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Contract

D011PA Replacement of Council's E-Procurement System - Sourcing & Contract Management System

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

An E-Procurement system is fundamental to the work that procurement undertakes and since October 2018,

there has been a statutory requirement that requires contracting Authorities to have a full E-procurement tool in

place.

The contract for the current procurement system with Proactis (ProContract and Source2Contract) expires in July

2026. This system is currently used not only by ECC but also three of districts (Brentwood, Rochford and

Tendring) within the EPP who use the system for all tendering activity. Coupled with this, the remaining districts

within the EPP (Braintree, Castle Point and Epping Forest) use BiP Delta with their contract expiring in June

2026. The ambition is to procure solutions that would be used by both ECC and EPP.

Since we last went to market in 2018, system capabilities have moved on significantly as well as our

requirements changing. We are no longer solely looking for a sourcing and contract management system but

also tools to support spend, social value, climate and KPI reporting and resource management. The latter are

currently being managed locally using a combination of Excel and Power BI. In addition, the solutions

implemented need to support the procurement team with continuing to optimise resource efficiencies to meet the

increased demand for procurement support within the existing resource envelope.

In February 2025, the new Procurement Act 2023 was introduced which overhauled public procurement laws with

the aim of creating a more transparent, efficient and competitive procurement process. It introduced new

principles and objectives for public contracts, emphasising the importance of value for money, and seeks to

provide greater opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). To drive transparency in

procurement, a significant number of new notices have been introduced and therefore the solution needs to

support completion of these whilst limiting the impact on already constrained resource. It is our intention that

systems work harder, freeing up capacity for further value add tasks.

We are looking to procure an integrated sourcing and contract management system capable of:

- Providing a fully automated secure on-line tendering solution that is fully compliant with public procurement

procedures and can facilitate secure information and document exchange for a range of processes.

- Share data across the whole system.

- Provide the structure to support management of the contracts, including KPI collection, contract compliance,

climate and social value reporting.

Contract 1

Supplier

- NEPO

Contract value

- £168,300 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

1 November 2025

Contract dates

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2029
- Possible extension to 31 October 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

As required.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72245000 - Contract systems analysis and programming services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - unknown

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government