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## **Supply Chain Transition Programme (UKSPF)**

West Midlands Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04726a

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://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/go/3324698001902AFB2868>

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/go/3324698001902AFB2868>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Supply Chain Transition Programme (UKSPF)

Reference number

05871-2024

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) is commissioning a range of business support to address the region's economic priorities. The Supply Chain Transition Programme will be funded via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and will complement existing schemes available locally as well as nationally.

The Supply Chain Transition (SPF) Programme aims to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the West Midlands (WM), with ambitions to grow, to diversify their customer base by winning new orders in growing areas of the economy. It will do this through a combination of workshops, peer-to-peer support, and intensive one-to-one support, delivered in collaboration with organisations seeking to diversify their supplier base in the West Midlands.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

WMCA intend to award one contract to a Provider with a demonstrable track record of providing in-depth support to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs). The provider can be a single organisation or part of a consortium. If bidding as a consortium, a declaration must be made confirming all members of the consortium and their respective roles in delivery of the services and a lead organisation must be appointed to enter the contract with WMCA if successful.

This contract aims to deliver additional activity under the existing Supply Chain Transition (CWGLEF) Programme to help ambitious businesses in the West Midlands before the end of March 2025. The target audience that the programme aims to support are small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's) who are vulnerable to declining sectors and who are registered in the local authorities of Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, or Wolverhampton, or with premises where over 75% of national activity takes place. The support will help businesses win new orders in the primary and nascent clusters specified in the Plan for Growth.

Specifically, the WMCA is seeking a provider to deliver this programme for businesses seeking to win new or more orders in one or more of the following supply chains:

- Manufacturing of electrical light vehicles and associated battery storage devices supply chain (including materials and components).
- Manufacture of future housing.
- Health-tech and med-tech.
- Smart Energy Systems.

The Supply Chain Transition (SPF) Programme must be designed in collaboration with a key customer, or customers, who may also be involved in the delivery of the support. Interested Providers must demonstrate relationships with key customers and how they will be involved in the programme. A "key customer" is an organisation already operating in the sectors listed above which spends or plans to spend a significant amount on goods and services in the UK.

#### **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: £1,500,000

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

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

#### Description of renewals

The initial contract value for this requirement is between £600k-£750k (exc. VAT). The indicative contract duration is October 2024 until 31st March 2025 (6 months). The WMCA will also be incorporating an extension option into the contract of up to a further 12 months and up to an additional value of £750,000.

This means a total potential contract value of £1,500,000 over an 18-month period.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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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

25 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

25 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

WMCA

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom