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Contract

GMCA845 Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Support for the Social Economy

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

GMCA845 Greater Manchester UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Support for the Social Economy

Reference number

DN693938

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund the Greater Manchester Combined Authority

(GMCA) is looking to procure a lead provider, across two separate lots, to support the local social economy. The aim of this is to provide a new digital front door to social economy support and to provide specialist support where gaps are identified.

Lot 1 – To create an Online Inclusive Ownership Platform with wrap-around staff support.

Lot 2 – To provide specialist support activities.

Due to the complexity of the GM social ecosystem and the degree of specific knowledge and experience needed to support this sector, we are seeking proposals that demonstrate effective approaches to working collaboratively with the sector.

Contract Value

Lot 1 (Inclusive Ownership Platform): £365,000

Lot 2 (Specialist Support Activities): £460,000

Delivery window: January 2024 – March 2025

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £825,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Inclusive Ownership Partnership

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

a lead provider to develop and manage a Greater Manchester 'Inclusive Ownership Platform', an online Platform which will be supported by a small core team of staff. The overarching aim of this will be to support community wealth building in the city region by facilitating the growth of locally owned and socially minded organisations with models of enterprise ownership that enable the wealth created by users, workers, and local communities to be retained, rather than flowing out as profits to shareholders.

The online platform will act as a hub for resources and information for inclusively owned organisations, to enable those organisations to connect with each other and to access a triage service provided by team members to signpost them to support across the region. The core team of staff will also ensure that the Platform is connected with the support programmes available to GM social economy organisations, is known about and well used by the social economy and is kept relevant.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Proposal for the Inclusive Ownership Platform and Wraparound Activities / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Developing and Maintaining an Online Platform / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing, Outreach and Engagement / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Track Record / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Management of Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Performance and Monitoring / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Specialist Support Activities

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

There are already elements of a business support 'ecosystem' available for organisations in the social economy throughout GM, operating at differing levels geographically, contextually and within specific demographics.

This ecosystem includes:

- Large scale, 'Mainstream' business support providers – including the Business Growth Hub and Chamber of Commerce, business support activities funded by local authorities.
- Independent local business centres and hubs
- Social economy organisations offering support to their peers – either paid for or pro bono.
- Funded programmes to support the social economy – e.g., Proper Good
- VCSE infrastructure bodies providing business support.
- Universities and business schools

- Providers of entrepreneurship support to individuals
- Independent / self-employed business advisers
- Informal networks of social economy organisations
- Governance or issue specific support bodies – e.g., Co-operatives UK, Employee Ownership Association, Social Enterprise UK, Social Value UK, Social Audit Network

However, the co-design exercise for a GM 'Community Wealth Hub' and evidence drawn together for the GM Social Enterprise Action Group has highlighted that there is a need to draw together a bespoke offer of support which is more easily accessible to and appropriate for social economy organisations, and which plugs gaps in current provision.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Programme Design and Delivery Model / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Outreach, Engagement and Collaboration / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Track Record / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Management of Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Performance and Monitoring / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Lot 1 - Inclusive Ownership Platform

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Co-operatives UK Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £365,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Lot 2 - Specialist Support Activities

Lot No

2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Bolton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £460,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

London

Country

United Kingdom