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West Yorkshire Mass Transit Preliminary Market Engagement

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

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Description

This is a notice seeking early engagement from interested suppliers to help West Yorkshire Combined Authority to inform the programme development as part of the business case process for the Mass Transit (MT) programme in West Yorkshire. The Mass Transit Programme: The Mass Transit Programme is a large-scale public transport system in a predominantly urban area. Typically, Mass Transit would use one or more of modern high-capacity buses, trams or tram-train type vehicles. West Yorkshire Mass Transit will be centred around five of the region's largest towns and cities, Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Huddersfield and Halifax. As Mass Transit in West Yorkshire is developed, the most appropriate proposed routes as well as the technologies will be identified. Mass Transit will be delivered in a series of phases starting with Leeds and Bradford for phase one as these cities are West Yorkshire's most concentrated centres of population, business, leisure, and retail activity. When complete, the network will serve

towns and cities across the wider region. To find out more about the West Yorkshire Mass Transit System go to: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/improving-transport/mass-transit/>

The Combined Authority is organising an initial preliminary market engagement (“PME”) event, held virtually on the 15th of July 2025 to introduce the Mass Transit programme to the potential supply chain and offer interested suppliers an opportunity to contribute to the Combined Authority’s strategy development, particularly in regard to the commercial and procurement strategy. Currently, West Yorkshire Combined Authority is in the process of developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC), a crucial early-stage document that outlines the strategic context and objectives of Phase One of the Mass Transit programme. The SOC serves as a foundation for informed decision-making, and helps to assess the feasibility and value for money of a project, ensuring it meets the strategic objectives and funding criteria set by the DfT and HMT. At this stage, the Combined Authority is focusing on high-level decisions, such as defining the scope of the project, and assessing initial feasibility. These decisions will guide the subsequent stages of programme development and future procurement processes, ensuring that the Combined Authorities strategies are aligned with its overall goals and objectives. In this initial PME event, the Combined Authority seeks to engage with suppliers with proven experience in early-stage programme involvement and participation in major infrastructure projects. This approach will enable the Combined Authority to gather the most comprehensive and strategic insights, shaping the design of the Mass Transit programme. The Combined Authority intends to organise other PME events at a later stage in the procurement process. Suppliers who believe they are more suited to engage with the programme at a later stage will have the opportunity to do so, and do not need to register interest now or respond to this notice. There will be future opportunities to engage with the Combined Authority in relation to the Mass Transit programme and additional PME notices will be published to inform suppliers of these opportunities.

Compliance with Procurement Act 2023: This notice is being published to advertise a PME event with a planned date of 15 July 2025 where more information about the requirements will be shared. This PME event is the first of a series of PME events that will support the development of the Mass Transit programme strategy in line with its strategic objectives. The Combined Authority is approaching the market under section 16 (1) of the Procurement Act 2023. In line with section 16 (1) of the Procurement Act 2023 which lists the permitted purposes of preliminary market engagement, this notice fulfils the requirement for a Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) notice to be issued under the Procurement Act 2023. It is important to note that while we will be creating these specialised workstreams in due course, this does not preclude any suppliers from participating in the current PME event. We encourage all suppliers to submit responses to the questionnaire with their insights and knowledge.

Note: This total estimated value is the total estimated value of this phase of the Mass Transit programme, and is not indicative any one procurement or individual opportunity. The contract duration included in this notice is indicative and is subject to change as the programme develops. Although this stage of the PME remains open to all suppliers, the Combined Authority is of the view that this stage of the PME would be less suitable for Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) or Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE). As noted in this notice, West Yorkshire Combined Authority intends

to maintain a dialogue with the market before launching the procurement process and it might be that SME and VCSE would consider it more appropriate to participate at a later stage of the PME process.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,500,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2029 to 1 January 2033
- 4 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 34600000 - Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

8 July 2025

Engagement process description

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=93967&B= Please express an interest via the above link. Process for responding: Interested suppliers should register their interest in this PME event by responding to this PME notice through the Combined Authorities YORtender procurement portal. YORtender may require you to register prior to accessing the event. The PME event on 15 July 2025 will be held virtually. Details on how to access and attend the event will be shared nearer to the date, to all who have registered their interest. A recording will be shared with all suppliers that registered their interest through the above portal by the engagement deadline of 07 July 2025. Process for the PME event and subsequent questionnaire: Prior to the PME event, a PME questionnaire will be released to suppliers to review, digest and begin to prepare responses. The questionnaire will also help suppliers identify the appropriate attendees for the PME day from their organisation. The Combined Authority welcomes completed PME questionnaires from suppliers of all specialties and from the entire supply chain. This questionnaire will be requested to be returned to the Combined Authority after the PME event, the exact date for return will be communicated with the questionnaire itself, a minimum of four weeks will be given for completion. Suppliers which do not want to complete and submit a questionnaire will not be precluded from participating in future PME events. Once questionnaires have been received and a thorough review and analysis of the responses has been conducted, the Combined Authority reserves the right to invite suppliers who have the most recent and pertinent experience and insights to attend face-to-face meetings to follow up and clarify responses to the PME questionnaire. For the avoidance of doubt, the discussions and any feedback from suppliers obtained during any PME event are solely intended to assist the Combined Authority taking an informed view as to the framing of a future procurement. At the same time, any decisions about the framing of a future procurement rests solely with the Combined Authority.

Amongst other things, discussions at the PME event, including any feedback that suppliers may provide, should not be interpreted as committing the Combined Authority to the adoption of any particular approach in relation to a future procurement. The Combined Authority intends to maintain an ongoing dialogue with the market throughout all stages of our procurement design. As we progress through the various stages of developing our procurement strategy, the Combined Authority intends to establish more specialised workstreams to address specific areas of interest and complexity. Such workstreams will aim at helping the Combined Authority to delve deeper into particular aspects of the procurement process. The information provided in this notice, including but not limited to the estimated value or any dates, is indicative only. For the avoidance of doubt, West Yorkshire Combined Authority reserves the right to amend this information at any stage as it deems appropriate.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 January 2028

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