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Award

Security Services for the 2026, 2028 & 2030 River Festivals

Bedford Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

BBC EN 03921

Description

Bedford Borough Council is inviting tenders for the provision of Security Services for the next 3 Bedford River Festivals hosted in summer 2026; 2028 and 2030. The Council are looking for Security Suppliers highly experienced in Events and Events Security Management.

Contract 1

Supplier

- [McKenzie Arnold Group Limited](#)

Contract value

- £372,556.19 excluding VAT
- £447,067.43 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

29 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

1 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 10 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 13 August 2030
- 4 years, 10 months, 13 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79952000 - Event services
- 75241000 - Public security services

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

McKenzie Arnold Group Limited

- Companies House: 09431848

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Faulkbourne, Witham, Essex

CM8 1SH

United Kingdom

Email: Mike.jackson@mckenziearnold.com

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

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

Bedford Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLCV-4616-VTHL

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street

Bedford

MK42 9AP

United Kingdom

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Region: UKH24 - Bedford

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government