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Planning

West Midlands Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) Concession - Preliminary Market Engagement Notice

West Midlands Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

05772-2024

Description

The UK Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund supports local authorities in England to work with the chargepoint industry, to improve the roll out and commercialisation of local charging infrastructure. These public chargepoints will help residents who don't have access to off-street parking and need to charge their electric vehicles (EVs). The LEVI Capital fund aims to:

- deliver a step-change in the deployment of local, primarily low power, on-street charging infrastructure across England
- accelerate the commercialisation of, and investment in, the local charging infrastructure sector

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) on behalf of the 7 constituent Local Authority (LA) areas of the West Midlands are seeking providers of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) to deliver and manage a range of EVI solutions that will support its residents without the ability to charge off-street at home from their own residential electricity supply.

WMCA intends to enter into Concession Contracts with Charge Point Operators (CPOs) or other parties that will fund and deliver the required services, namely a network of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging spaces that meet the needs of local residents and demonstrably support the WMCA's and constituent LAs' EVI strategies, in-line with the requirements of the LEVI funding.

Total value (estimated)

- £840,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 March 2041
- Possible extension to 31 March 2043
- 17 years, 2 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 51110000 - Installation services of electrical equipment

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 September 2024

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

A Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published on Find a Tender Service (FTS) on 10th September 2024 to raise awareness to the market of the upcoming procurement, invite them to a Market Engagement Event and request completion of a pre-market Questionnaire. The reference number for the PIN is ocds-h6vhtk-0499ae.

The pre-market Questionnaire contained 22 questions relating to Tariff Margin Caps, Inclusion of a cable management channel Lot, Lotting Structure, Partnering, Dependencies, 3rd Party Land, Sponsorship/Revenue Generation, Exclusivity and Concession Fees. The Questionnaire was issued to all suppliers who expressed an interest in the opportunity and requested completion and return by 20th September 2024. Following the deadline, 13 responses were received.

A Market Engagement Event was held via Microsoft Teams on 24th September 2024 to provide more information to the market on the region, the funding, the opportunity and the proposed procurement process. The event also included a number of polls and a Q&A session to facilitate further feedback and input from the market.

The main insights gained from the engagement conducted were that the proposed lotting structure suggested by WMCA was preferential to combining Lots or seeking a single CPO to deliver the whole programme and that a cable management channel from private electricity supply hasn't been tested using a concession model previously, however CPOs would be open to exploring a concession model. It also helped to inform the tariff margin caps, concession fees and revenue share that have been set.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 June 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Concession

Contracting authority

West Midlands Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGMD-1353-PZVX

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Website: <http://www.WMCA.org.uk>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Birmingham City Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Delivery of Chargepoints

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJJ-4826-QMLZ

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Birmingham

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Coventry City Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Delivery of Chargepoints

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMJC-6861-XJPP

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Coventry

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Region: UKG33 - Coventry

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Delivery of Chargepoints

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGWC-7578-LYDG

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Region: UKG32 - Solihull

City of Wolverhampton Council (On behalf of Black Country Transport)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Delivery of Chargepoints

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-7568-LBLL

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