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Planning

## **Bus Reform**

Merseytravel

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## **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

Merseytravel

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Liverpool

L3 1BP

### **Contact**

Procurement Team

### **Email**

[tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto:tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKD7 - Merseyside

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?resetFilter=True&applyFilter=True&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21&v=1>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity

Transport

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Bus Reform

Reference number

DN557903

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

Services

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

This Periodic Indicative Notice (PIN) is to inform the market that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) is planning to conduct a market engagement exercise in respect of its commercial proposition for bus franchising within the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

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

To be determined

Lot No

1

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

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

The LCRCA is undertaking an assessment of new bus reform options in the LCR pursuant to the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017).

As part of a market engagement exercise, the LCRCA has released a Questionnaire with information about the LCRCA's commercial proposition for bus franchising and to seek input from interested parties to inform the LCRCA's understanding of the capabilities of the market.

The purpose of the market engagement exercise is to:

- seek evidence to inform the assessment for franchising and to allow the LCRCA to critically assess the viability and suitability of the commercial proposition;
- gain insight to the market's capabilities and preferences and to identify the level of market interest;
- understand associated risks and issues;
- identify opportunities to refine the commercial proposition, considering the best outcomes for passengers, operators and the LCRCA; and
- raise operator awareness of the commercial proposition and the potential effect on their businesses.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Questionnaire is available to download immediately on request. To access the documents go to Opportunities ([due-north.com](https://due-north.com)) and search for reference DN557903 or filter to Merseytravel.

Questionnaire responses should be submitted to the LCRCA by 10 September 2021 at the latest.

Respondents should submit Questionnaire responses to [tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto:tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk) with the subject Bus Reform Market Engagement Response.

Parties should contact the LCRCA at [tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto:tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk) if they experience any technical difficulties accessing or submitting responses to the

Questionnaire.

Parties should note that this PIN does not constitute a call for competition, and a decision whether or not to make the proposed franchising scheme has not been made.

This PIN is issued solely for the purpose of bus franchising market engagement and is without prejudice to the LCRCA's assessment of other bus delivery options. It does not constitute any commitment to undertake any procurement in the future or any commitment by the LCRCA or the Metro Mayor of the LCR to implement a bus franchising scheme.

Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to this PIN and a response to this PIN does not guarantee any invitation to participate in this event or any future procurement.

Interested parties shall be responsible for their own costs incurred in connection with this market engagement exercise.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 November 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No