

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/029113-2024>

Contract

Schools Bus Franchises Tranche 3

Transport for Greater Manchester

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-029113

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043c59

Published 11 September 2024, 2:23pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Transport for Greater Manchester

2 Piccadilly Place

Manchester

M1 3BG

Contact

Ms Ioana Maier

Email

ioana.maier@tfgm.com

Telephone

+44 1612440846

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

Buyer's address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Schools Bus services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Schools Bus Franchises Tranche 3

Reference number

DN711467

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In accordance with the provisions of the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017) and having followed the legislative procedure set out within the same, the Mayor of Greater Manchester decided on 25th March 2021 to introduce a bus franchising scheme for the entire Greater Manchester Combined Authority ('GMCA') area. As the executive body with responsibility for various transport functions on behalf of the GMCA, TfGM is responsible for various functions associated with the implementation and operation of the franchising scheme, including but not limited to undertaking and managing the procurement process for the school service franchises. The GMCA will be the contracting entity and the bus franchising scheme will be overseen and managed by Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM'), including the procurement of Schools Bus Franchises services, on behalf of the GMCA. The procurement of Schools Bus Franchises packages will take place in three tranches which will align with the three franchises in which

Large and Small franchises are being procured. These franchises will not all be introduced

simultaneously, due to various transitional and implementation issues that will need to be addressed. The School Bus Franchises will be tendered in three Franchise Tranches determined by geographical area, as follows:

- (i) The first Schools Franchise Tranche (broadly covering Bolton, Salford and Wigan), contained 23 schools only franchises;
- (ii) The second Schools Franchise Tranche (broadly covering Bury, Rochdale, North

Manchester and Oldham) contained 9 schools only franchises; and

Page 4 to 22

(iii) The third Schools Franchise Tranche (broadly covering Tameside, Stockport, South Manchester and Trafford) contains 9 schools only franchises.

TfGM and GMCA require school services to commence on the Franchise Scheme

Commencement Date (as defined in the Schools Bus Franchise Agreement) which is before

the point at which the services under this contract can be operated pursuant to a local services contract pursuant to s.123K(4) of the Transport Act 2000. Due to this, the successful Tenderer for each Lot will contract with TfGM under TfGM's delegated powers under section 9A of the Transport Act 1968 (and the Manchester City Council Report for Resolution following the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Functions and Amendments) Order 2019 No. 793) and sections 89-92 of the Transport Act 1985 as a secured service contract for the period from the date that the Schools Bus Franchise Agreement is entered into following contract award until the end of the period which is 9 months after the contract is entered into. GMCA intends to issue service permits for such school services to the extent required to operate such school services within the area of the

Franchising Scheme prior to the Franchise Scheme Commencement Date.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £19,088,500

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package A - Manchester

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is referred to as "Package A - Manchester". Within the package there is a Peak Vehicle

requirement of 6. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package B - Stockport

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 is referred to as "Package B - Stockport". Within the package there is a Peak Vehicle

requirement of 10. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package C - Tameside

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 is referred to as “Package C - Tameside”. Within the package there is a Peak Vehicle

requirement of 10. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package D -Trafford

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4 is referred to as “Package D -Trafford”. Within the package there is a Peak Vehicle requirement of 11. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package E - Manchester and Trafford A

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 5 is referred to as "Package E -Manchester and Trafford A". Within the package there is a

Peak Vehicle requirement of 10. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package F - Stockport and Tameside A

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 6 is referred to as “Package F -Stockport and Tameside A”. Within the package there is a

Peak Vehicle requirement of 11. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package G - Manchester and Trafford B

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 7 is referred to as “Package G - Manchester and Trafford B”. Within the package there is a

Peak Vehicle requirement of 3. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package H - Stockport and Tameside B

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 8 is referred to as "Package H -Stockport and Tameside B". Within the package there is a

Peak Vehicle requirement of 3. The estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Package I - King David

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 9 is referred to as “Package I - King David”. Within the package there is a Peak Vehicle

requirement of 2 and the services should be operated using the tenderer’s own vehicles. The

estimated value of the contract indicated covers the full term of the contract (55 months) which is the initial term plus renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-005898](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

1

Title

Package A - Manchester

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,778,100

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

2

Title

Package B - Stockport

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,881,700

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

3

Title

Package C - Tameside

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Go North West Limited

3rd Floor 41-51, Grey Street

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 6EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,719,500

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

4

Title

Package D -Trafford

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,889,800

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

5

Title

Package E - Manchester and Trafford A

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,346,100

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

6

Title

Package F - Stockport and Tameside A

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Go North West Limited

3rd Floor 41-51, Grey Street

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 6EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,512,300

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

7

Title

Package G - Manchester and Trafford B

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £550,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

8

Title

Package H - Stockport and Tameside B

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £861,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN711467

Lot No

9

Title

Package I - King David

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diamond Bus (North West) Limited

Weston Street, Bolton

Greater Manchester

BL3 2AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £550,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom