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## **SEStran-23/24-Integrated Mobility Platform**

South East of Scotland Transport Partnership (SEStran)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.sestran.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13442](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13442)

**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**

SEStran-23/24-Integrated Mobility Platform

Reference number

SEStran-23/24-01P

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The main aims of IMPS are:

- Make it easier for every resident & visitor to the SEStran and Tactran regions to make the most of the

Transport ecosystem.

- To secure a model for long term financial sustainability by 30 September 2024.
- Support Scotland Objectives (MIF objectives but also wider national objectives)
- Make it easier for new transport modes to connect in to the transport ecosystem.

The next phase of the MaaS platform will be made available to potential other public sector partners to allow them to commission further integrations/improvements to the existing apps powered by the platform or develop new 'grey label' apps from the same platform – the Integrated Mobility Platform Scotland concept.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72232000 - Development of transaction processing and custom software
- 72250000 - System and support services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

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

The existing SEStran and Tactran pilots provided journey planning tools that enabled the planning, booking and paying for a variety of transport services. These tools were 'powered' by a shared MaaS platform initially provided by Fuse Mobility, which novated its contract to Ember Technology on 19 February 2024,

SEStran and Tactran have secured additional funding to extend the present contract for a short 6 month extension to 30 September 2024 at which point Transport Scotland should be in a position to make any decisions on the direction of a national MaaS platform, and whether this could be publicly funded.

Ending the pilot projects before a way forward has been determined for the long term could:

§ Seriously limit the opportunities to take forward the MaaS aspirations. If current MaaS projects stop, there will be a loss of confidence by the public, operators, and partner public sector services.

Conversely, there could also be a lost opportunity to digitally promote new transport initiatives (such as DRT, Mobility Hubs, bike hire schemes and Community Transport etc) via MaaS platforms;

§ Represent a significant loss of investment by all partners in getting this new and exciting technology established; and

§ Whilst MaaS is a growth sector, there are limited MaaS suppliers in Scotland. The lack of a continuous plan for establishing and expanding MaaS will seriously affect the confidence of suppliers to invest in the programme in Scotland. It will also present a

reputational risk to those public sector partners involved.

IMPS aims to share the learnings from the Transport Scotland MIF projects, help public sector organisations understand how MaaS could help them to achieve their sustainable objectives, and to help MaaS services grow, learn and develop. We will do this by having open access to an IMPS website, offer advice on design and implementation of a MaaS app, offer the use of the existing apps, and also offer a new 'grey label' app via a financial contribution from the third party.

Tactran and Sustran propose to maintain the platform and existing interfaces and continue to make this available to the public until a time when Transport Scotland are able to consider and confirm funding for a new MaaS platform project with the intention that the contract for that project will be fully advertised in a public procurement procedure.

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The purpose of the contract award is to keep the contract running for a further 6 months while discussions are held on the future of the MaaS Project. That short extension with a value of GBP 23,250 is not a "substantial" change in terms of Regulation 72(1)(e) and (8) of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, because none of the following apply to this particular extension/modification:

“(a) the modification renders the contract or the framework agreement materially different

in character from the one initially concluded;

(b) the modification introduces conditions which, had they been part of the initial procurement procedure, would have—

(i) allowed for the admission of candidates other than those initially selected;

(ii) allowed for the acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted; or

(iii) attracted additional participants in the procurement procedure;

(c) the modification changes the economic balance of the contract or the framework agreement in favour of the contractor in a manner which was not provided for in the initial contract or framework agreement;

(d) the modification extends the scope of the contract or framework agreement considerably; or

(e) a new contractor replaces one to which the contracting authority had initially awarded the contract or framework in cases other than those provided for in paragraph (1)(d).”

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 March 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Ember Technology Ltd

8 Pentland House

Glenrothes

KY6 2AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £23,250

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

None

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

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

Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LA

Country

United Kingdom