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Award

Live Music Event Producer R1BW & R2itP

BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)

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Scope

Reference

PROC2025/09

Description

The BBC is looking to appoint a single supplier to provide the Event Production for both Radio 1 Big Weekend and Radio 2 in the Park. BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend and Radio 2 in the Park are held in different UK cities each year, focusing on areas where there is an opportunity to build greater connections with audiences.

Radio 1's Big Weekend: Typically held in May in various locations in the UK, this event hosts approximately 85,000 ticketholders across the weekend (15,000 Friday + 1,500 guests and 35,000 per day on Sat & Sun + 2,000 guests), subject to licences. In previous years around eighty artists have performed across four stages. Radio 1 broadcasts live from the event site for up to 20 hours across the weekend. The event is carried live on iPlayer, BBC Sounds and some live TV coverage which results in a total audience reach of more than ten million. In 2024 & 2025, Friday's capacity increased to 35,000, however it may reduce back to a smaller scale capacity in future years, this will be confirmed in autumn 2025.

Radio 2 in the Park: Typically held in September in various locations in the UK, this event hosts up to 72,000 ticket holders across the weekend; 36,000 per day plus 2,000 guests each day, subject to licences. In 2023 sixteen artists performed on the main stage. Radio 2 broadcasts live from the event site for up to 20 hours across the weekend. The event is carried live on iPlayer, BBC Sounds, and some live TV coverage.

Approximately £35m of this contract value is pass through costs for delivery of the events (production budget), including any possible extensions.

It is expected that the total Management Fee for each event will be between £150,000 and £250,000. This should be no more than £500,000 per year, and £2,500,000 for the total Term, including any possible extensions.

It is expected that there will be no mark-up or profit margin in the production budget i.e. that costs will be on an actual and bona fide basis. The only profit margin should be within the Management Fee.

The remaining contract value is VAT, which isn't included in the Whole Life Cost calculation.

Contract 1. Live Music Event Producer R1BW & R2itP

Supplier

- Far & Beyond Events

Contract value

- £37,500,000 excluding VAT
- £45,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

12 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

12 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 23 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

25 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 September 2025 to 25 October 2028
- Possible extension to 25 October 2030
- 5 years, 1 month

Description of possible extension:

the BBC's written election during the Term to extend the Term for an additional 2 (two) years i.e. to include the Events intended to take place in 2029 and 2030

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

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

Unsuccessful suppliers

- [SC Productions Consortia](#)
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Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

Far & Beyond Events

- Companies House: 09790819

83 Mortimer Street,

London

W1W 7SL

United Kingdom

Email: hello@wearefab.com

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

SAFETY FIRST SOLUTIONS LTD - 30 Thomson Drive, Glasgow, G61 3PA, UK

GO FOR PRODUCTIONS LIMITED - 4 Church Close, Tonbridge, TN12 7AA, UK

EXACT PRODUCTION LTD - The Estate Office Basing Park, Alton, GU34 3NS, UK

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SC Productions Consortia

- Companies House: 05791902

Unit B6, Canton House

Cardiff

CF5 1JH

United Kingdom

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRB-3233-GTQL

Broadcasting House, Portland Place

London

W1A 1AA

United Kingdom

Email: no_reply@bbc.co.uk

Website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government