

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/072732-2025>

Award

Subsidised Bus Tender - T0927 - Service 27

West Midlands Combined Authority

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-072732

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059146 ([view related notices](#))

Published 11 November 2025, 11:52am

Scope

Reference

PRTTFWMWPG20250003

Description

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) supports the provision of an extensive passenger transport network across the West Midlands, both in fulfilment of statutory duties and to enable access to facilities and services. The WMCA supports the provision of local bus services, by financially subsidising routes that are not provided on a commercial basis by private operators.

A current Subsidised Bus Contracts expiring on 4th January 2026 needs to be re-procured in order to ensure the route contained within the contract remains operational.

Contract T0927 – Service 27 - Rubery, Great Park to Solihull

Contract 1. Subsidised Bus Tender - T0927 - Service 27

Supplier

- Diamond Bus Limited

Contract value

- £3,500,000 excluding VAT
- £4,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

10 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

10 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 20 November 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

21 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 January 2026 to 30 October 2027
- Possible extension to 27 October 2029
- 3 years, 9 months, 24 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract contains the following provisions to extend the contract;

Extension of up to 68 weeks (31st October 2027 to 17th February 2029)

and

Extension of up to 36 weeks (18th February 2029 to 27th October 29)

Extensions will be utilised should the Authority require the service provision beyond the initial term and the service provided by the Operator is satisfactory and in-line with the service specification and contractual 'Key Performance Indicators'.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Supplier

Diamond Bus Limited

- Companies House: 02531054

Rotala Group Headquarters, Hallbridge Way

Tividale, Oldbury

B69 3HW

United Kingdom

Email: Business.Development@rotala.co.uk

Region: UKG37 - Sandwell

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Subsidised Bus Tender - T0927 - Service 27

Contracting authority

West Midlands Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGMD-1353-PZVX

16 Summer Lane

Birmingham

B19 3SD

United Kingdom

Email: procurement.team@wmca.org.uk

Website: <http://www.WMCA.org.uk>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government