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Tender

TOXICOLOGY SERVICE for HM CORONER for SUFFOLK

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

PA0032

Description

HM Coroner for Suffolk requires a provider for Toxicology samples taken at Postmortem examinations to be analysed by a professional specialist laboratory service to help enable a cause of death to be determined.

Total value (estimated)

- £750,000 excluding VAT
- £750,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 July 2026 to 5 July 2029
- Possible extension to 5 July 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract could be extended for 24 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85111820 - Bacteriological analysis services

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Accreditation to ISO 15189 or equivalent is mandatory.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

19 January 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

3 February 2026, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

All future tender documents will be available on Suffolk County Council E-tendering portal:

<http://www.suffolksourcing.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 March 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 6 January 2029

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Full details are available within the tender documents.	Quality	60%
Cost	Full details are available within the tender documents.	Cost	40%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Suffolk County Council has joined the government's Devolution Priority Programme (DPP), a fast-track programme towards devolution and local government reorganisation.

Under the DPP it is proposed that:

a) a Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA) for Norfolk and Suffolk is established,

with strategic powers and headed by an elected mayor ("Devolution").

b) the existing two-tier council structure in Suffolk is abolished and replaced with one or more unitary councils covering the current geographical boundary of Suffolk ("LGR").

It is possible that both, one or neither of these changes will happen. These changes are declared as known risks as we do not yet know the implications of Devolution and/or LGR.

As a result of LGR and Devolution, contract modifications may be necessary to novate, transfer or disaggregate the contract from the one you entered into to one or more successor authorities or the MCAA. Impacts could include changes to geographical boundaries, significant increases and/or decreases in the goods and/or services required due to the change in size/scope of any successor authority or the MCAA. This may also change the scope of the contract

Interested Parties should refer to the Invitation to Tender and Contract Terms for the Known Risks:

Contract novation, transfer or disaggregation to one or more Successor Authorities or the MCAA within the current geographical boundary of Suffolk.

Contract novation, transfer or disaggregation to one or more Successor Authorities or the MCAA outside the current geographical boundary of Suffolk.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVH-1657-HHMV

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government