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Tender

Bolton Heat Network & Advanced Zonal Program

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Bolton Council wish to appoint an investor / developer of heat networks to commercialise Bolton's heat network Advanced Zonal Program, including the town centre reference scheme from its current status through to a stage that will allow the investor / developer to commit to delivering the AZP and town centre projects. This procurement will appoint a development partner via a Development Agreement.

Total value (estimated)

- £57,500,000 excluding VAT
- £57,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 February 2026 to 2 February 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 October 2025, 4:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

31 October 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.the-chest.org.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	70%
Social Value	Quality	20%
Commercial (Quantitative)	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Invitation to Tender Stage

Clarification Stage

Award Stage

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=d6ba61c4-1a8f-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

Contracting authority

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Region: UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government