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Tender

Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Examination Framework

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

TC016

Description

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Authority") is prepared to receive tenders for their Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Examination Framework.

This procurement exercise is being run as a Closed Framework Agreement under the Procurement Act 2023. The Authority will appoint up to six DVSA Accredited Contractors (the "Providers") to carry out the HCV/ PHV tests on the Framework Agreement.

The proprietors of the vehicles (the "Vehicle Proprietor"), shall make the decision as to which approved test station they wish to go to.

The Framework will start on 10 January 2026 for two years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 January 2026 to 9 January 2028
- Possible extension to 9 January 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

A break clause after two years allows the Council to review the providers and opt to extend for a further two years, but only if the providers continue to meet the contractual requirements.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50412000 - Repair and maintenance services of testing apparatus
- 50413000 - Repair and maintenance services of checking apparatus

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

6

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The Award of Contracts against the Flexible Purchasing System will be made as and when required, by the following method:

Direct Award - The Vehicle Proprietor shall make the decision as to which approved test station they wish to go to.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

- UK suppliers
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

Conditions of participation

Test Stations (Pass/Fail)

The Provider must comply with the following requirements during the term of the Framework Agreement:

- Test stations must be within the borough's boundaries.

- Test stations must be open for Tests to be carried out for at least 37 hours per week (reduced on a pro-rata basis for bank holidays).
- Test stations must have a minimum of 2 bays available for MOT testing at all times.
- Test stations must have the capacity to carry out 3500 tests per annum.
- 2 DVSA-nominated testers with sufficient assistant personnel must be available to carry out tests, during the test station's opening hours.
- The Provider must ensure the test station's Risk Rating stays green for the duration of the Framework Agreement.
- The Authority reserves the right to ask for evidence of a test station's Risk Rating at any time during the Framework Agreement period.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 September 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 October 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.the-chest.org.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Price - 20%

Quality - 60%

Social Value - 20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=0ec2f651-a489-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government