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Contract

## **Provision of Sandwell Funeral Services and Coroners Transportation for the Black Country**

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0367c6

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

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

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street

Oldbury

B69 3DB

#### **Contact**

Michelle Hackwood

#### **Email**

[michelle\\_hackwood@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:michelle_hackwood@sandwell.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKG3 - West Midlands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.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 Sandwell Funeral Services and Coroners Transportation for the Black Country

Reference number

SMBC 22079

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

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

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

Services

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

Sandwell as the relevant authority for the Black Country Coroners Service provides services relating to the transportation of bodies on behalf of the Coroner. In addition, Sandwell MBC recognises the profound impact bereavement has on families and the importance of the funeral as part of a healthy grieving process. Through its Registration Services the authority provides a suite of funeral related services for the inhabitants of the borough and those organisations and families who chose to use its excellent facilities. The arrangement of funerals for those where no arrangements are being made, the Public Health funeral, and the provision of a low cost funeral service for those families who choose to use this service. The tender is therefore offered as four Lots as detailed below and suppliers may bid for all or individual Lots: Lot 1 – Coroners Transportation – Sandwell Lot 2 – Coroners Transportation – Dudley Lot 3 – Coroners Transportation – Walsall Lot 4 – Sandwell Funeral Servi

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £520,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 – Coroners Transportation – Sandwell

Lot No

Lot 1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services
- 98371000 - Funeral services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality and Social Value / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 – Coroners Transportation – Dudley

Lot No

Lot 2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services
- 98371000 - Funeral services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

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## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 – Coroners Transportation – Walsall

Lot No

Lot 3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services
- 98371000 - Funeral services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

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Price - Weighting: 70

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 – Sandwell Funeral Services (Including a Public Health Funeral and Sandwell's low cost funeral service)

Lot No

Lot 4

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services
- 98371000 - Funeral services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-025553](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Provision of Sandwell Funeral Services and Coroners Transportation for the Black Country

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 November 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Boss Funeral Holdings Ltd

13 Portland Road

Birmingham

B16 9HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £520,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £458,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of England

Royal Court of Justice the Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom