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Tender

Bus Depot Electrification Programme (Tranche 5+)

Transport for Greater Manchester

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Scope

Reference

DN798404

Description

TfGM is looking to establish a framework with a single contracting partner for the delivery of the next and final tranches of the Bus Depot Electrification Programme. The delivery will include both design and final construction delivery for each depot as well as any enhancement work required for existing depots already fully electrified.

Currently the designs are at RIBA stage 2 and the appointed contracting partner will progress these further to detailed design (RIBA stage 4) through to future construction, delivery and handover.

The initial programme requirements cover the design and construction at the Wigan and Wythenshawe Bus Depots. The intention is that subject to the successful delivery of both Wigan and Wythenshawe, TfGM will award further call off contracts for additional depots along with any further electrification enhancement work at depots already electrified.

The overriding objective of the new delivery model is to enable TfGM to sustainably and safely develop a range of electrical infrastructure interventions in the least disruptive manner to the ongoing operation; whilst maximising efficiency and effectiveness through innovation in relation to time, cost and quality as well as delivering tangible social value benefits within Greater Manchester and supporting TfGM in its ambition to be a carbon neutral organisation by 2038.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £65,000,000 excluding VAT
- £78,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Works

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34144910 - Electric buses
- 45213311 - Bus station construction work
- 45315400 - High voltage installation work
- 50113200 - Bus maintenance services
- 60210000 - Public transport services by railways
- 63712100 - Bus station services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

1

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Contractors will be requested to submit design (stage 1) and construction (stage 2) costs for a 'typical depot electrification project' along with stage 1 costs for both forthcoming projects at Wigan and Wythenshawe. Costs will be based on a supporting rate card and associated activity schedule.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

23 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

Maximum 6 suppliers

Selection criteria:

The six highest scoring compliant responses to the PSQ will be invited to the Invitation to Negotiation stage

Award decision date (estimated)

1 September 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality of Delivery	Quality	70%
Cost for Delivery	Cost	30%

Other information

Payment terms

Detailed within the draft contract

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

This competition is being conducted under the competitive flexible procedure pursuant to

sections 19 and 20 of the Procurement Act 2023. This procurement is for the award of a utilities contract pursuant to section 6 and Schedule 4 to the Procurement Act 2023. This procurement process leading to the award of the Bus Electrification Programme (Tranche 5+) along with any associated enhancement work is anticipated to comprise two stages: qualification and award. At the outcome of the first stage, TfGM will have established a shortlist of Candidates. TfGM intends to shortlist up to a maximum of 6 Candidates. The evaluation methodology to be applied during this stages of the process is fully documented in the PSQ document, TfGM will inform all Candidates who submit a compliant completed PSQ response whether or not they have been shortlisted to receive an ITN will lead to the Interested contracting partners are invited to complete the Procurement Selection Questionnaire (PSQ) for this procurement, consisting of design and construction delivery. PSQ's will be scored and up to six highest scoring contracting partners will be invited to participate in the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) Stage. The ITN Stage will include a series of suitable technical and commercial questions relating to the requirement. These will evaluated, with the intention to appoint one contracting partner for the programme of works.

The award stage will commence with TfGM issuing the ITN to those Candidates shortlisted, thereafter, referred to as 'Tenderers'. These documents will provided greater detail about the requirement and associated information along with award criteria. A draft ITN will be automatically issued with the PSQ document for information.

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

PSQ Document

Draft ITN

Draft Framework Contract

Draft NEC4 ECC 'Call Off' Contract

via Pro Contract ePortal - Reference Number DN798404

Documents will be freely available following issue of this notice

(<https://procontract.due-north.com>)

Contracting authority

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