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## **COV - Live Environment Construction Testing (LECT) Operator**

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

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

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

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UKG33 - Coventry

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.csw-jets.co.uk](http://www.csw-jets.co.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.csw-jets.co.uk](http://www.csw-jets.co.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

COV - Live Environment Construction Testing (LECT) Operator

Reference number

COV-21323

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

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

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

Services

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

Coventry City Council ("the Council") are seeking a vehicle operator to operate the Coventry Very Light Rail ("CVLR") vehicle through a 4-week period from 19 May 2025 to 15 June 2025. The awarded Operator will be required to perform some pre-work such as creation of Safety Management System ("SMS") and driver training.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 60210000 - Public transport services by railways

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

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

Main site or place of performance

Coventry

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

The Council are developing the innovative CVLR project. This seeks to introduce a low-cost urban light rail system into the heart of Coventry.

The primary objective of the Coventry Very Light Rail Project is to create an affordable integrated transport system that comprises a lightweight low-cost vehicle and innovative trackform. The low cost means it can be implemented at scale, thereby driving significant mode shift to a low carbon mode, with an ambition to achieve zero carbon ultimately by using renewable energy to power the system.

A full CVLR network is envisaged in the future but to allow this to be managed in a safe and effective manner, the first stage will be a CVLR Live Environment Construction Testing (LECT) route.

CVLR LECT will be operational for a four (4) week period from Monday 19 May 2025 through Sunday 15 June 2025. The vehicle will be transferred to Coventry on Monday 19 May 2025. The awarded Operator will be required to perform some pre-work such as creation of Safety Management System ("SMS") and driver training.

A vehicle operator is required to operate the CVLR vehicle through the period outlined above. A concept of operations (ConOps) has been developed and outlines how Coventry Very Light Rail (CVLR) Live Test Environment Construction Testing (LECT) is expected to be operated under normal, degraded and emergency scenarios.

It is intended that the Invitation to Tender will be published on Monday 20 January 2025, with the Council utilising Regulation 27(4) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) to reduce the tender period to 15 days.

Coventry City Council conducts all of its tendering exercises on its e-procurement portal, [www.csw-jets.co.uk](http://www.csw-jets.co.uk). Interested Operators should register with [www.csw-jets.co.uk](http://www.csw-jets.co.uk) and express an interest in the opportunity COV-21323 CVLR Live Environment Construction Testing (LECT) Operator. When the tender is published, Operators will receive an automatic notification.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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

20 January 2025

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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**

The invitation to tender documents will be made available on 20 January 2025 with the launch of the invitation to tender.