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Planning

Essex Skills Bootcamps Wave 7

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

PL0120

Description

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Total value (estimated)

- £680,000 excluding VAT
- £816,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 30 September 2027
- 1 year, 4 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

29 January 2026

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government