.

**Contract Duration:**

The contract duration will be for a period of 5 years from February 2024 with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years, subject to satisfactory performance of the contract.

**Procurement Procedure:**

We intend to conduct a competitive open procurement procedure via PCS with all additional documents, e.g. Route Specifications, made available in the subsequent invitation to tender.

**Participation:**

Interested parties are invited to express their interest in participating in the forth-coming tender process.

This PIN is not a formal invitation to tender but serves as an early announcement for the market and to gauge the market interest in the upcoming procedure.

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

6 December 2023

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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: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=750498](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=750498).

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