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Tender

Transportation of Bodies on Behalf of the Coroner for Cornwall & The Isles of Scilly

Cornwall Council

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Scope

Reference

DN792431

Description

The Coroner for Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly is required to arrange the removal of bodies from the place of death to a designated mortuary or body holding facility in order to allow the investigation into any sudden, unexpected or unnatural deaths reported to them under The Coroner's & Justice Act 2009. Cornwall's Senior Coroner manages the strategy for body transportation. The Police Control Centre or (occasionally) a Coroner's Officer will instruct a service provider for collections from scene to a mortuary. Cornwall Council, the responsible body, uses a competitive tender process to appoint these service providers, ensuring efficient transport of bodies within the county, to Devon, or even nationally, as needed. The Council commissions this statutory service and the current contract is due to expire on 31/03/26. A new tender process needs to be completed.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract includes extension options.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport
- 33940000 - Cadaver transport and storage equipment and supplies

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The contract is divided into individual geographical lots based on Cornwall Council's historical Community Network Areas as described within Appendix B (The Authority's detailed requirement) and as shown below:

Lot 1: Council's Community Network Areas 1* and 2.

Lot 2: Council's Community Network Areas 3 and 4.

Lot 3: Council's Community Network Areas 5, 6 and 7.

Lot 4: Council's Community Network Areas 8, 11 and 12.

Lot 5: Council's Community Network Areas 9, 10 and 13.

Lot 6: Council's Community Network Areas 15, 18 and 19.

Lot 7: Council's Community Network Areas 14, 16 and 17.

Lot 8: Services to other UK destinations.

The Council will be appointing a sole contractor to provide Services for each of the 8 lots. The same contractor may be appointed to multiple lots.

From within any of the above Lots 1 - 7 there may be a requirement to provide the Services to Derriford Hospital, Plymouth and Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

* Lot 1 will include Services for collection of bodies arriving from the Isles of Scilly at Penzance harbour.

Not the same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Lot 1

Description

Council's Community Network Areas 1* and 2.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026 and will continue for a period of four year(s) unless terminated or extended in accordance with the Contract terms.

The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2

Description

Cornwall Council's Historical Community Network Areas 3 and 4

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026 and will continue for a period of four year(s) unless terminated or extended in accordance with the Contract terms.

The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Lot 3

Description

Cornwall Council's Historical Community Network Areas 5, 6 and 7.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026 and will continue for a period of four year(s) unless terminated or extended in accordance with the Contract terms.

The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Lot 4

Description

Cornwall Council's Historical Community Network Areas 8, 11, and 12.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034

- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026 and will continue for a period of four year(s) unless terminated or extended in accordance with the Contract terms.

The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Lot 5

Description

Cornwall Council's Historical Community Network Areas 9, 10 and 13.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT

- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 7 years, 4 months

Description of possible extension:

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The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Lot 6

Description

Cornwall Council's Historical Community Network Areas 15, 18 and 19.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026 and will continue for a period of four year(s) unless terminated or extended in accordance with the Contract terms.

The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the

same for all lots.

Lot 7. Lot 7

Description

Cornwall Council's Historical Community Network Areas 14,16 and 17.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

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The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 8. Lot 8

Description

Services to other UK destinations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £375,000 excluding VAT
- £450,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract is anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026 and will continue for a period of four year(s) unless terminated or extended in accordance with the Contract terms.

The initial term of the Contract is four years. This term is subject to any termination rights contained within the Contract.

The contract terms include the potential for contract extension. The contract duration is four years, plus two optional two-year extensions.

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Same for all lots

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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Lot 1

Refer to the Invitation to Tender document and Response Form 5

Lot 2. Lot 2

Lot 3. Lot 3

Lot 4. Lot 4

Lot 5. Lot 5

Lot 6. Lot 6

Lot 7. Lot 7

Lot 8. Lot 8

Refer to the Invitation to Tender document and Response Form 5.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Lot 1

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Lot 2. Lot 2

Lot 3. Lot 3

Lot 4. Lot 4

Lot 5. Lot 5

Lot 6. Lot 6

Lot 7. Lot 7

Lot 8. Lot 8

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Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1

Lot 2. Lot 2

Lot 3. Lot 3

Lot 4. Lot 4

Lot 5. Lot 5

Lot 6. Lot 6

Lot 7. Lot 7

Lot 8. Lot 8

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 December 2025, 12:00am

Tender submission deadline

21 December 2025, 12:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

Tender documents are available unrestricted and free of charge through:

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

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Follow instructions to submit tenders via the ProContract Portal via Supplying the South West.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 January 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 5 September 2033

Award criteria

Lot 1. Lot 1

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Quality scoring	Quality
Price	Price	Price
Social Value	Social Value scoring	Quality

Weighting description

The Council is targeting a balanced tender evaluation covering commercial elements, quality standards and social value. This will be achieved using the Price-per-Quality-Point-Ratio (PQR) method.

Lot 2. Lot 2

Lot 5. Lot 5

Lot 6. Lot 6

Lot 7. Lot 7

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Quality evaluation	Quality

Name	Description	Type
Price	Price evaluation	Price
Social Value	Social Value evaluation	Quality

Weighting description

The Council is targeting a balanced tender evaluation covering commercial elements, quality standards and social value. This will be achieved using the Price-per-Quality-Point-Ratio (PQR) method.

Lot 3. Lot 3

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Quality	Quality
Price	Price	Price
Social Value	Social Value	Quality

Weighting description

The Council is targeting a balanced tender evaluation covering commercial elements, quality standards and social value. This will be achieved using the Price-per-Quality-Point-Ratio (PQR) method.

Lot 4. Lot 4

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Quality	Quality
Price	Price	Price
Social Value	Social Value evaluation	Quality

Weighting description

The Council is targeting a balanced tender evaluation covering commercial elements, quality standards and social value. This will be achieved using the Price-per-Quality-Point-Ratio (PQR) method.

Lot 8. Lot 8

Name	Description	Type
Quality	Quality Evaluation	Quality
Price	Price Evaluation	Price
Social Value	Social Value Evaluation	Quality

Weighting description

The Council is targeting a balanced tender evaluation covering commercial elements, quality standards and social value. This will be achieved using the Price-per-Quality-Point-Ratio (PQR) method.

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/>

Tender documents are available from the 'Supplying the South West Portal':

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Technical specifications to be met

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Contracting authority

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