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Tender

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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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

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

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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

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

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