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Contract

Provision of Leased Specialist Passenger Transport Vehicles for SEND Transport (Minibus Fleet)

Achieving for Children Community Interest Company (AfC)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05d803

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Achieving for Children Community Interest Company (AfC)

2nd Floor, 42 York Street

Twickenham

TW1 3BW

Email

commissioning@kingston.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kingston.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kingston.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Children services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Leased Specialist Passenger Transport Vehicles for SEND Transport (Minibus Fleet)

Reference number

DN764518

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34114400 - Minibuses

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for the direct award of a 2-year lease contract for the provision of specialist adapted minibuses to support statutory SEND transport across Kingston and Richmond.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton
- UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A negotiated procedure without prior publication under Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 was undertaken to secure an interim two year contract with the incumbent provider of SEND transport, ensuring continuity of service with minimal disruption to children, young people and their families while a wider transformation project of SEND Transport is completed in line with the Council's climate strategy.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Satisfactory account of price and quality /Pass or Fail /
Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Contracting authorities may award public contracts by a negotiated procedure without prior

publication under Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 where the

supplies can be supplied only by a particular economic operator where competition is absent for

technical reasons,

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN764518

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

London Hire Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,300,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This direct award was issued on 21 February 2025, before the commencement of the Procurement Act 2023, and is therefore governed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 in accordance with the transitional arrangements.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom