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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](mailto: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

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## **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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The appointed financial advisors, together with externally appointed commercial, legal and technical advisors as appropriate, will advise a variety of staff within Merseytravel and LCRCA including:

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

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workstreams are aligned throughout the organisation. Given the technical and specialist nature of rail operations, the appointed financial advisors may be required to advise in conjunction with other external consultants including commercial, legal and technical 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

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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: [2021/S 000-017276](#)

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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

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## **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.