

Connection to the Wider VCFS and Local Authorities





Derbyshire Community Transport and the Wider VCFS

with Steve Burd



Questions & Discussion

- Networking with the wider VCFS
- Identifying potential partnerships
- What should you consider when working the wider VCFS?
 - Partnership agreements
 - Internal policies for joint working





Working with Local Authorities



Structure

- Parish Councils, District Councils, County Councils, Metropolitan Councils, City Councils, Town Council, Unitary Authorities, Combined Authorities...
- Combined Authorities, County Councils and Unitary Authorities are usually in charge of Transport.
- Parish, Community and Town Councils are usually responsible for, bus shelters, community centres, grants to help local organisations, consultation on neighbourhood planning.
- If you don't know what tier of local government you need to contact for your specific problem, we can help you figure it out.



Contracts for Services

- Under section 508B and Schedule 35B of the Education Act 1996 local authorities are under a duty to provide free school transport to "eligible children". Eligible children include, those living outside of a statutory walking distance of the nearest qualifying school (2 3 miles) or SEN children with health and safety or mobility concerns.
- Councils may also have contracts for adult social care and Dial-a-Ride services.





Finding Contracts

- Speak to the Transport Team/Council
- Search the procurement portal your council uses e.g. <u>https://www.eastmidstenders.org</u> or <u>https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk</u>
- Use portals e.g. Bidstats, Stotles
- Contract Finder

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search



Rutland County Council Passenger Transport Services - Home to School 2023

Main contract details

Opportunity Id	DN668137		
	Rutland County Council Passenger Transport Services - Home to School 2023	l	_
Categories	6000000-8 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)		
Description	The Council wishes to invite tenders for the supply of services for		
	Home to School or College transport for residents based in Rutland on a number of routes as defined in the Schedules. Details of routes	ľ	
	and individual specification relating to routes can be found in Document Two.		
	There are three Lots for:	l	_
	Lot 1 Educational Bus Services - estimated cost £128,000.00 - 1		
	Lot 2 Specialist Transport Services - estimated cost £1,826,600.00 -		
	34 routes Lot 3 Pence Per Mile for Taxis and Buses - Estimated cost	ľ	
	£40,400.00 - 2 routes		
	All bids are evaluated based on 100% price only, no package bids will be considered, and all prices must be submitted on a route-by- route basis only. There are no public bus services this year on this tender. Routes where the lowest price tied will not be awarded on this tender.		
	To submit a bid, bidders must ensure that they check the route, vehicle, days of operation, driver and passenger specifications for		_
	every route they wish to bid for. Bids that do not meet the requirements as shown in Document Two will not be considered for		
	that route.		1
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• • • • • • •	East Midlands (England)		
Estimated value			
Keywords	Coaches, Education, Bus, Home to school, Transport, Taxi		

Key dates

Estimated contract dates Start date 10/07/2023 Expression of interest registered

Expression of interest window

From 05/05/2023 11:40 to 08/06/2023 12:00

Register interest in this opportunity

Contact details

Buyer Welland Procurement Contact Paul Williams Email pawilliams@melton.gov.uk Telephone 07876 574944 Address Melton Borough Council Melton Mowbray Leicestershire LE13 1GH United Kingdom

Attachments

<u>How to register on ProContract</u>	642
(<u>Bidder).pdf</u>	KB
Instructions - How to amend a	651
response to an online evaluation.pdf	KB
Instructions - How to submit a response to an online evaluation.pdf	1 MB
<u>Tips For Bidders - ProContract.docx</u>	22

Other Reasons to Work With Local Authorities

- Section 106 funding
- Road repairs
- Pinpointing in need communities, or individuals
- Collaboration to offer new services
- Lots more!



Questions and Discussion Discussion

If you're a provider:

- How do you currently work with your council?
- How would you like to work with your council in future?
- What are your barriers to working with your council?

If you're a local authority:

- Are you aware of the community transport providers in your area?
- How could you best work with them?
- How do you currently work with them?

