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Award

Refugee Welcome Programme -Work & Skills: Employment Support

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

GMCA 1612

Description

The GMCA is looking to procure a personalised employment support for refugees and people seeking asylum with the right to work in Greater Manchester, addressing gaps in local provision and supporting integration, employability, and wellbeing. This builds on the Refugee Welcome Programme (RWP) and learning from the Refugee Transitions Outcomes Fund.

The scope of the contract includes.

- 1:1 employment support and guidance for eligible participants.
- Employer engagement and toolkit development.
- Partnership working with local authorities and VCFSEs.

- Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting against KPIs.
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Contract 1. Refugee Welcome Programme - Work & Skills: Employment Support

Supplier

- BREAKING BARRIERS

Contract value

- £196,453 excluding VAT
- £235,743 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

26 January 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

29 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 9 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 February 2026 to 15 February 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 11 tenders received

- 9 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 9 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 8 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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- Companies House: CE003404
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWMC-2463-GRYP

WeWork, 71-91 Aldwych, London

London

WC2B 4HN

United Kingdom

Email: c.hill@breaking-barriers.co.uk

Website: <http://www.breaking-barriers.co.uk>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXBN-3793-LCTQ

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United Kingdom

Email: procurement@manchesterfire.gov.uk

Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

