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Tender

Refugee Welcome Programme - Employment Support

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

GMCA 1612

Description

The GMCA recognises that choice and access to employment services and programmes for refugees and people seeking asylum differs across Greater Manchester. This has been highlighted through research, mapping of existing support and the establishment of Refugee Welcome Programme (RWP). RWP partners have noted a gap in provision for specialist personalised employment support and employer engagement and liaison for this group.

The project focuses on increasing opportunities for refugees and people seeking asylum to enter meaningful employment, GMCA are therefore seeking to award a contract for the provision of regular, personalised employment support for people seeking asylum (with the right to work) and refugees in Greater Manchester. GMCA are seeking to award one provider or a consortium with a single lead partner to deliver this work. In the case of a consortium, the lead applicant's details should be provided on the application.

*** A preliminary market engagement session was not undertake as this was a quantified service. However, the GMCA proposes to undertake market engagement to inform bidders of the vision and objectives of the project*****

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 January 2026 to 11 December 2027
- 1 year, 11 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Enquiry deadline

14 November 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

25 November 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)

5 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Questions	Project Delivery and Management 30% Mobilisation 10% Staffing 10% Cultural Competency and asylum Literacy 10% Partnerships 10% Monitoring and KPIs 10%	Quality	80%
Social value	Social Value	Quality	10%
Price submisison	Price Submission	Price	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

All Tender documents can be found under DN794338 on the chest

Contracting authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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