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Pipeline

Bus Franchising - Bolton Small Franchise

Transport for Greater Manchester

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Scope

Description

Following the implementation of bus franchising across Greater Manchester, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), on behalf of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), is seeking an Operator to provide bus passenger services for the Bolton Small Franchise from March 2027, with an estimated Peak Vehicle Requirement (PVR) of 21.

Note the scope, figures, dates, and contract or framework durations included in this Notice are provisional only, and are subject to funding approvals and governance approvals, and may be subject to change as the requirement developments.

TfGM reserves the right to vary or cancel this notice at any point as the project develops.

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Total value (estimated)

- £38,571,000 excluding VAT
- £46,285,200 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 7 March 2027 to 27 September 2030
- Possible extension to 27 September 2032
- 5 years, 6 months, 21 days

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

7 July 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Transport for Greater Manchester

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government