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Planning

Bolton Heat Network & Advanced Zonal Program

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

Q094

Description

Bolton Council wish to appoint an investor / developer of heat networks to commercialise Bolton's heat network Advanced Zonal Program, including the town centre reference scheme from its current status through to a stage that will allow the investor / developer to commit to delivering the AZP and town centre projects. This procurement will appoint a development partner via a Development Agreement.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 1 December 2026

- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

A pass / fail will be implemented for our evaluations of each bidding team to assess a bidder's financial capability to fund their development activities and to deliver the investment / development program for the circa £400m AZP scheme.

Technical ability conditions of participation

A pass / fail will be implemented for our evaluation to assess each bidding team's capability to deliver the technical aspects of the scheme. This will be carried out by assessing the three case studies each bidder puts forward. Each case study will be marked out of 8 and bidders not obtaining at least 12 marks in total will be failed unless they can provide supporting information of why three case studies could not be submitted, for example, the consortium team is a new entrant into the UK market.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

29 July 2025

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

15 September 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.the-chest.org.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	subject to review	Quality	70%
Social Value	subject to review	Quality	20%
Commercial (Quantitative)	subject to review	Quality	10%

Procedure**Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

Contracting authority**Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government