

Level 5 Group Ltd Office C Invicta Business Park Gillingham Kent ME8 6PG

Via email to:

Group Commercial Directorate

Department for Transport (DfT) 33 Horseferry Road Westminster London SW1P 4DR

Web Site: www.dft.gov.uk

Our ref: TIT0310 Date: 20/12/2021

Dear Supplier,

TIT0310 Digitisation of Bus Service Operators Grant

PROPOSED CONTRACT AWARD

This letter advises you that the Secretary of State for Transport proposes to <u>accept</u> your tender sent on December 14 2021 for the above contract

In line with the legislation, the standstill period will now occur before the contract can be formally awarded to allow any appeals against the proposed award decision to be lodged. The standstill period will commence on **20 December 2021** and finish on **6 January 2021**.

The contract will be formally awarded following the standstill period. You should note that in the event of any legal proceedings being brought against the decision of the proposed award of this contract, the Secretary of State for Transport will be obliged to suspend awarding the contract pending the outcome of those proceedings. We will notify you in writing if such a legal challenge is received.

This is without prejudice to the right of the Secretary of State for Transport to abandon the procurement, cancel the award procedure or suspend awarding the contract for any reason.

SUMMARY

To summarise, the Department for Transport plans to accept your tender but at the present time is unable to formally do so. There will be an interval of **10 Calendar** days to enable other suppliers to consider if they wish to appeal against the decision. Assuming no appeals are received, the Department will confirm its decision once the standstill period has ended.

Yours sincerely,

Sent via email unsigned

Commercial Relationship Manager Department for Transport

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport