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****SOFT MARKET TESTING** Management and Consultancy services to support the Essex Renewal Fund**

Essex County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

DN650005

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66100000 - Banking and investment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Essex Renewal Fund (“ERF”) is a revolving investment fund for land and property projects, which supports Essex County Council’s (“ECC’s”) commitments to good jobs, future growth and investment, green growth and levelling up the economy. Over the next 20 years, the Fund aims to invest at least £100m, supporting 1,500 jobs and bringing to market enough land to deliver 1,000 new homes across Essex.

ECC is now considering how to structure the independent, specialist support required to achieve the Fund’s objectives and is therefore seeking responses to this market engagement exercise from firms providing the following services:

- Investment management (fund, asset and lettings management)
- Multi-disciplinary services (planning consultancy, development consultancy, design and technical services)
- Facilities management

At this stage this opportunity is soft market test only and NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION. This market test exercise is to allow the Council to ascertain interest from the market, investigate potential options, and consider the best route for a potential future contract opportunity. Further details and a questionnaire pack can be located via the Council’s e-sourcing portal, ProContract: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Please note that you will need to register a supplier account to access the soft market test questionnaire pack.

However, the registration process is free of charge and provides access to all the current and forthcoming procurement opportunities for Essex County Council alongside several other public sector organisations.

The deadline for the soft market test responses will be Monday 23rd January 2023 at 12:00pm; all responses and clarifications must be submitted via ProContract.

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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 January 2024

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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