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Planning

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE DUNOON – INVERCLYDE FERRY SERVICE

Cowal Gourock Transport Link

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059589

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Cowal Gourock Transport Link

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UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.dunooncdt.org

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30348

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

CGTLink 01

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60610000 - Ferry transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60610000 - Ferry transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire
- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

Main site or place of performance

Cowal Peninsual / Inverclyde

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Buyer is looking for one or more Suppliers to deliver the following aims:

High frequency, year-round competitively priced ferry service between Dunoon and Inverclyde.

The service is envisaged as operating with a minimum of two vessels with provision for a backup vessel. However the buyer is willing to consider other options that align with the desired outcome.

Repairs, insurance, and maintenance of the Linkspan at Dunoon.

Connection with Scotrail Trains into Glasgow and bus services to other areas served by Bus Services from Dunoon Ferry Terminal.

Operation of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport concessionary fares scheme. The Cowal Peninsula entitles the elderly and disabled to receive reduced ferry fares with a Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Ferry Card.

There is no Road Equivalent Tarif for vehicles as yet, though this may be introduced at some point by the government.

II.2.14) Additional information

See attached Expression of Interest document

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 February 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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