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Award

Minibus & Coach Hire with Driver Framework

The University Of Kent

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Scope

Reference

MH25 001

Description

This opportunity is for transport operators to be part of a framework agreement of minibus and coach hire service with drivers.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Lot 1. Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

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Lot 2. Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

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Lot 3. Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

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Contract 1. Lot 1 - Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

Lots

Lot 1. Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

Suppliers (5)

- ASD Transport
- BAYLISS EXECUTIVE TRAVEL LIMITED
- CHALKWELL COACH HIRE LIMITED
- THE COACH TRAVEL GROUP LIMITED
- ZEELO LIMITED

Contract value

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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

1 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34114400 Minibuses
- 34120000 Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

Contract 2. Lot 2 - Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Lots

Lot 2. Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Suppliers (5)

- ASD Transport
- BAYLISS EXECUTIVE TRAVEL LIMITED
- CHALKWELL COACH HIRE LIMITED
- THE COACH TRAVEL GROUP LIMITED
- ZEELO LIMITED

Contract value

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

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- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34121000 Buses and coaches
- 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

Lots

Lot 3. Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

Suppliers (4)

- ASD Transport
- CHALKWELL COACH HIRE LIMITED
- THE COACH TRAVEL GROUP LIMITED
- ZEELO LIMITED

Contract value

- £100,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

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1 December 2025

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- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

• UKJ4 - Kent

Information about tenders

Lot 1. Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

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

Lot 2. Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

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

Lot 3. Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

- 10 tenders received
- 10 tenders assessed in the final stage:

- 10 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 4 suppliers awarded contracts
- 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

ASD Transport

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBX-8784-RMXQ

ASD Transport, Neptune Close, Medway City Estate

Strood, Rochester, Kent

ME2 4LT

United Kingdom

Email: info@asdtransport.com

Website: http://www.asdcoaches.co.uk

Region: UKJ41 - Medway

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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Contract 2. Lot 2 - Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

BAYLISS EXECUTIVE TRAVEL LIMITED

• Companies House: 05104702

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCYV-8625-LBTD

The Old Tilmanstone Colliery Pike Road

Dover

CT15 4ND

United Kingdom

Email: enquiries@baylissexecutivetravel.co.uk

Website: http://baylissexecutivetravel.co.uk

Region: UKJ44 - East Kent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1 - Minibus hire with driver with capacity of up to 22 passengers

Contract 2. Lot 2 - Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

CHALKWELL COACH HIRE LIMITED

• Companies House: 02520842

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQQR-2711-MXXX

The Coach Depot Unit 2a

Sittingbourne

ME10 3RS

United Kingdom

Email: coachhire@chalkwell.co.uk

Website: http://www.chalkwell.co.uk

Region: UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway

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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Contract 2. Lot 2 - Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

THE COACH TRAVEL GROUP LIMITED

• Companies House: 15698781

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLPW-7956-ZTRV

2 Communications Road

Newbury

RG19 6AB

United Kingdom

Email: hello@coachtravelgroup.com

Website: https://coachtravelgroup.com/

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

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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Contract 2. Lot 2 - Coach hire (single decker) with driver with capacity of up to 60 passengers

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Airport Arrivals Transfer Service with driver and capacity of up to 60 passengers and luggage.

ZEELO LIMITED

• Companies House: 10274913

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQBX-9778-PZLM

423 - Sky View (Ro) Argosy Road

Derby

DE74 2SA

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@zeelo.co

Website: http://zeelo.co

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

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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Contracting authority

The University Of Kent

• UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10007150

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYN-9654-JPQJ

The Registry,

Canterbury

CT2 7NZ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@kent.ac.uk

Website: http://www.kent.ac.uk/

Region: UKJ44 - East Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY

Summary of their role in this procurement: Framework user

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Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCN-4853-WVRW

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