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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
- £28,000,000 including VAT

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

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

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality		Quality	80%
Social Value	Social Value	Quality	20%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government