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Tender

002712 - Contract for the Provision of Crowd Management & Event Security Services

Durham County Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20251675

Description

Durham County Council hosts a number of large-scale festivals and events each year. As a result, the Council require a Provider to manage and provide Crowd Management & Event Security services to ensure all events and festivals operate safely.

The following is a list of the types of Durham County Council Festivals and Events which can be expected to take place throughout the duration of this Contract, please note this list is not exhaustive and there is no guarantee that the listed events will take place.

- Bishop Auckland Food Festival (BAFF)
- Seaham Food Festival (SFF)
- BRASS Festival

- Gala Theatre & Cinema, Empire Theatre, Durham Town Hall and Bishop Auckland Town Hall
- Remembrance Day
- Anniversary or one-off special events
- Elections

This procurement exercise is being undertaken to award a light touch contract, that is, a contract that is wholly or mainly for the supply of services as specified in Procurement Regulations 2024, Schedule 1.

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Total value (estimated)

- £160,000 excluding VAT
- £192,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

12 month initial contract term to 31st December 2026 then 3 x 12 month extension periods, subject to requirements review and funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75242000 - Public law and order services
- 79710000 - Security services

Contract locations

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Participation

Conditions of participation

Security Industry Authority (SIA) Licence/Registration Number and Certification

DBS Disclosure Certificate

Systems for the Management of Lone Working, Violence & Aggression

Submission

Enquiry deadline

31 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

70% price weighting

30% quality weighting

Quality questions comprise of 2 written response questions regarding Recruitment, Training and Managing Staff Absence and Service Delivery.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Durham County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMPB-8772-VYWM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government