

About YPO

YPO provides procurement solutions for public sector organisations to set up or renew contracts for a wide range of services. Established in 1974 by a group of 13 local authorities, we’re one of the largest public sector buying organisations in the UK and we’re still 100% publicly-owned today. We work closely with our suppliers and collaborate with other public sector buying organisations to achieve efficiencies and value for money, returning all our profits back into the heart of the public sector. Our team of qualified procurement professionals can offer advice, guidance and expertise on procurement, as well as regular engagement and communication to make sure your objectives are achieved.

Overview

Start date:	11 June 2019
Expiry date:	10 June 2021
Extension(s) if applicable:	2 x 1 year optional extensions (Potential expiry date 10 June 2023)
Contracting authority call-off (CA) period:	CAs can specify a contract period, based on the term that will best suit their requirements. YPO generally recommend a call-off period of no longer than 5 years
Contract notice ref no:	2019/S 063-146876
Corrigendum (if applicable):	Not applicable
Potential maximum value:	£20,000,000
Geographical location(s):	National

Specification, overview and lot structure

YPO have entered a strategic partnership with a single source provider offering the provision of a mobile subscription service for transport providers and a free downloadable application for parents. The application is aimed at integrating collection and delivery points, routes, times forecasts, intelligent notifications using near field communication (NFC) stickers, mobile devices/tablets and fingerprint recognition hardware and all information to help provide parents with the necessary safeguarding information required whilst their children are on school transport.

This will also include a requirement to cover all forms of transportation of schools for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (“S.E.N.D”).

This offering is designed to complement the already existing local authority arrangements with transport providers. This framework is designed to meet the needs of YPO and other contracting authorities by establishing an agreement where the end customer will place the order with the provider and the provider delivered direct to the end customer.

LOT	DESCRIPTION	PROVIDER	METHOD OF CALL-OFF CONTRACT
1	Home to School Safeguarding Transportation Solutions	Vectare Ltd	Direct award

Benefits of using the framework agreement

YPO’s framework agreements are established to allow customers to purchase goods, works or services from suppliers/providers via either direct award or further competition.

Benefits of using the framework agreement:

- Reduced timescales – customers do not need to run a full OJEU procurement if procuring via the framework agreement.
- Assured supplier standards – suppliers/providers are ‘pre-qualified’ as to their suitability.
- Aggregation of spend - customers will receive the benefits of the aggregated spend volume and increased leverage in the market.
- Pre-defined terms and conditions – when awarding contracts customers have the option to use YPO’s standard framework agreement terms and conditions as established or use their own terms and conditions.

Provider

PROVIDER	LOT1
Vectare Ltd	✓

How to award/call-off from the framework

To access the framework agreement, customers should complete and return the Non-Disclosure and Customer Access Agreement.

Direct award – This framework is set up for direct award only. As this is a sole supply framework the competition was conducted, and the awarded supplier provided the most economically advantageous tender from all the potential suppliers who tendered and was awarded onto the framework.

The selection/award criteria used to establish the framework agreement was:

CRITERION	PERCENTAGE WEIGHTINGS
Price	30%
Quality	40%
Delivery and Customer Service	30%

Terms and conditions

The provider awarded to the framework agreement has agreed to and signed YPO’s standard Terms and Conditions. These can be amended by the CA and provider by mutual agreement to include additional terms to supplement the standard Terms and Conditions. A variation form is included in the standard Terms and Conditions document to allow customers and the provider to amend any terms if required.

Contact information

For further information or to discuss individual requirements, please use the contact details below:

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STAGE 1

Initial Customer Enquiry

- Customer contacts YPO for information
- YPO will send customer a copy of the User Guide, NDA and Access Agreement
- Customer completes and returns NDA and Access Agreement

**STAGE 2**

NDA/Access Agreement Returned to YPO

- Following receipt of signed NDA/Access Agreement YPO may send the customer a Further Competition Template, Bank of Optional Questions, and Framework Agreement Scope
- YPO may provide the customer with a unique reference code for the further competition, which will be referenced on all documentation
- Customer completes the documents and sends to YPO
- If the customer decides to undertake their own further competition YPO must be informed via e-mail

**STAGE 3**

Further Competition

- YPO can issue further competition documents to all suppliers/providers on the framework agreement if required by the customer
- YPO will manage any clarifications that are received from potential suppliers/providers (customers will need to provide clarification responses)
- At the submission closing date YPO will provide customers with access to all submissions
- Customers can then evaluate (offline) the submissions and prepare acceptance and rejection letters

**STAGE 4**

Contract Award

- YPO will issue the award decision documentation (acceptance and rejection letters) via YPO's e-portal
- Optional 10-day standstill period: customers are advised to implement a voluntary standstill period of 10 days
- A Contract Award Notice following any award via the framework agreement must be published within 30 days (YPO are able to do this on behalf of the customer if required)