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Planning

Essex County Council – Future Highways Provision - May 2024 Market Engagement Event

Essex County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DN718878

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45233000 - Construction, foundation and surface works for highways, roads

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

What is happening in Highways?

Essex County Council's (the Council) current Highways Strategic Transformation Contract (Highways Contract) ends on the 31st March 2027 with no further option to extend. The Council has recently published a paper describing the move towards a mixed economy contract model, by packaging Carriageways surfacing works separately to the Integrated Service Provider/Term Maintenance contract. Therefore, the Council would like to engage further with the Highways Industry on approach, practicalities, and considerations.

Market engagement

This notice advertises three opportunities to the Highways Industry: two are themed questionnaires, and the third is an update and round table workshop event.

Questionnaire ONE – Carriageways theme:

The questionnaire seeks feedback from the Industry on the new Carriageways surfacing works arrangement that the Council will create.

Questionnaire TWO – Technology theme:

The questionnaire seeks feedback on technology used and IT service offerings within the Highways Industry.

Both questionnaires can be accessed via the Council's e-sourcing portal, ProContract (<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>). Search for the opportunity: "Essex County Council – Future Highways Provision - May 2024 Event". Register your interest in the opportunity and you will have access to the questionnaires.

The deadline for responses for both questionnaires is 12pm Friday 26th April 2024.

Market update and round table workshop event:

The event will be held in person at Essex Records Office, Essex on Wednesday 15th May 2024 from 1pm - 4pm. The proposed agenda will include an update on our current position, an opportunity for networking and a round table session with Council officers.

In person attendance will be on a first come, first served basis (limited to two attendees per company) due to limited availability at the venue. If you cannot attend in-person, the update ONLY will be live streamed on Microsoft Teams. Numbers for the virtual update are unlimited, and attendees will be directed to the virtual update if in person demand exceeds venue capacity.

How do I register for the event?

To register, please use the messaging function in ProContract to submit the names of your attendees and preference, by 12pm Friday 10th May 2024.

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After the event:

Following the event on the 15th May 2024, the Council will email a follow up questionnaire to all registered attendees (whether in person or virtual). Further individual conversations may be arranged, dependent on topic and intended audience, at the Council's discretion.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 44113000 - Road-construction materials
- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This notice is not a call for competition to procure any works or services and is not published to reduce time limited for the receipt of tenders.

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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