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Award

North / South Bus Service

Southend-on-Sea City Council

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Scope

Description

This Specification defines the Council's requirements for the Service (23, 23A, 23B). The Tenderer shall develop, implement, and operate a solution which complies with this Specification.

The Council is seeking to enter into a contractual arrangement with the Contractor to provide transport for Passengers for the Service (23, 23A, 23B) as provided within this ITT. The majority of route is within the administrative boundary of Southend-on-Sea City Council with a short section within the administrative boundary of Essex County Council and within London Southend Airport.

Contract 1. North / South Bus Service

Supplier

- STEPHENSONS OF ESSEX LIMITED

Contract value

- £1,769,225.64 excluding VAT
- £2,123,070.77 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

23 June 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 June 2025

Standstill period

- End: 2 July 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

3 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 July 2025 to 30 August 2027
- Possible extension to 1 September 2028
- 3 years, 1 month, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

One (1) Option for twelve (12) Months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34121100 - Public-service buses
- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPDN-2856-TWMX

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Region: UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Southend-on-Sea City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDT-6566-GZNX

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government