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Tender

GMCA1634: Support for Local Economy Evaluation Partner

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

DN801337

Description

GMCA are seeking a partner to evaluate the Support for the Social Economy Programme. This programme was commissioned in 2023 with the intention of providing a new digital front door to support Social Economy businesses, and to provide specialist support where gaps in existing provision are identified.

The evaluation partner will deliver three main outputs for this contract:

- An evaluation framework
- An Evaluation Report
- Guiding principles for future commissioning

The intention for the activity will be to answer the overarching research question of 'what lessons from this programme can inform future commissioning and provision of support for Greater Manchester's social economy?'.

Total value (estimated)

- £50,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 March 2026 to 18 December 2026
- 9 months, 10 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester
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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Tender submission deadline

26 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All tenders must be submitted via The Chest (the North West Procurement Portal) - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>.

The Chest reference for this opportunity is DN801337.

All tender responses must be submitted via The Chest. For the avoidance of doubt, tenders received in any other way will be rejected.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

The award criteria for this procurement is as follows:

70% - Quality

20% - Price

10% - Social Value

The full award criteria and any sub-criteria can be found in the procurement documentation published with this opportunity.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government