

United Kingdom-Stafford: Road transport services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC**Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Transport and The Connected County — Staffordshire County Council

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Postal code: ST16 2LP

Country: United Kingdom

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: www.staffordshire.gov.uk**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

I.3. Main activity

General public services

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Official name: Entrust

Postal address: Kingston Centre

Town: Stafford

Postal code: ST16 3TW

Country: United Kingdom

Official name: Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent NHS Partnership Trust

Postal address: Morston House, The Midway

Town: Newcastle-under-Lyme

Postal code: ST5 1QG

Country: United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

PC555 — Framework Agreement for the Provision of Transportation of Service Users (Childrens and Adults Services).

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 2: Land transport services [2], including armoured car services, and courier services, except transport of mail

NUTS code UKG2 Shropshire and Staffordshire

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 300

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 52 000 000 and 80 000 000 GBP

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

This procurement exercise is to appoint a number of suitably licensed Hackney Carriage, Private Hire and PSV operators to a framework agreement to provide Staffordshire County Council with passenger transport services across Staffordshire. The transport required will be for adults and children in mainstream education, older people, adults and children with special educational needs, learning disabilities, physical and sensory disabilities and mental health issues.

This is an electronic tender. All requests for information to be sent through the electronic tendering portal and message facility on the Proactis electronic tendering system.

How to register:

1. Instructions at <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/business/procurement/etendering/>
2. follow the link to Proactis E- Tendering (<http://staffordshire.alito.co.uk>). On the main page click SUPPLIERS the (new user) REGISTER links.
3. Complete the self registration questions and click the Register button.
4. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with an authentication link (this email may find its way to your trash/junk email account — so please check).
5. Confirm the authentication then log into Proactos SUPPLIERS — side.
6. Search the bulletin board for the tender using key words, search criteria etc.
7. Once found, click on the (blue) contract title to register interest against an active tender.
8. Click the REGISTER button and then CONTINUE.
9. The tender will now be in the MY TENDERS profile area on the main menu.
10. Find the READ ME FIRST document and continue with managing the tender.

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II.1.6. CPV code(s)

60100000 Road transport services, 60170000 Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver, 60120000 Taxi services, 60171000 Hire of passenger cars with driver, 60172000 Hire of buses and coaches with driver

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

This is a framework agreement and not a contract in itself. There are no guarantees as to the volume of business under the Framework Agreement.

The Framework Agreement is between the appointed economic operators and Staffordshire County Council, to provide transportation of service users across all area's of Staffordshire. Call off contracts under the Framework Agreement will be awarded in accordance with EU regulations (Section 19 of the Public Contract Regulations) and as described in the tender documents.

All contract values reflect the potential spend for the full scope and entirety of the duration of the Framework agreement, excluding VAT.

Range between 13 000 000 and 17 000 000 GBP.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 52 000 000 and 80 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Payments may be made following acceptance by the banking agents of the County Council.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

No special form is required by the grouping of providers but each provider will be required to become jointly or severally responsible for the contract before acceptance.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: Any tender may be rejected from a company/organisation who interalia:

- a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, where his affairs are being administered by the court, where he has entered into an arrangement with creditors, where he has suspended business activities or is any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;
- b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations;
- c) has been convicted by a judgment which has the force of res judicata in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning his professional conduct;
- d) has been guilty of grave misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can demonstrate;
- e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;
- f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;
- g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under this Section or has not supplied such information;
- h) has been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA;
- i) has been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Council Act of 26.5.1997 and Article 3(1) of Council Joint Action 98/742/JHA respectively;
- j) has been the subject of a conviction of fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the convention relating to the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities;
- k) has been the subject of a conviction for money laundering, as defined in Article 1 Council Directive 91/308/EEC of 10.6.1991 on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering.

Please refer to regulation no 23 of the public Procurement Regulations 2006 (SI No 5) for additional rejection criteria (see link) <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2006/20060005.htm>
All Contractors must have the appropriate Insurances and Licences in place at time of tender submission.

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Contractors must hold the required level of the following insurance certification:

- Public Liability Insurance;
- Employers Liability Insurance;
- Vehicle Insurance;
- and relevant transport licences.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Public Liability Insurance 10 000 000 GBP in respect of each and every claim.

Employers Liability Insurance 10 000 000 GBP in respect of each and every claim.

Vehicle Insurance 5 000 000 GBP in respect of each and every claim.

The above insurance levels must be in place at the time of tender submission.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

As set out in the Invitation to Tender Documents.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

As set out in the Invitation to Tender Documents.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

PC555

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 21.4.2015 - 13:00

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

29.4.2015 - 13:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

17.3.2015

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 30.4.2015 - 12:00

Place:

Staffordshire County Council.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Limited to members of the authority's staff.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

VI.3. Additional information

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: As above

Country: United Kingdom

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: As in notice profile above

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period (or 15 days where non- hat an award decision notice is communicated to tenderers. The award decision notice will specify the criteria for the award of the contract/framework agreement, the reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages, the name and score of the successful tender; and will specify when the standstill period is expected to end or the date before which the contracting authority will not conclude the contract/framework agreement. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract/framework.

Agreement has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2009 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months). The Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or may order the Contracting Authority to amend any document and may award damages. If a framework agreement has been entered into the Court may make a declaration of ineffectiveness or may order that the duration of any relevant specific contract be shortened and additionally may award damages.

The time limit for seeking such a declaration is generally 30 days from notification of the award (either by award decision notification or contract award notice depending upon the circumstances) or otherwise 6 months.

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: As in notice profile above

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

17.3.2015