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Award

Bus Grant - enhancement of bus services (Services 13, 22/U4, 19)

The West of England Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

C0479

Description

Enhancement of the following bus services: Service 13 - Elmhurst – Foxhill via Bath City Centre, is a commercially operated bus service by First. It is proposed to enhance the daytime frequency and evenings journeys. Service 22/U4 - Southdown – University of Bath, is a commercially operated bus service by First. It is proposed to enhance the daytime frequency and evenings journeys. Service 19 - Bath City Centre – Bristol Parkway, is a commercially operated bus service by First. It is proposed to enhance the daytime frequency and evenings journeys.

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Supplier

- [FIRST WEST OF ENGLAND LIMITED](#)

Contract value

- £588,503 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 August 2025 to 4 April 2026
- 7 months, 5 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The value of the Bus Service 13, Bus Service 22 U4 and Bus Service 19 are above the PA23 threshold and will therefore need to be made under s41 and Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 – single supplier justification for direct award – ie First Bus have exclusive rights and there are no reasonable alternatives, which means only FirstBus can

deliver these enhanced services.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

The West of England Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGWR-9284-XMRY

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government