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Planning

Bus Franchising in West Yorkshire – Market Engagement

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Wellington House, 40-50 Wellington Street

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Contact

Commercial Team

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE4 - West Yorkshire

National registration number

8876556

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/103257>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/91060>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Bus Franchising in West Yorkshire – Market Engagement

Reference number

00001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (the CA) is inviting Operators interested in providing franchised bus services in West Yorkshire to participate in market engagement.

Interested parties should use the MS Form link below to register their interest.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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 West Yorkshire decided on 14th March 2024 to introduce a bus franchising scheme for the entire West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the CA') area.

The CA is now inviting new and existing Operators to participate in market engagement with the CA.

The CA will provide further information on its requirements during the market engagement period. Operators expressing an interest will be invited to provide feedback on this. The format of the engagement is to be confirmed but may include group or 1-1 sessions with the CA, and written feedback.

The CA anticipates the market engagement process will include 2 rounds; first in November/December 2024, and then in April/May 2025. The procurement of franchised bus services is anticipated to commence in the Autumn of 2025, following the legislative requirements of the Procurement Act 2023.

Operators are invited to complete the MS Form linked below to register their interest in participating in this engagement. Operators should use this form to request any specific information they would like the CA to provide in market engagement which the CA will consider in its preparations.

II.2.14) Additional information

MS FORM REGISTRATION LINK - <https://forms.office.com/e/W3BVMvUC2E>

Please note market engagement or tender documentation is not available at this stage.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 2025

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