

Portal Contract Reference: DN436819 Internal Contract Reference: HAC5591 Contract Title: Community Transport Passenger Services DPS Expressions of interest start date: 9/12/2019 Expressions of interest end date: 8/12/2026 First Round deadline: 13/01/2020, 12 Noon DPS Duration: 84 months (From 09/12/2019 –08/12/2026) Extensions: Not applicable Estimated Value (including extensions): £18,900,000.00 Contact email: procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk Description:

The main purpose of the transport services provided through this Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is the transport of vulnerable children and adults to schools or day centres as appropriate and home again at the end of their day. Other ad-hoc passenger transport requirements may also be met via this DPS.

Providers will be able to bid for any route and any number of routes as long as they are able to meet all requirements to access the DPS as part of the on boarding process. It is expected that the DPS will advertise routes that will require one of the following vehicles to complete the work:

Private Hire Taxi, Accessible Vehicle, Multiple Passenger Vehicle, Minibus

The majority of the transport opportunities sourced through the DPS will be required mainly for the following reasons:

- 1. for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) children/young persons, transport will be required to and from home to school/college
- 2. for adult's, transport will be required in order for them to access community support service, respite centres and other provision
- 3. other transport requirements for children's services, and adult social care.

There is a requirement for Passenger Assistants to assist on the SEND Transport routes dependant on the needs of the service user. Passenger assistant will be supplied by the successful provider. There will also be some requirements where users of the service have either been placed or attend services outside of the borough, these requirements will also be sourced through the DPS.

The service may also include ad-hoc taxi services as required by the Council.

The DPS will be open for throughout its duration and application to the DPS maybe made at any time during this period.

## What is a DPS?

A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is a completely electronic system used to purchase commonly used goods, works or services. Similar to an Approved List, a DPS comprises a number of suppliers and commissions are conducted via requests for quotes.



Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal (<u>www.londontenders.org</u>) where the DPS documentation will be available for download. You will be required to complete an Online Application.

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The Council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the DPS, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

Suppliers are responsible for allowing sufficient time to submit their Application. The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for Applications that cannot submit due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

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If you require any further information please contact <u>procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk</u> quoting the internal reference number.