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## **UKSPF: Supporting Local Business Priority: E19 - Innovation Ecosystem Navigation Service**

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=4b7a2654-c932-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=4b7a2654-c932-ee11-8124-005056b64545>

**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**

UKSPF: Supporting Local Business Priority: E19 - Innovation Ecosystem Navigation Service

Reference number

DN683200

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

GMCA is looking to establish a new, specialised innovation ecosystem development service to deliver the UKSPF Supporting Local Business investment priority E19.

The GM model for the delivery of the E19 Intervention is focused on making the City Region's complex innovation eco-system easier to access and more navigable for businesses, increasing the numbers of SME's engaging with the support it offers, and accelerating their innovation journey by removing barriers to accessing that support.

Based on a rapid review of the evidence and evaluation base regarding innovation-focussed business support, and the feedback of consultees across a range of sessions and conversations, GMCA has outlined in the specification the desired model for the delivery of this intervention, consisting of three key components:

- Engagement with innovative and innovation-ready businesses and brokerage across the innovation ecosystem
- Accelerating the innovation processes of businesses via engagement with and accessing assets and resources in the ecosystem
- Flexible financial support fund

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,775,000

#### **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**

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Capacity / Weighting: 95%

Price - Weighting: 5%

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,775,000

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

Duration in months

17

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Subject to funding there is the provision to extend the contract for 2 x 12 month periods.

**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

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

14 September 2023

Local time

12:30pm

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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**

The Royal Court of Justice (High Court)

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom