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## **Provision of School Transport Services – Mull (1166C)**

Argyll and Bute Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05df4d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00063)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of School Transport Services – Mull (1166C)

Reference number

1166C

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Argyll and Bute Council are looking to Contract with a transport operator who will provide safe and secure school transport on Mull.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Argyll and Bute Council are looking to contract with a transport operator who will provide safe and secure school transport on Mull.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 25%

Price - Weighting: 75%

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

5 January 2026

End date

13 August 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract may be extended for up to 2 years at the option of Argyll and Bute Council, subject to satisfactory performance of the Contract and following discussions with the successful Tenderer.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As described in the Invitation to Tender

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As described in the Invitation to Tender

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

12 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

12 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

On-line via PCS Post-box.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 4 years, 7 months, 9 days or 6 years, 7 months, 9 days from award.

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

As described in the Invitation to Tender

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=815448](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=815448).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As described in the Invitation to Tender

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Oban Sheriff Court

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