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## **PL0061 Body Removal and Storage Procurement**

Essex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**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/Login>

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/Login>

**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**

PL0061 Body Removal and Storage Procurement

Reference number

DN698212

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

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

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

Services

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

The Council is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the two unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

The H.M. Coroner has a duty to investigate the death where the Coroner has reason to suspect that

- (i) the deceased died a violent or unnatural death;
- (ii) the cause of death is unknown; or
- (iii) the deceased died while in custody or otherwise in state detention.

Where such a death occurs in the community, the H.M. Coroner may order the body to be removed to any suitable Storage Location. In the majority of cases the Storage Location will be a Hospital Mortuary or Funeral Director, however other Storage Locations will also be used as required to meet demand.

In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 1 Area 1

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 1 Area 2

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 1 Area 3

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 1 Area 4

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 1 Area 5

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 1 Area 6

PL0061 BODY STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 1

PL0061 BODY STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 2

PL0061 BODY STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 3

PL0061 BODY STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 4

PL0061 BODY STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 5

PL0061 BODY STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 6

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All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Body removal Area 1

Lot No

1-A1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

#### Lot 1 Body removal Area 1

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All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: quality questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: carbon reduction / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: social value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months' prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total.

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Body removal Area 2

Lot No

1-A2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

#### Lot 1 Body removal Area 2

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026 with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 2 years as outlined in Section 2 Commencement and Duration of the Terms and Conditions.

All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months' prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total.

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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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Body removal Area 3

Lot No

1-A3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

The Council is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the two unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

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In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

Lot 1 Body removal Area 3

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Body removal Area 4

Lot No

1-A4

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

The Council is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the two unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

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In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

## Lot 1 Body removal Area 4

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026 with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 2 years as outlined in Section 2 Commencement and Duration of the Terms and Conditions.

All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months' prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total.

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Body removal Area 5

Lot No

1-A5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

The Council is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the two unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

The H.M. Coroner has a duty to investigate the death where the Coroner has reason to suspect that

(i) the deceased died a violent or unnatural death;

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Where such a death occurs in the community, the H.M. Coroner may order the body to be

removed to any suitable Storage Location. In the majority of cases the Storage Location will be a Hospital Mortuary or Funeral Director, however other Storage Locations will also be used as required to meet demand.

In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

#### Lot 1 Body removal Area 5

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All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026.

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### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Body removal Area 6

Lot No

1-A6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

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

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In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

#### Lot 1 Body removal Area 6

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 1

Lot No

2-A1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

### **Lot 2 Body Storage Area 1**

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Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 2

Lot No

2-A2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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Lot 2 Body Storage Area 2

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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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 3

Lot No

2-A3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

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#### Lot 2 Body Storage Area 3

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 4

Lot No

2-A4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

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The H.M. Coroner has a duty to investigate the death where the Coroner has reason to

suspect that

- (i) the deceased died a violent or unnatural death;
- (ii) the cause of death is unknown; or
- (iii) the deceased died while in custody or otherwise in state detention.

Where such a death occurs in the community, the H.M. Coroner may order the body to be removed to any suitable Storage Location. In the majority of cases the Storage Location will be a Hospital Mortuary or Funeral Director, however other Storage Locations will also be used as required to meet demand.

In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

#### Lot 2 Body Storage Area 4

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026 with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 2 years as outlined in Section 2 Commencement and Duration of the Terms and Conditions.

All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months' prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total.

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 5

Lot No

2-A5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

The Council is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the two unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

The H.M. Coroner has a duty to investigate the death where the Coroner has reason to suspect that

- (i) the deceased died a violent or unnatural death;
- (ii) the cause of death is unknown; or
- (iii) the deceased died while in custody or otherwise in state detention.

Where such a death occurs in the community, the H.M. Coroner may order the body to be removed to any suitable Storage Location. In the majority of cases the Storage Location will be a Hospital Mortuary or Funeral Director, however other Storage Locations will also be used as required to meet demand.

In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

Lot 2 Body Storage Area 5

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026 with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 2 years as outlined in Section 2 Commencement and Duration of the Terms and Conditions.

All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months' prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total

## **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

PL0061 BODY REMOVAL & STORAGE – Lot 2 Area 6

Lot No

2-A6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

The Council is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the two unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

The H.M. Coroner has a duty to investigate the death where the Coroner has reason to suspect that

(i) the deceased died a violent or unnatural death;

(ii) the cause of death is unknown; or

(iii) the deceased died while in custody or otherwise in state detention.

Where such a death occurs in the community, the H.M. Coroner may order the body to be removed to any suitable Storage Location. In the majority of cases the Storage Location will be a Hospital Mortuary or Funeral Director, however other Storage Locations will also be used as required to meet demand.

In the majority of cases a Police Officer will instruct the Contractor to collect and remove the body, however on occasions this instruction may also be received from H.M. Coroner or a Coroner's Officer.

This procurement is seeking suppliers to deliver body removal and body storage solutions. This specification sets out the requirements for both using the following lots :-

Lot 2 Body Storage Area 6

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026

with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 2 years as outlined in Section 2 Commencement and Duration of the Terms and Conditions.

All the requirements under this contract will be required to be delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Questions / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Carbon Reduction / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is being procured for the initial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2026. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months' prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total.

### **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 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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

2 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

2 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm



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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 Council considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are Small or Medium Enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For this tender the Authority will be using the ProContract (aka Due North) eSourcing portal <https://procontract.due-north.com> throughout the procurement process, and all communications with Essex County Council relating to this procurement exercise must be via the portal's messaging system.

Supplier registration on the portal is free of charge and can be done via: <https://procontract.due-north.com/>

It is recommended that any bidder not already registered on the ProContract eSourcing portal, register at the earliest opportunity. The Council reserves the right to amend timescales for any reason and change the evaluation criteria where necessary for example if there are genuine omissions or mistakes. We also reserve the right to cancel the procurement exercise and/or not to award all or part of a contract. The Council will not be responsible for any costs incurred by bidders in relation to this procurement exercise.

Essex County Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If a bidder considers that any of this information supplied as part of this procurement exercise should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidentiality or otherwise, it must, when providing this information, identify clearly the specific information it does not wish to be disclosed and specify clearly the reasons for its sensitivity. Essex County Council shall take such

statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to FOIA and EIR which relates to the information provided by a supplier. However, if the information is requested, Essex County Council may be obliged under FOIA and/or EIR to disclose such information, irrespective of the suppliers wishes. Please note that it is not sufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response.

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom