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## **Strength and Balance Service for West, Mid, Southwest and Southeast Essex**

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ad06

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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**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=cc0a33ee-fec9-ef11-8133-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=cc0a33ee-fec9-ef11-8133-005056b64545>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Strength and Balance Service for West, Mid, Southwest and Southeast Essex

Reference number

DN747972

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The aim of the strength and balance training service is to reduce the risk of falls, thereby improving health outcomes and reducing demands on health and social care services. This service offers expert instruction for those at risk of falling to improve their muscular strength and balance to reduce the risk and fear of falls improving individuals' wellbeing and their long-term independence. The service is most used by those who are elderly and frail. The service will be recommissioned and delivered in West, Mid-, Southwest and Southeast Essex.

Essex County Council is intending to utilise the competitive process under the Provider Selection Regime for the re-commissioning of this service.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,333,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality and innovation / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Integration, collaboration and service sustainability / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Improving access, reducing health inequalities, and facilitating choice / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 10

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

End date

31 July 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Bidders are advised to refer to the Basic Selection Criteria questionnaire within the tender documents for suitability criteria to pursue this activity.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-033437](#)

##### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

3 February 2025

Local time

4:00pm

##### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

##### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

3 January 2025

Local time

4:00pm

Place

Electronically via ProContract

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

The commercial officer will conduct the opening process via the functionality within the Council's e-sourcing portal, ProContract. No postal responses or any submissions which are issued outside the electronic portal will be accepted.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The award criteria and weightings for this procurement are:

Quality & Innovation 35%

Value 20%

Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability 20%

Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice 15%

Social Value 10%

Interested providers will be able to view this opportunity via the live opportunities list on the ProContract e-procurement system at <https://procontract.due-north.com/>. Providers are required to register on this system. Once registered and logged in, click on 'Find Opportunities' from the home page and select Essex County Council in the Organisations drop down menu. The reference for this activity is DN747972 - Strength and Balance Service for West Essex, Mid Essex, Southwest Essex and Southeast Essex.

Once you have found the opportunity (via the search function, using the title or reference number), to gain full access to the bid documentation (including questionnaires), you will need to click on 'Register interest in this opportunity' - this will take you to ITT tender documents.

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not

apply to this award.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Essex County Council

Chelmsford

Country

United Kingdom