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Contract

## **Schools Bus Franchises Tranche 3**

Transport for Greater Manchester

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Transport for Greater Manchester

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**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

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**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

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(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

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## **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](#)

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom