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Tender

TLOT10204 - Bus Franchising Advisory Group

Department for Transport

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Scope

Reference

TLOT10204

Description

The Department for Transport is seeking to appoint (“Suppliers”) to establish a group of experts with significant bus franchising expertise in specific areas of the field. The Expert Group members will be responsible for providing technical bus franchising expertise to support Local Authorities throughout the different stages of their bus franchising process. Advisory Group members will also support the DfT to develop and provide best practice through tools and templates and, increase capability and capacity of local transport authorities.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,200,000 excluding VAT

- £1,440,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 2 April 2029
- 3 years, 2 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services
- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

19 February 2026, 2:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 March 2026, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical Capability	Quality	60%
Price	Cost	30%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Time constraint approaching procurement

Contracting authority

Department for Transport

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLTC-5358-LTWZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government