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Award

Award of De Minimis Bus Contracts

Leicestershire County Council

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Scope

Reference

DN782811

Description

Award of a number of subsidy contracts. These contracts are exempt from the Procurement Act 2023 regulations as they are awarded on a De Minimis basis as provided for under the Transport Act and Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.

Local authorities or Passenger Transport Authorities/Executives with forecast expenditure on bus service subsidies in any one year of £600,000 or more will be able to spend up to 25% of this on de minimis contracts; within this 25% there is no limit on the expenditure in any year with any single operator.

**Contract 1. De Minimis subsidy for service 154 (M-F and Sun).
Contract numbers 0632 - 0643 (Mon - Fri) and 0644-0646 (Sun)**

Supplier

- CENTREBUS LIMITED

Contract value

- £331,024 excluding VAT
- £397,228 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 25 July 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

26 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 July 2025 to 16 March 2026
- 7 months, 22 days

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Addition/amendment of route to ensure service user needs are met.

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire
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Contract 2. De Minimis subsidy for service 93. Contract number 0624-0631

Supplier

- CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED

Contract value

- £30,000 excluding VAT
- £36,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 8 months, 15 days

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Addition/amendment to route to ensure service user needs are met.

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire
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Contract 3. De Minimis subsidy for service 2. Contract number 0648-0649.

Supplier

- Kinchbus Ltd

Contract value

- £31,185 excluding VAT
- £37,422 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 July 2025 to 16 March 2026
- 8 months

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Addition/amendment to route to ensure service user needs are met.

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Suppliers

CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED

- Companies House: 09964786
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWXQ-9484-GMPT

29 Arboretum Street

Nottingham

NG1 4JA

United Kingdom

Email: peter@transportmadesimple.co.uk

Website: <https://transportmadesimple.co.uk/>

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2. De Minimis subsidy for service 93. Contract number 0624-0631

CENTREBUS LIMITED

- Companies House: 03872099
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMCQ-6846-ZRCY

43 Wenlock Way

Leicester

LE4 9HU

United Kingdom

Email: chris.almond@centrebus.co.uk

Website: <http://www.centrebus.info/>

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

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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Kinchbus Ltd

Mansfield Road

Heanor

DE75 7BG

United Kingdom

Email: talk@kinchbus.co.uk

Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 3. De Minimis subsidy for service 2. Contract number 0648-0649.

Contracting authority

Leicestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNHT-9235-VXDV

County Hall

Leicester

LE3 8RA

United Kingdom

Email: Commissioning.Support@leics.gov.uk

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government