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Tender

Minibus & Coach Hire with Driver Framework

The University Of Kent

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Scope

Reference

MH25_001

Description

The University is inviting submissions from transport operators to be part of a framework agreement of minibus and coach hire service with drivers.

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.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,800,000 excluding VAT
- £2,160,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Lot 1. Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

Description

Lot 1 - Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,800,000 excluding VAT
- £2,160,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Description

Lot 2 - Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,800,000 excluding VAT
- £2,160,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

Description

Lot 3 - Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,800,000 excluding VAT
- £2,160,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 October 2029

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The Service Provider will be contacted by the institution using this framework to check for availability for the journey requirements and a booking will follow by means of a Purchase Order confirming all journey requirements and dates of travel. Pricing shall be according to the agreed Price following the submission of a quotation. Further details are providing in Appendix 1 - Minibus Coach Framework User Guidance.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

The framework agreement will remain open and accessible to other educational and public sector institutions local to Canterbury (subject to discussion and negotiation with the successful Service Providers) throughout the duration of the contract with permission from the Lead Organisation.

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UKJ4 - Kent

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

Lot 2. Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Lot 3. Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 September 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UniversityKent>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

22 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	60%
Price	Price	40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UniversityKent>

Contracting authority

The University Of Kent

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10007150
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYN-9654-JPQJ

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