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Award

Interim Group Monitoring Officer

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

TVCA-PROC-0645

Description

To be the lead legal advisor to Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA), South Tees Development Corporation (STDC), Middlesbrough Development Corporation (MDC), Hartlepool Development Corporation (HDC) and Teesside International Airport Limited (TIAL) (together the Group).

To lead and manage the legal, procurement and governance functions of TVCA/STDC in the planning and performance of their activities.

To act as Monitoring Officer for both TVCA and STDC, with statutory responsibility under s.5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and ensuring that all three organisations fulfil their lawful obligations and performs their functions and activities in accordance with the law and the principles of good governance.

Contract 1. Interim Group Monitoring Officer

Supplier

- Solace in Business Ltd

Contract value

- £288,250 excluding VAT
- £345,900 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 August 2025 to 10 May 2026
- Possible extension to 10 November 2026
- 1 year, 3 months

Description of possible extension:

This extension can be used if the combined authority has been unsuccessful in there recruitment process to hire a suitable permanent candidate to the role.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

Contract locations

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Extreme and unavoidable urgency

Statutory responsibility under section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 - essential requirement to run a combined authority, therefore an urgency need. Given the specialist nature of the role and the need to appoint an individuals with significant experience and the requisite expertise/skill set given the challenges facing the authority, there is considered to be justification in working directly with Solace in Business.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Tees Valley Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNG-8971-ZVCR

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Darlington

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government