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Contract

Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Tranche 3

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Greater Manchester Bus Franchising Tranche 3

Reference number

DN642345

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In accordance with the provisions of the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017) and having followed the legislative procedure set out within the same, the Mayor of Greater Manchester decided on 25th March 2021 to introduce a bus franchising scheme for the entire Greater Manchester Combined Authority ('GMCA') area. The GMCA will be the contracting entity and the bus franchising scheme will be overseen and

managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This relates to Tranche 3 Bus Franchising.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £675,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Hyde Road Large Franchise

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with the provisions of the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017) and having followed the legislative procedure set out within the same,

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the Mayor of Greater Manchester decided on 25th March 2021 to introduce a bus franchising scheme for the entire Greater Manchester Combined Authority ('GMCA') area.

The GMCA will be the contracting entity and the bus franchising scheme will be overseen and

managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Hyde Road Large Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Sharston Large Franchise

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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franchising scheme for the entire Greater Manchester Combined Authority ('GMCA') area.

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managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Sharston Large Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Stockport Large Franchise

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Stockport Large Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Tameside Large Franchise

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Tameside Large Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Wythenshawe Large Franchise

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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and

managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Wythenshawe Large Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Stockport Small Franchise

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Stockport Small Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Tameside A Small Franchise

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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the Mayor of Greater Manchester decided on 25th March 2021 to introduce a bus franchising scheme for the entire Greater Manchester Combined Authority ('GMCA') area.

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managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Tameside A small franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Tameside B Small Franchise

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with the provisions of the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017) and having followed the legislative procedure set out within the same,

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the Mayor of Greater Manchester decided on 25th March 2021 to introduce a bus franchising scheme for the entire Greater Manchester Combined Authority ('GMCA') area.

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managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of

franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Tameside B Small Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Trafford Small Franchise

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34120000 - Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons
- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with the provisions of the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus

Services Act 2017) and having followed the legislative procedure set out within the same,

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The GMCA will be the contracting entity and the bus franchising scheme will be overseen and

managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of franchise operators, on behalf of the GMCA.

This award relates to Tranche 3 Trafford Small Franchise.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-018957](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

1

Title

Hyde Road Large Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Metroline Limited

Comfort DelGro House, 329 Edgware Road

Cricklewood, Gtr London

NW2 6JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £176,900,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

2

Title

Sharston Large Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Metroline Limited

Comfort DelGro House, 329 Edgware Road

Cricklewood, Gtr London

NW2 6JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £146,100,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

3

Title

Stockport Large Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Greater Manchester Buses South Limited, T/A Stagecoach Manchester

Hyde Road, Ardwick

Manchester

M12 6JS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £151,300,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

4

Title

Tameside Large Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Metroline Limited

Comfort DelGro House, 329 Edgware Road

Cricklewood, Gtr London

NW2 6JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £88,800,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

5

Title

Wythenshawe Large Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Metroline Limited

Comfort DelGro house, 329 Edgware Road

Cricklewood, Gtr London

NW2 6JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £75,100,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

6

Title

Stockport Small Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus North West Limited

Weston Street

Bolton

BL13 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

7

Title

Tameside A Small Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Go North West

Boyle Street

Manchester

M8 8UT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £13,200,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

8

Title

Tameside B Small Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus North West Limited

Weston Street

Bolton

BL13 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,900,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN642345

Lot No

9

Title

Trafford Small Franchise

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus North West Limited

Weston Street

Bolton

BL13 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £9,700,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

