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## **Manchester - Transit Card Issuer Agreement**

Transport for Greater Manchester

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The efficient and effective delivery of Ticketing with respect to concessionary and commercial travel schemes across the Bee Network is of critical importance to TfGM, with enablement of the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for the Elderly and Disabled, a regulatory requirement.

Currently, customer participation in TfGM's concessionary or commercial travel schemes requires the application, processing and fulfilment and distribution of physical ITSO smart-cards directly to each customer. These may then be used by each customer to secure the benefits of the relevant travel scheme and their entitlement.

TfGM anticipates that in future, customer preferences will require an option to include the use of digital media (including for example mobile devices: phones, watches and other wearables) in accessing concessionary and commercial travel scheme entitlement and benefits. Additionally, following the introduction of the Bee Network App in 2023, it has become evident that better integration between the Bee Network App and mobile device operating systems will be required to meet customer expectations and enhance their experience.

Integration to mobile devices and implementation and delivery of a Digital Pass capability (enabled by ITSO) to enable customers to apply for commercial and concessionary

passes and products, buy products, fulfil them directly to their mobile device and check journey history is therefore a key objective for TfGM and will require the establishment of contractual agreements between TfGM and those parties whose proprietary digital media wallets and platforms are required.

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## **Contract 1. Manchester - Transit Card Issuer Agreement**

### **Supplier**

- [Apple Distribution International Limited](#)

### **Contract value**

- £1,950,000 excluding VAT
- £2,340,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

2 April 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 14 April 2025
- 8 working days

**Earliest date the contract will be signed**

16 April 2025

**Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 April 2025 to 16 April 2030
- Possible extension to 15 September 2031
- 6 years, 4 months, 29 days

Description of possible extension:

One single extension of 18 months

**Main procurement category**

Services

**Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

One single extension of 18 months

**CPV classifications**

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

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## **Supplier**

### **Apple Distribution International Limited**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRQW-7992-MGMG

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Cork

T23 YK84

Ireland

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Website: <http://apple.com>

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**

### **Transport for Greater Manchester**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNJQ-2746-NWYT

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Manchester

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government