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Tender

Subsidised Bus Tender - T0927 - Service 27

West Midlands Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

PRT-TFWM-WPG-2025-0003

Description

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) supports the provision of an extensive passenger transport network across the West Midlands, both in fulfilment of statutory duties and to enable access to facilities and services. The WMCA supports the provision of local bus services, by financially subsidising routes that are not provided on a commercial basis by private operators.

A current Subsidised Bus Contracts expiring on 4th January 2026 needs to be re-procured in order to ensure the route contained within the contract remains operational.

Contract T0927 - Service 27 - Rubery, Great Park to Solihull

Total value (estimated)

- £4,500,000 excluding VAT
- £5,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 January 2026 to 30 October 2027
- Possible extension to 27 October 2029
- 3 years, 9 months, 24 days

Description of possible extension:

Two (2) options to extend;

Extension of up to 68 weeks (31st October 2027 to 17th February 2029)

and

Extension of up to 36 weeks (18th February 2029 to 27th October 29)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

A Financial viability self assessment will be carried out by the supplier, which they will be required to submit as part of their Tender Submission.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please see Part 3 of the 'Qualification' envelope for a full list of our 'Conditions of Participation' for this opportunity. Please note all 'Conditions of Participation' must be passed in order for suppliers tenders to be considered further/evaluated.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

1 October 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial/Price	Cost	100%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

1 Worsening highway conditions

2 Exceptional cost inflation

3 Change to travel demand or travel patterns

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No Market Engagement has been undertaken for the contracts/services being tendered during this round. The decision not to conduct Market Engagement was taken due to potential major changes to the current West Midlands Bus network and the WMCA tendering/commercial model.

Market Engagement will form a key part in any future tender opportunities once the landscape is known, this opportunity to engage will be published to the open market via Find a Tender Service (FTS)

Contracting authority

West Midlands Combined Authority

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