

**United Kingdom-Stafford: Transport services (excl. Waste transport)**

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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

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Country: United Kingdom

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**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://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: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

T810 Local Service Tender for Newcastle and Stafford Area.

**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 notice involves a public contract

#### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

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

Local Service Transport Provision Review for Newcastle and Stafford Area of Staffordshire.

#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport), 60100000 Road transport services, 60112000 Public road transport services

#### **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: yes

### **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

The price or prices quoted must be based upon a daily rate of subsidy excluding VAT; excluding any concessionary fare payment which must be claimed from the appropriate authority; and excluding Fuel Tax Rebate which would be the responsibility of the operator to claim. This will be known as the primary tender.

Economic operators may tender for as many contracts as they wish, but will be asked to state in the questionnaire the maximum number of contracts they are able to undertake. Where the operator is awarded a greater number of contracts than they are able to undertake the County Council reserves the right to award the excess contracts to the operator submitting the next lowest price.

The County Council will accept variant forms of Tender if the economic operator considers that such alternative proposals will represent better value for money for the County Council than the Primary Tender. However, economic should note that the County Council will accept variations to the terms and type of financial arrangement, route timetables and vehicle specifications only. No variation of any other aspect of the Tender will be accepted.

For the avoidance of doubt a Variant Tender will only be considered if submitted together with the Primary Tender and which complies fully with the requirements of these instructions and conditions to economic operators.

The evaluation cost will be based upon the whole life cost of the contract (4 or 5 years). The contract is made up of a number of and the value range reflects the combined value of ALL routes. Operators may bid for any number of routes offered.

The contract agreement is between the appointed economic operators and Staffordshire County Council to provide transport of service users in the Staffordshire Region.

Contracts will be awarded in accordance with EU Regulations ( Section 19 of the Public Contract Regulations ) and as described in the tender documents. Importantly all contract values reflect the potential spend for the entirety of the contract.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 250 000 000 and 400 000 000 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: 60 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **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 legal form is required by the grouping of providers. The contract may be awarded to a single applicant or a consortium or individuals of a consortium but in the case of a consortium or individuals of a consortium liability will be joint and several.

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

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

Description of particular conditions: Staffordshire County Council Transport Conditions of contract 2004.

### **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: Holding of required level of the following insurance certification:

Public Liability Insurance;

Employers Liability Insurance;

Vehicle Insurance;

O licence.

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 return or operators must agree to have the above insurance levels in place before the award of any call off contract.

Failure to do so may result in the termination of any award of contract.

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

#### **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**

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### **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**

T810

#### **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: 18.5.2016 - 13:00  
Payable documents: no

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

23.5.2016 - 13:00

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

#### **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: 23.5.2016 - 14:00

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

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Heather Reynolds.

## Section VI: Complementary information

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### 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

### VI.4. Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Refer to Named Contracting Authority in section I.1)

Country: United Kingdom

#### Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: UK

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- electronic methods are used at the point that 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 2015 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: Refer to named contracting Authority in section I.1)

Country: United Kingdom

### VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

18.4.2016