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Contract

UKSPF: E19 - Innovation Ecosystem Navigation Service

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-033325

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ed58

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

UKSPF: E19 - Innovation Ecosystem Navigation Service

Reference number

DN683200

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

GMCA is looking to establish a new, specialised innovation ecosystem development service to deliver the UKSPF Supporting Local Business investment priority E19.

The GM model for the delivery of the E19 Intervention is focused on making the City Region's complex innovation eco-system easier to access and more navigable for businesses, increasing the numbers of SME's engaging with the support it offers, and accelerating their innovation journey by removing barriers to accessing that support.

Based on a rapid review of the evidence and evaluation base regarding innovation-focussed business support, and the feedback of consultees across a range of sessions and conversations, GMCA has outlined in the specification the desired model for the delivery of this intervention, consisting of three key components:

- Engagement with innovative and innovation-ready businesses and brokerage across the innovation ecosystem
- Accelerating the innovation processes of businesses via engagement with and accessing assets and resources in the ecosystem
- Flexible financial support fund

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: £5,775,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services
- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services
- 79994000 - Contract administration services
- 79995000 - Library management services
- 79996000 - Business organisation services
- 79997000 - Business travel services
- 79998000 - Coaching services
- 79999000 - Scanning and invoicing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Capacity / Weighting: 95

Price - Weighting: 5

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 November 2023

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

GM Business Support Ltd

Lee House, 90 Great Bridgewater Street

Manchester

M1 5JW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.growthco.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,775,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Court of Justice (High Court)

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom