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Tender

Bus Services (Cumberland)

Cumberland Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05251e

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Scope

Description

The council is procuring Bus Services in Cumberland for specific bus routes for a term of up to one (1) year. The services are expected to commence on 3rd November 2025 and end on 2nd November 2026. There are no extensions available.

Funding is provided by the Department for Transport through the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Programme. Cumberland Council is seeking suitably qualified transport operators to deliver services in accordance with the requirements of the specification.

The estimated total value of this tender over the total one year period is a maximum value of £3,565,574, but no guarantee is given as to the actual value of each contract. Contracts will be awarded to operators covering the routes they are successfully awarded.

For further details, and to access the tender documents, including the service specification, please use the council's online procurement portal The Chest - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk>

Registration on The Chest is free of charge.

All bids must be received electronically via The Chest by the closing date stated in the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Any clarifications you have about the tender must be sent via messaging on the chest by the closing date stated in the ITT.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,565,574 excluding VAT
- £4,278,688 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 August 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

5 September 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

Bids must be uploaded to www.the-chest.org.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	70%
Quality	Quality	20%
Social value	Quality	10%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<http://www.the-chest.org.uk>

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government