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Tender

GMCA 1477: GM Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Evaluation

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Description

GMCA are procuring an evaluation partner to undertake an evaluation of the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer (EITB) programme in Greater Manchester (GM), a detailed overview of which can be found in section 6 of the specification. There are three main elements of this evaluation:

- 1.) A desk-based summary of insights into effective employment support programmes for economically inactive people using AI.
- 2.) A qualitative process evaluation to test and evaluate the successes and shortfalls of the EITB design and delivery.
- 3.) A data preparedness study to inform a future impact and value-for-money evaluation.

The contract period will be for 8 months with the option to extend for up to an additional 12 months. It is intended for the contract to commence in October 2025. The maximum budget available for the initial period (October 2025 - June 2026) is £208,333 (excluding VAT).

The GMCA reserves the right to extend this contract for an additional 12 months. The value of this extension period is up to £208,333 (excluding VAT). Therefore, the estimated total value of the contract, including all optional extension periods, is up to a maximum of £416,666 (excluding VAT).

Total value (estimated)

- £416,666 excluding VAT
- £500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 October 2025 to 30 June 2026
- Possible extension to 30 June 2027
- 1 year, 8 months, 3 days

Description of possible extension:

This contract will be extended providing funding is available, performance is satisfactory and the authority has an ongoing need for the service.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 August 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

1 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Research Proposal	Quality	45%
Project Mobilisation and Management	Quality	15%
Stakeholder Engagement and Communication	Quality	15%
Social Value	Quality	15%
Price	Price	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=dddb3e9a-4f71-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

Contracting authority

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