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## **TfGM - Floating Earth Package**

Transport for Greater Manchester

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041cf0

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.tfgm.com>

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

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**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

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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)

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

19 February 2024

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## **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

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## **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.