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## **Let's Chat: Connecting People across the West Midlands**

West Midlands Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

West Midlands Combined Authority

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Birmingham

B19 3SD

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 3453036760

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKG3 - West Midlands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.wmca.org.uk](http://www.wmca.org.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Public Transport

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Let's Chat: Connecting People across the West Midlands

Reference number

2022-04079

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

Services

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

As part of the Government's Strategy to Tackle Loneliness, it offered opportunities for Local Authorities and charitable bodies to seek funding for one-year pilot transport initiatives to tackle issues of loneliness in their areas. Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), part of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), submitted proposals for a 'Let's Chat' project, working with community transport operators to provide specific services across the West Midlands. TfWM's proposal was shortlisted and subsequently approved and this provides the funding to deliver a pilot project.

'Let's Chat' uses transport as a central focus and consists of going close to where people are and offering the opportunity for social contact, a chat and a coffee, please see the Specification document for further details.

The WMCA is seeking applications from suitably qualified voluntary or charitable organisations who may 'bid' for a grant to provide one or more of three Lots. Applications for each Lot will be assessed independently and awarded on their own merits and the WMCA may appoint either 1, 2 or 3 applicants in total to deliver all three Lots.

Lot 1 - Coventry, mid-Birmingham and Black Country areas

Lot 2 - Walsall area

Lot 3 - South Birmingham area

The contract for this grant will be on the draft Grant Funding Agreement, a copy of which is provided, and applications are being assessed on the evaluation criteria outlined in the Commercial Envelope of BravoSolution. Only those organisations that have responded satisfactorily to the questions in the Qualification Envelope of BravoSolution will go on to have their applications assessed.

The closing date for submissions is 1700 on 05/08/22 and if you have any clarification questions please submit these by 1700 on 29/07/22

In order to access the documents and submit your application please do so through BravoSolution, the WMCA's e-tendering portal (<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk>). The reference is itt\_1133 and if you are not already registered on BravoSolution it is free and usually only takes a few minutes to do so.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £411,440

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Coventry, mid-Birmingham and Black Country areas

Lot No

1

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

- Conversion and provision of 2 mobile units
- Management of drop-in space at 3 bus stations: Coventry, West Bromwich and Dudley
- Provision of door-to-door transport

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £227,264

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

9

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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**

Walsall area

Lot No

2

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

- Conversion and provision of 1 mobile unit
- Management of drop-in space at 2 bus stations: Walsall and Bilston
- Provision of door-to-door transport

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £110,360

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

9

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

**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**

South Birmingham area

Lot No

3

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

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

- Conversion and provision of 1 mobile unit
- Provision of door-to-door transport

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £73,816

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

9

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

**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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

5 August 2022

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 1 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

5 August 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

WMCA

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom