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Planning

Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region: Tranche 2 Category 1

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

F04: Periodic indicative notice – utilities

Periodic indicative notice only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05cefd

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

1 Mann Island

Liverpool

L31BP

Contact

Procurement Team

Email

tender@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD72 - Liverpool

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=77fc27e6-b3e7-ef11-8134-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Other activity

Public Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region: Tranche 2 Category 1

Reference number

DN761148

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

On 10 February 2025 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) issued a Qualification system - utilities notice on Find a Tender to establish a Passport System by which potential suppliers can apply for inclusion on the Qualification System and pre-qualify so that they can bid for Liverpool City Region Category 1 franchises.

This notice is to inform potential bidders that the Expression of Interest (EOI) Stage for Tranche 2 Category 1 will be issued to Passport holders on 10 November 2025.

Tranche 2 Category 1 franchises covers services in Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley.

If you have applied and been accepted onto the Passport system you do not need to take any action. Automatic notifications will be sent to all operators who have been appointed a place on the Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region - Category 1 Passport System when the EOI is published. The messages will go to the email address on the account you used to apply to the Passport system.

For those who have not yet applied and are interested in making an application please make an application via the e-tendering portal the Chest. You can get to the relevant opportunity by copying and pasting the below into your web browser:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=77fc27e6-b3e7-ef11-8134-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

The time and date by which Potential Suppliers must submit their Category 1 Passport Application to be guaranteed that their application will have been processed in time to be a Passport Holder entitled to compete in the LCRCA Tranche 2 Category 1 Bus Franchise competition is 11am on 31 October 2025.

This is the final application date before the EOI for Tranche 2 Category 1 is launched.

For further information on the Passport System and Franchises please refer to the notice for the F07: Qualification system "Bus Franchising in the Liverpool City Region - Category 1 Passport System" located on Find a Tender. You can get to the relevant notice by copying and pasting the below into your web browser:

https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/004340-2025?_gl=1*en0m33*_ga*NTY1NTkxNDZlE3NDQ2Mjg5MzM.*_ga_SK4BZ95L7T*czE3NjA2MTM0MDgkbzI2JGcxJHQxNzYwNjEzNDIxJGo0NyRsMCRoMA..

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 November 2025

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

31 October 2025

Local time

11:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English