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Contract

MIDAS Invitation to Tender: Market-focussed Business Development - Investment Zone Project

MANCHESTER INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SERVICE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

GC26 - 008

Description

MIDAS are seeking to appoint two providers of pro-active strategic business development to generate Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects in each of two key markets:

North America and Asia Pacific. The sectors to be targeted are to be aligned to the Greater Manchester (GM) Investment Zone and the purpose is the attraction of high-value businesses and investment into GM to create new jobs, increase innovation, and add value to the GM ecosystem.

The appointed contractor(s) must deliver a specialist market-focussed business development function aligned to the Greater Manchester (GM) Investment Zone for MIDAS, driving the attraction of high-value businesses and investment into GM to create new jobs, increase innovation, and add value to the GM ecosystem.

MIDAS are looking for up to two suppliers, one of whom would focus on the North American market, the other on APAC.

The Key Deliverables of this project are, ultimately FDI project successes, with ongoing measurement via a number of KPIs which must be achieved throughout the duration of the contract.

- 1) Identify and approach an average of at least 50 qualified targets per month.
- 2) Meetings - A minimum of 12 meaningful meetings per month.
- 3) Roadshows - Organise at least 3 per annum for a MIDAS Director to join, with at least 10 meaningful project meetings per visit.
- 4) Pipeline Projects - Instigate a minimum of 4 new job-creating FDI projects per month which are aligned with Greater Manchester.
- 5) Project Successes - From the generated pipeline, work with MIDAS' UK team to deliver up to 400 jobs and 7 successful investment projects annually.

Lot 1. North America

Description

See Tender Documents

Lot 2. Asia Pacific

Description

See Tender Documents.

Contract 1. Lot 1. North America

Lots

Lot 1. North America

Supplier

- AVALON CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED

Contract value

- £67,500 excluding VAT
- £81,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

24 November 2025

Contract dates

- 24 November 2025 to 9 November 2026
- Possible extension to 31 May 2027
- 1 year, 6 months, 7 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract period is envisaged for an initial period of up to 12 months, commencing Oct/Nov 2025. We may extend the contracted period, subject to the success of the programme and budget for a further 6 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services

Contract 2. Lot 2. Asia Pacific

Lots

Lot 2. Asia Pacific

Supplier

- International Advisory Council

Contract value

- £67,500 excluding VAT
- £81,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

11 December 2025

Contract dates

- 11 December 2025 to 9 November 2026
- Possible extension to 31 May 2027
- 1 year, 5 months, 21 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract period is envisaged for an initial period of up to 12 months, commencing Oct/Nov 2025. We may extend the contracted period, subject to the success of the programme and budget for a further 6 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services

Contract locations

- IN - India

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Suppliers

AVALON CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 03234640
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXWP-4448-GYYR

Building 18, Gateway 1000 Whittle Way

Stevenage

SG1 2FP

United Kingdom

Email: faye.smith@avaloncsl.com

Website: <http://www.avaloncsl.com>

Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Lot 1. North America

International Advisory Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNV-7837-DCDP

150, Udyog bhavan, Sonawala Road, Goregaon East

Mumbai

400063

India

Email: info@iacindia.com

Website: <http://www.iacindia.com>

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2. Lot 2. Asia Pacific

Contracting authority

MANCHESTER INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SERVICE LIMITED

- Companies House: 03323710
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHGY-3648-HJZN

Greater Manchester Combined Authority C/O P.Harris 1st Floor, Churchgate House
Manchester
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United Kingdom

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Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

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Summary of their role in this procurement: These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

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