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Award

Provision of Coach and Minibus Hire

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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Scope

Reference

NTU/25/2876/DS

Description

The Supply of executive and high-quality standard coaches in immaculate condition both inside and outside, ranging in sizes from 25 to 85 passengers on a mixture of private hires. A mixture of Euro 4, Euro 5 and Euro 6 standard (including Euro 7 in the future, electric, gas powered and hybrid) and executive coaches and Euro 5 and Euro 6 minibuses. The majority of the university's requirements lies within the United Kingdom and primarily for the transportation to other universities, colleges, schools, museums, local businesses, city attractions, airports, railway stations, Eurostar, and sport related trips. The requirements entails a combination of one day tours to more complex journeys, with multiple stopping points and in some cases lasting more than one day.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Contract 1. Provision of Coach and Minibus Hire

Suppliers (5)

- Johnson Bros Tours Ltd
- Paul S Winson (Coaches) Limited
- Sharpes of Nottingham
- Skills Motor Coaches
- TIGER EUROPEAN (UK) LTD

Contract value

- £1,666,666.67 excluding VAT
- £2,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

15 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

15 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 27 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

13 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 October 2025 to 12 October 2028
- Possible extension to 12 October 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

This is an Open Procedure tender, as defined in sections 20(1) and 20(2)(a) of the Act. The University is setting up an Open Framework, which is a series of successive frameworks as defined by the Act. This is the framework 1 of the scheme (NTU/25/2876/DS). There are a maximum of two frameworks under this open framework. This competition is for the award of framework one in the scheme of frameworks. Framework one will have a contract period of 36 months. Framework two will have a contract period of 36 months, with an option to extend up to a maximum of 24 months. The open framework will last 8 years in total.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

Contract locations

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 5 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

Johnson Bros Tours Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVHX-2842-MWTL

Portland House, Dukeries Industrial Estate, Clayla

Worksop, Notts

S81 7BQ

United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1909721847

Email: lee@johnsonstours.co.uk

Region: UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

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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Paul S Winson (Coaches) Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDBH-5113-XMHJ

The Coach Station

Loughborough

LE11 5XR

United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1509232354

Email: ajw@winsoncoaches.co.uk

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

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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Sharpes of Nottingham

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJHM-3957-CHDY

Unit 10 Canalside Industrial Park, Cropwell Bishop

Nottingham

NG12 3BE

United Kingdom

Contact name: James Sharpe

Telephone: +44 1159894466

Email: james.sharpe@sharpesofnottingham.com

Region: UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

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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Skills Motor Coaches

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVDG-4399-JLVT

Belgrave Road

Nottingham

NG68LY

United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1159770080

Email: paulharper@skills.co.uk

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

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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TIGER EUROPEAN (UK) LTD

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZHJ-6677-TDHR

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NG2 4AP

United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1159404040

Email: info@tiger-european.com

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

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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Contracting authority

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government