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Planning

Provision of School & Public Transport on Islay

Argyll and Bute Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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