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# Provision of a Bus Service to Kingston University

Kingston University Higher Education Corporation

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## Scope

#### Reference

CPU-23-KU-UKO-884-DW-2025

## **Description**

The University is committed to supporting sustainable travel choices for staff, students and visitors across our campus locations. A key part of our offering is the inter site bus service network; connecting residences with our academic campuses at Kingston Hill, Roehampton Vale and Penrhyn Road. The current contract for the operation of this network comes to an end in August 2026 and the University is seeking tenders for operations commencing in September 2026.

The University wishes to appoint an operator to provide transport for a number of routes created to serve the student body that serves to move them between Halls and the Campus locations in the Kingston locale. Certain variations are included on the core route outlined in this tender specification which, subject to financial implications, would be considered to further enhance the current network.

The aim of the University Service will be to provide a free, low environmental impact and

high-quality transport Service primarily for the students of the University but also used by Staff and the general public following Key objective s listed in the Specification document of the tender.

Please note the attached documentation and complete as required prior to the deadline.

# Contract 1. Provision of a Bus Service to Kingston University

## **Supplier**

Falcon Coaches Limited

#### **Contract value**

- £7,387,772 excluding VAT
- £8,865,326.40 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

#### Award decision date

25 November 2025

#### Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

25 November 2025

### Standstill period

- End: 5 December 2025
- 8 working days

# Earliest date the contract will be signed

8 December 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2033
- 7 years

# Main procurement category

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Private Bus Hire services

#### **CPV** classifications

- 34121000 Buses and coaches
- 34121100 Public-service buses

- 34121300 Double-decker buses
- 34144910 Electric buses
- 50113000 Repair and maintenance services of buses
- 50113200 Bus maintenance services
- 60172000 Hire of buses and coaches with driver
- 63712100 Bus station services

#### Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
- 4 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
- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

#### **Unsuccessful suppliers**

- First Bus London
- Hallmark Connections Ltd
- London General Transport Services LTD

### **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

# **Suppliers**

#### **Falcon Coaches Limited**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWHB-4888-XCYX

Little Owl Farm

Chobham

GU24 8SL

**United Kingdom** 

Email: sales@falconch.com

Region: UKJ25 - West Surrey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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#### **First Bus London**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLPQ-5887-QQHH

74 Chiswick High Road

London

**W4 1SY** 

United Kingdom

Region: UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

#### **Hallmark Connections Ltd**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYCD-2244-RWZV

**Bedfont Road** 

Stanwell

TW19 7LZ

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKI75 - Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

## **London General Transport Services LTD**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTRG-4279-WLHP

No.18 Merton High Street

London

**SW19 1DN** 

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

# **Contracting authority**

# **Kingston University Higher Education Corporation**

• UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10003678

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government