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Award

## Support for Bus Franchising Pilots

Department for Transport

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## Scope

## Reference

TLOT3072

## Description

The purpose of this procurement is to commission an external consultant to support the development of new and innovative Franchising Models and support the department with phase 1 of the Bus Franchising and Reform Pilot Programme.

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## Contract 1. Support for Bus Franchising Pilots

## **Supplier**

- Grant Thornton

## **Contract value**

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

29 September 2025

## **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

29 September 2025

## **Standstill period**

- End: 10 November 2025
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

11 November 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 11 November 2025 to 31 March 2026

- 4 months, 20 days

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Information about tenders**

- 8 tenders received
- 8 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 7 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

### Grant Thornton

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPLQ-5161-PCVN

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London

EC2M 7EA

United Kingdom

Email: [publicsector.bids@uk.gt.com](mailto:publicsector.bids@uk.gt.com)

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Steer Davies & Gleave Limited

14-21 Rushworth Street, London, England, SE1 0RB

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department for Transport**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLTC-5358-LTWZ

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London

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government