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Tender

Finance Provider and Dealership Audit Service Tender

Transport for Greater Manchester

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

I.3) Communication

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

<http://procontract.due-north.com/register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://procontract.due-north.com/register>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Facilitation of Public Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Finance Provider and Dealership Audit Service Tender

Reference number

DN571223

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

TfGM is looking to establish a contract for the appointment of an organisation with experience in the asset finance industry to provide an Auditing and Monitoring service to support the Financial Support Scheme (FSS).

This service will be for the provision of auditing and monitoring services across the Financiers appointed to the Framework and also the Dealerships accredited to the Financial Support Scheme. It will support the operational management of the Financial Support Scheme through the provision of “second line” assurance over the distribution of funds through both grant monies and preferential finance.

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

Since 2010, the UK has been in breach of the legal limits of levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in major urban areas. The 2008 Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) set legally binding limits for concentrations of major air pollutants that affect human health, including NO₂ and particulates. The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010 transposed the 2008 Directive into English law and requires the Secretary of State to draw up and implement a national air quality plan to achieve the relevant limit within the ‘shortest possible time’

One of the measures that has been put into place is the setting up of a Financial Support Scheme which has been created and will provide financial assistance for taxis and commercial vehicle’s encompassing LGV’s & HGV’s which will be delivered through two procured mechanisms:

- a Financial Support Scheme(“FSS”) providing a digital upfront platform for automated eligibility checking of both Applicants and vehicles and grant payments to Applicants who choose this funding option. This platform will also manage the network of dealerships who will be accredited to the Financial Support Scheme and the monitoring and draw down of funds.
- a Vehicle Finance Framework of FCA accredited Financiers who will be able to offer preferential vehicle finance loans to Applicants due to the interest element being paid directly by TfGM to the Financier. These two services have been procured separately as integral elements delivering the overall customer journey requiring defined interfaces to manage the customer experience.

TfGM is looking to establish a contract for the appointment of an organisation with experience in the asset finance industry to provide an Auditing and Monitoring service to support the Financial Support Scheme (FSS).

This service will be for the provision of auditing and monitoring services across the Financiers appointed to the Framework and also the Dealerships accredited to the Financial Support Scheme. It will support the operational management of the Financial Support Scheme through the provision of “second line” assurance over the distribution of funds through both grant monies and preferential finance.

The establishment of the service is required during early 2022 to enable a full mobilisation prior to the commencement of an agreed quarterly auditing cycle and the first auditing cycle will be undertaken 3 months post Go-Live of the Financial Support Scheme.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority may extend this agreement beyond the Initial 24 month Term by a further period or periods of up to 1 year (each such extension together with any such extensions, being the "Extension Period"). If the Authority wishes to extend this agreement, it shall give the Supplier at least 3 months' written notice of such intention before the expiry of the Initial Term or Extension Period.

TfGM also has the right to terminate the agreement by issuing written notice to the Supplier where the TfGM Scheme Funding ceases.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

29 October 2021

Local time

1:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

29 October 2021

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Additional information and visibility of Invitation to Tender documentation is via <http://procontract.due-north.com/> register and the opportunity is entitled 'Finance Provider and Dealership Audit Service Tender',

- Please note the return date and time in IV2.2 is the final date for submission of the completed Invitation to Tender,
- This Procurement process will be conducted through the ProContract e-tendering portal and any submission made outside of this portal will be disqualified,
- All communications, including tender submission must be written in English and priced in pounds sterling,
- Nothing in this procurement process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between parties unless and until the award of a contract is concluded,
- Any contract entered into as a result of this procurement will be considered to be a contract governed by English Law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales,
- TfGM is not liable for any costs, fees or expenses (including third party costs, fees or expenses) incurred by those expressing an interest in, negotiating or tendering for this contract opportunity,
- TfGM reserves the right to terminate this procurement process or to amend or vary the process at any time prior to the conclusion of the award of contract without liability to any party,
- Applicants are advised that the most economically advantageous tender or any tender will not automatically be

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Transport for Greater Manchester

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

TfGM will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to receive further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into.

Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by TfGM as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the applicant was unsuccessful. Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.1.

If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.102), as amended, provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court. Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 30 days). If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where TfGM has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the

setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages.

If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order TfGM to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.