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COMeT Benchmarking Membership for London Underground

Transport for London

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Membership of the COMET (Community of Metros) international benchmarking group for metro and segregated light rail operators gives London Underground access to a pool of knowledge and expertise, including information which is otherwise commercially sensitive, from 45 other metros from around the world. The CoMET Benchmarking Group provides metro operators with a unique platform for global collaboration, enabling access to a diverse network of international metro systems, confidential performance data, and shared operational insights. Through secure and trust-based knowledge exchange, members gain tailored benchmarking analysis and learn from best practices across regions, helping them enhance efficiency, service quality, and strategic decision-making in a non-competitive environment.

Contract 1. CoMET Benchmarking Membership for London Underground

Supplier

- IMPERIAL COLLEGE PROJECTS LIMITED

Contract value

- £241,471 excluding VAT
- £289,765 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98100000 - Membership organisation services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The subscription is not a service which can be provided by different companies as it is a specific forum which requires annual subscription, and as such a competitive tender process is not appropriate in this circumstance under the direct award justifications as set out in Schedule 5, paragraph 6 of the Procurement Act - which allows the contracting authority to award a public contract without a competitive procedure when only one supplier is capable of delivering the contract, due to technical exclusivity

Supplier

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Transport for London

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHMT-6197-NWNZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government