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Award

Bus Services (Cumberland)

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

Bus services are integral in Cumberland and establishing innovative approaches to the delivery of bus services and infrastructure, particularly within rural areas, can improve the lives of local people.

With this in mind, Cumberland Council advertised a procurement opportunity that sought suitably qualified transport operators to deliver high quality subsidised bus services across a number of bus routes.

This procurement has concluded and contracts are to be awarded to two suppliers for a total of 10 routes. These contracts will be awarded to start on 3rd November 2025 for a term of up to one (1) year, with no extensions available. The total value is £2,585,499.

Bids were evaluated and moderated according to the criteria as set out in the Invitation to Tender.

From the date of this notice and in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, the council will be observing a standstill period of 8 working days before entering into any contract.

Contract 1. Bus Services (Cumberland)

Suppliers (2)

- REAYS COACHES LIMITED
- STAGECOACH (NORTH WEST) LIMITED

Contract value

- £2,585,499 excluding VAT
- £3,102,598 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

14 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

14 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 23 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 2 suppliers awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

REAYS COACHES LIMITED

- Companies House: 03910309
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWQG-3146-WJXR

Strawberry Fields

Wigton

CA7 9NE

United Kingdom

Email: info@reays.co.uk

Website: <http://www.reays.co.uk>

Region: UKD11 - West Cumbria

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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STAGECOACH (NORTH WEST) LIMITED

- Companies House: 00123665
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZJT-7876-CQMQ

One Stockport Exchange

Stockport

SK1 3SW

United Kingdom

Email: business.development@stagecoach.com

Website: <http://www.stagecoachbus.com>

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

Cumbria House, 107-117 Botchergate

Carlisle

CA1 1RD

United Kingdom

Email: peopleprocurement@cumbria.gov.uk

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government