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## **Networking**

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.proactisplaza.com](http://www.proactisplaza.com)

**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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Networking

Reference number

RFX REQ1000186

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32400000 - Networks

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Essex County Council (ECC) seeks input from the market to inform the scoping of a

potential procurement opportunity concerning its future Networking solution. Our aim is to provide ECC with modern, flexible, cost-effective technology solutions for Connectivity and we are looking for potential suppliers to engage with us on market solutions.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32430000 - Wide area network
- 72720000 - Wide area network services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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Connectivity is presently provided to ECC under a fully managed service for WAN, LAN and Voice across an estate of ~160 Essex end sites, including core sites such as County Hall.

ECC seeks to engage with Networking suppliers to explore market solutions for its future requirements. ECC welcomes interest from suppliers with expertise and experience in designing and implementing modern Network solutions. ECC is also keen to understand how organisations and the market have re-acted to the Covid-19 pandemic and what opportunities that presents.

ECC may also consider collaboration with partner authorities and other public sector bodies when bringing future requirements to the market.

Market engagement sessions will take place remotely via MS Teams between 5th and 17th March 2021, in 90-minute workshop sessions. ECC will engage with a maximum of 5

suppliers and, if supplier interest exceeds the number of sessions available, respondents will be selected to participate based on their written responses to a problem statement, evidencing their expertise and experience in modern Network design and implementation.

Written responses to the problem statement will be required by no later than 12:00 (noon) on Monday 8th February 2021. Confirmation of selected suppliers will take place w/c 22nd February 2021.

To access this market engagement opportunity via ECC's procurement portal, Proactis Source-to-Contract, please log-in or register at [www.proactisplaza.com](http://www.proactisplaza.com) and use project reference:

RFX REQ1000186 - Networking

Queries regarding this opportunity should be raised through ECC's procurement portal. If you experience issues accessing the portal, please contact Proactis in the first instance: <http://proactis.kayako.com/suppliernetwork/Core/Default/Index>

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

24 September 2021

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## **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: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The closing date for response to this PIN is 12:00 (noon) on 08/02/2021.