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## **TFGM Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (vPPA)**

Transport for Greater Manchester

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**6 March 2025, 4:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Transport for Greater Manchester

TfGM, 2 Piccadilly Place

Manchester

M1 3BG

#### **Contact**

TfGM Procurement

#### **Email**

[procurement@tfgm.com](mailto:procurement@tfgm.com)

**Telephone**

+44 1612441000

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

Buyer's address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Transport

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

TFGM Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (vPPA)

Reference number

DN756077

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM') is seeking to enter into a virtual Power Purchase Agreement ('vPPA') with a supplier ('the Supplier') to meet its clean energy goals?, and reduce price volatility risk from its energy portfolio.

TfGM has a clear set of objectives for the vPPA procurement and is looking to engage with interested developers? who can meet the following requirements:

- \* Power generation to meet demand of between 35 and 42 GWh annually.
- \* Delivery of a vPPA with a target Commercial Operations Date (COD) no later than 30 June 2029.
- \* A 'pay-as-produced' vPPA contract structure, for the supply of wind power (onshore or offshore) or solar power.
- \* A vPPA term of 15 years, with the option, at TFGM's discretion, to extend for a further 5 years.

TfGM is the local government body responsible for transport across Greater Manchester, delivering an integrated transport network (known as the Bee Network) to improve lives by connecting people and places. We're the proud owners of Metrolink (the UK's largest light rail network) and we're looking to expand it in future.

We've taken bus services back under local control: we're the first city region outside London to franchise bus services, and have committed to greening our network through zero emission vehicles. Local bus services moved under local control as part of the Bee Network by January 2025, and we're working to bring local rail services onto the Bee Network by 2030.

In addition to our Head Office in central Manchester, we own Greater Manchester's major bus depots and bus stations, stops and shelters, invest in and manage new, modern transport interchanges, and manage a range of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across our estate, and more widely across Greater Manchester. Based on this, we therefore have a large energy portfolio, and are looking at interventions to manage this effectively and efficiently.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 31121340 - Wind farm
- 31682000 - Electricity supplies

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

TfGM intends to procure a vPPA via a Competitive Dialogue procedure under the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (UCR16). The estimated contract value is between £50,000,000 and £70,000,000. The contract will be based on a 15-year term, with the option for a 5 year extension, at TFGM's discretion.

Documentation, including the requirements, how to submit a tender, potential areas for dialogue, and the process for this, can be found at the above address. Once registered on Pro-Contract, documentation for this project can be found with the following information:

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Pro-Contract Reference: DN756077

As part of the process, TFGM intends to hold a virtual bidder day on Thursday 13th February 2025. Suppliers intending to join will need to register onto the project at the above Pro-Contract link, and guidance on how to register onto the bidder day will be available on Pro-Contract.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

180

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will include an optional extension of 5 years, at TFGM's absolute discretion.

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

The contract will include an optional extension of 5 years, at TFGM's absolute discretion.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive dialogue

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-019056](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

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See the [change notice](#).

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom