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## **Procurement of New Diesel Passenger Vehicles**

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN798612

### **Description**

In April 2023, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) published an Assessment on Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region, which set out a proposed bus Franchising Scheme in accordance with the Transport Act 2000. In October 2023, the Liverpool City Region Mayor made the decision to introduce a Franchising Scheme covering the Liverpool City Region.

Franchising is a legal model where buses are under the control of a public sector authority (LCRCA) who set the routes, frequency, fares and overall standard of buses in the region. The existing commercially led market will be replaced and private bus operators will no longer be able to run most services independently. Instead, bus services will be operated under franchise contracts and bus operators will bid to run the services through a competitive procurement process managed by the Combined Authority.

LCRCA intend to introduce the first Tranche of franchised bus services from 6 September

2026, covering St Helens and the Wirral (The Wirral to be shortly after St Helens i.e. not going live simultaneously), before introducing more franchised bus services through further Tranches across all of LCRCA by the end of 2027. For Category 1 franchise contracts, LCRCA will provide the successful Operator with a fleet of vehicles which the Operator will then operate, manage and maintain throughout the franchise term.

In preparation for the commencement of the Tranche 1 bus franchising programme in September 2026, LCRCA have procured a fleet of double-decker, single-decker and mid-sized diesel buses. To support these vehicles and allow for the operation of services on routes with specific space restrictions, LCRCA wish to procure a number of short length vehicles, required to be delivered in the period June - July 2026 ahead of the commencement date of franchised services.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,350,000 excluding VAT
- £1,620,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 1 February 2026 to 31 October 2026
- 9 months

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 34100000 - Motor vehicles

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

19 December 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Submission will only be accepted via the Chest: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=d244b794-17ca-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

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**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### Languages that may be used for submission

English

### Award decision date (estimated)

31 January 2026

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### Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Qualitative	Technical Compliance Score 45% Customer Experience Proposal Score 10% User Operability Proposal Score 10%	Quality	65%
Price	Technical Compliance Score 45% Customer Experience Proposal Score 10% User Operability Proposal Score 10%	Price	35%

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### Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNDZ-8253-CJJM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government