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## **Platform Validator Agreement**

Transport for Greater Manchester

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-049898

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

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

Transport for Greater Manchester

Transport for Greater Manchester, 2 Piccadilly Place

Manchester

M1 3BG

#### **Contact**

Procurement

#### **Email**

[procurement@tfgm.com](mailto:procurement@tfgm.com)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/SupplierRegistration/Register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Transport Authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Transport

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Platform Validator Agreement

Reference number

DN737147

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

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

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

Supplies

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

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is inviting suppliers of Platform Validators, (including supporting solutions, operation and maintenance) that enable contactless bankcard transaction processing compliant with bank card scheme Model 2 Transit rules and the collection of ITSO events compliant with ITSO standard 2.1.5 to provide information regarding their latest solutions and capability.

At this early stage, TfGM is seeking to gain a greater understanding of the range of infrastructure and related solutions available, and any recent or expected innovation and development that should be considered in a procurement. Since TfGM's Ticketing Schemes are likely to extend across all potential transport and associated modes including (but not limited to) Light Rail, Bus, Heavy Rail, Active Travel, understanding experience in these areas is welcome.

TfGM would also like to consider any other potential options to source and maintain additional infrastructure components that have the capability to read bankcard or ITSO media (such as for example Revenue Inspection Devices and Mobile Hand-Held Ticket issuing devices etc.) and / or the option to provide a QR Code reading capability at each Platform Validator.

Potential solutions will work in conjunction with a Contactless Bankcard Middle and Back Office service as well as the Merchant Acquirer and Payment Gateway service that is appointed by TfGM. The Platform Validator infrastructure and supporting service will also need to be capable of reading ITSO media (for both digital and physical media compliant with the latest ITSO 2.1.5 standard).

Suppliers are also invited to provide indicative timescales for technical refresh or replacement of TfGM's current Platform Validator infrastructure as well as any transitional dependencies. Since TfGM already operates a highly successful contactless bankcard transaction processing scheme, supplier consideration of the arrangements to successfully transition from existing to new services, will be key.

Please note that TfGM has also issued a Prior Information Notice with regard to a

Contactless Bankcard Middle and Back Office.

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

Value excluding VAT: £12,360,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 30123100 - Ticket-validation machines
- 50317000 - Maintenance and repair of ticket-validation machinery

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

A description of the Market Sounding is set out in section ii.1.4) Short Description. Please be advised that, at this stage, this PIN is for investigative purposes only and there is no commitment from TfGM that a procurement exercise will result from this activity. The Place of Performance that is set out in section II.2.3 of this notice reflects a longer-term ambition to extend ticketing products and schemes to areas that are adjacent to Greater Manchester (UKD – North West England, UKE Yorkshire and The Humber, UKF – East Midlands, UKG-West Midlands, UKL-Wales) and may or may not apply to any contract during its term.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 October 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

TfGM is planning to progress Market Sounding during mid September 2024.

Suppliers are requested to review the Market Sounding Briefing Pack that provides contextual information relating to the Market Sounding that may be accessed via the ProContract e-Tendering Portal set out in 1.3) Communication. Suppliers should open the ProContract link for the Market Sounding and use the message function on ProContract to indicate whether they would like to attend a Market Sounding Meeting. TfGM will respond to each Supplier request (that is provided by Thursday 12th September 2024) to request a reserved Market Sounding Meeting slot.

Each Supplier who expresses an interest in the Market Sounding opportunity on ProContract will be issued the Market Sounding Briefing Pack and Agenda directly. The Market Sounding Meetings will be progressed as Microsoft Teams meetings. Please note that TfGM will request that each Market Sounding Session is recorded.

In the event that a Supplier does not wish to attend a Market Sounding Meeting, Suppliers may still respond to the Market Sounding Briefing Pack, by uploading a response to ProContract.

Suppliers may use their own discretion when determining what information to share, for example; sales literature, presentation slides or videographic information.