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Award

North Northamptonshire Council Local Bus Framework

North Northamptonshire Council

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Scope

Reference

NNC00000656

Description

North Northamptonshire Council wish to develop a bus framework which will play a role in enhancing accessibility across North Northants. As a relatively new authority, this framework aims to either replace services previously Procured by the former Northamptonshire County Council, and/or to introduce new services, with the potential for them to be commercially viable by the end of the contracts. This framework will be opened in accordance with the requirements under the Procurement Act 2023 (or sooner if deemed necessary by the Council) and all call off contracts will be awarded via further competition only.

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.

Contract 1

Suppliers (5)

- BLAND'S (RUTLAND) LTD
- CENTREBUS LIMITED
- CommMiniBus Limited
- LAWSON'S OF CORBY LTD
- MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED

Contract value

- £36,000,000 excluding VAT
- £43,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

19 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

19 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 5 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 1 February 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

BLAND'S (RUTLAND) LTD

- Companies House: 04674751
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWNV-8485-GRLM

1 The Forum Minerva Business Park

Peterborough

PE2 6FT

United Kingdom

Email: adam@blands.info

Website: <http://www.blands.info>

Region: UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

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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CENTREBUS LIMITED

- Companies House: 03872099
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMCQ-6846-ZRCY

43 Wenlock Way

Leicester

LE4 9HU

United Kingdom

Email: chris.almond@centrebus.co.uk

Website: <http://www.centrebus.info/>

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

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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CommMiniBus Limited

- Companies House: 12407664
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLJC-2246-QZWG

10 Hamblin Court

Rushden

NN10 0RU

United Kingdom

Email: info@cmbus.org

Website: <http://cmbus.org>

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

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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LAWSON'S OF CORBY LTD

- Companies House: 08777516
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRZ-3219-NJCZ

12 Crucible Road

Corby

NN17 5TS

United Kingdom

Email: lawsonsofcorby@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.lawsonsofcorby.com>

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

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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MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED

- Companies House: 01556310
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMCT-4725-ZDYW

One Stockport Exchange

Stockport

SK1 3SW

United Kingdom

Email: business.development@stagecoach.com

Website: <http://www.stagecoachbus.com>

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

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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Contracting authority

North Northamptonshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQCM-5634-HGCN

The Corby Cube, George Street

Corby

NN17 1QG

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@northnorthants.gov.uk

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government