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Tender

## **Approved Contractors for the Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) Framework Agreement**

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

TC076

### **Description**

The Borough Council of Bolton ("the Authority") is prepared to receive tenders for Approved Contractors for the Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) Framework Agreement.

This Procurement is being conducted in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, using the Open Framework Procedure. The Framework period will be for eight (8) years. It is intended for the contract to commence 1 August 2025, subject to the information, specification and tender package enclosed.

Open Frameworks are "reopened" (i.e. one Framework in the scheme expires as the next one commenced) periodically throughout the term to allow new suppliers to tender for a place on

the Framework.

The Open Framework will re-open intermittently, during which periods new providers will be able to gain entry onto the Framework Agreement.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £28,000,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2033
- 8 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

## **Contract locations**

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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## **Framework**

### **Open framework scheme end date (estimated)**

31 July 2033

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

Following the establishment of the framework, individual route schedules will be awarded to the contractor with the right type of vehicle for the number of clients to be transported on a particular individual route and who has submitted the best price for the mileage determined

for that particular route.

## **Award method when using the framework**

Either with or without competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

29 May 2025, 11:59pm

### **Submission type**

## Tenders

### Tender submission deadline

9 June 2025, 4:00pm

### Submission address and any special instructions

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

### Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

### Languages that may be used for submission

English

### Award decision date (estimated)

30 July 2025

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality		Quality	80%

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Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Social Value	Social Value	Quality	20%

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

### Competitive flexible procedure description

Open Framework:

Framework 1: Invitation to Tender (Opening Tender)

Re-Opening of the Framework Agreements: Invitation to Tender

Selection Process for Awarding Contract off the Framework Agreement

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=07462c37-e82c-f011-8136-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

Link to advert

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## Contracting authority

### Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Region: UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government