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Planning

P-2904 - Provision of Staff Taxi Services

Translink

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Translink

Belfast

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Contact

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Email

rhys.franklin@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

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

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

I.6) Main activity

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

P-2904 - Provision of Staff Taxi Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60120000 - Taxi services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of 24/7, 7 days a week staff taxi service. Rail staff may require to move from railway locations to their start point or finish point to meet the business needs. This is

primarily outside of normal operating hours of train services or for emergency situations.

Translink will require the service provider to assist in the transportation of passengers where there have been issues with the rail services, which may result in passengers being unable to reach their destination.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60120000 - Taxi services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Translink requires a suitability qualified service provider for provision of Taxi service daily (24/7; 7 days per week). Rail staff may require to move from railway locations to their start point or finish point to meet the business needs. This is primarily outside of normal operating hours of train services or for emergency situations. Translink will require the service provider to assist in the transportation of passengers where there have been issues with the rail services, which may result in passengers being unable to reach their destination.

Translink are in the process of drafting tender documents to best suit our requirements. We intend to explore a range of options including the use of environmentally friendly vehicles. We are also keen to understand new and innovative techniques in the industry to help shape our tender documents.

It is envisaged that the contract will commence in early 2024. It is anticipated that meetings relating to the exercise will be held on Microsoft Teams. Interested suppliers are requested to e-mail their expression of interest in attending a 60-minute virtual meeting sometime wc 18 December 2023 to: Rhys Franklin, Category Manager at rhys.franklin@translink.co.uk NO LATER THAN 14:00 on 14 December 2024. This PIN is effective until end of December 2023.

Additional Information-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 present to Translink personnel to discuss the services each can offer. All parties agree that the matters discussed between them during the course of this early market engagement exercise will remain confidential to those particular parties 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. At this stage it is not possible to give an accurate timeframe for this requirement 5 Information which may be disclosed to interested suppliers must be treated as strictly confidential and must not be disclosed to any other party, except where this is necessary for the purposes of seeking professional advice in relation to this opportunity, in which case the third party must also agree to treat the information as strictly confidential. (nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs as and requirements; for supplies only – state whether tenders are requested for purchase, lease, rental, hire purchase or any combination of those)

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II.2.14) Additional information

n/a

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

14 December 2023

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Translink takes no responsibility for any actions or decisions taken, costs incurred or commitments made by interested parties by being involved in any subsequent discussion in this market engagement and information gathering exercise