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Contract

Financial Advisors for Rail Matters

Merseytravel

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02caea

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Merseytravel

No.1 Mann Island

Liverpool

L3 1BP

Contact

Procurement Team

Email

tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKD7 - Merseyside

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Public Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Financial Advisors for Rail Matters

Reference number

DN556601

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66170000 - Financial consultancy, financial transaction processing and clearing-house services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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- Rolling Stock Team
- OLR Team
- Legal Team
- Finance Team

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advisors.

In delivering the services financial advisors will also be required to work closely with members of Merseytravel's internal finance team and where possible help to upskill them in relevant areas and disciplines.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN556601

Title

Financial Advisors for Rail Matters

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Grant Thornton UK LLP

30 Finsbury Square

London

EC2A 1AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Review procedures are as set out in the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Proceedings under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 are time limited, and any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.