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Planning

TfGM - Floating Earth Package

Transport for Greater Manchester

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

TfGM - Floating Earth Package

Reference number

DN695785

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45100000 - Site preparation work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The floating Earth package of works covers the City Centre (Metrolink 1CC) and the Bury and Altrincham lines.

City Centre

Metrolink 1CC was constructed in the early 1990s and the traction return system utilised a diode-earthed negative arrangement and stray current collector mats to collect and guide any stray current back to the traction substation negative busbar. The diodes also provided a low impedance return path for fault current to flow from the earth to negative and therefore operate the electrical protection should a fault occur between the OLE and earth. It was therefore not considered necessary to bond any metallic assets or structures at the time of construction.

The purpose of this Market Sounding exercise is;

- To establish the appetite and capacity for the package from the marketplace in its currently proposed form in terms of procurement approach, delivery and technical requirements.
- To obtain feedback on the proposed procurement and contracting strategy.

Participation in this market sounding is voluntary, and this exercise is entirely separate from any subsequent procurement activity. Participation in this market sounding will not affect the opportunity for suppliers to participate in any subsequent procurement and will not form part of any procurement assessment or selection process.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 February 2024

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Interested parties should register interest via the Pro Contract ePortal at the noted address (Project reference DN695785). Market sounding documentation will be issued via the messaging function and upon completion should also be returned via the messaging function.