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Planning

## **Multi-operator Fare Capping System**

West Midlands Combined Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-029004

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040731

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

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

West Midlands Combined Authority

16 Summer Lane

Birmingham

B19 3SD

#### **Contact**

Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[procurement.team@wmca.org.uk](mailto:procurement.team@wmca.org.uk)

#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG - West Midlands (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.wmca.org.uk](http://www.wmca.org.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**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**

Multi-operator Fare Capping System

Reference number

03550-2021

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The Purchaser intends to introduce a fare capping solution that will enable the capping of Customer fares. Customers will be able to travel using their cEMV Contactless Payment Card across multi-mode, multi-operator journeys in the knowledge that they will only be charged the Best Value Fare for their journey/s, not exceeding the maximum charge (the "fare cap"), irrelevant of the number of journeys made.

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

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

West Midlands Combined Authority is acting as the contracting authority for this procurement working collaboratively with the Project Coral consortium of transport operators. The contract will be managed under a collaborative structure supported by West Midlands Combined Authority and the Project Coral entities. The solution developed as a result of this procurement is intended to be rolled out in the West Midlands and nationally beyond that. The entities who access the solution as a result of its roll out (including contracting authorities and utilities) are to be detailed at Contract Notice

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The WMCA expects to procure a service provider through a Competitive Procedure with Negotiation ('CPN') process pursuant to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This will be awarded as a Services Contract.

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

17 November 2023

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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

Further key detail around expressing an interest in this exercise are listed below:

Portal Website: <https://wmca.bravosolution.co.uk>

PIN Title: Multi-operator Fare Capping System

Bravo Solution Project Reference: Project\_724

Once registered, please access Project\_724 on our e-tendering portal and respond to PQQ\_186 Multi-operator Fare Capping System (Supplier Engagement- not evaluated). This is not a formal PQQ or expression of interest in a tender exercise, it is to be used purely for suppliers to submit general information to WMCA and to express interest in taking part in pre-tender market engagement live event to be held on the 23rd October 2023 at the following location-

The Studio Birmingham

7 Cannon Street

Birmingham

B2 5EP

The supplier engagement event will take place from 10am to 1pm and will be recorded. This recording will be made available for those suppliers who have registered via our PQQ, but cannot attend the live event.

Following the event, supplier feedback will be considered and built into the wider tender opportunity, which is expected to be published around 17th November 2023. Please note, suppliers who do not attend and contribute to the live event will not be precluded from bidding for this work when the final tender is published.

Please fill in the Qualification Envelope (Bravo Reference: PQQ\_186, Multi-operator Fare Capping System (Supplier Engagement- not evaluated) by the closing date of 16th October 2023 by 17:00pm. Please note any late responses will not be accepted.