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Tender

Toxicology Contract

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

C014PA

Description

Essex Coroner Service is seeking to procure toxicology services on behalf of his Majesty's Coroner. The contract requirement includes;

1. Collection of samples from Coroners approved Mortuaries
2. Testing of samples
3. Production of a report to support the pathologist in determining the cause of death

Contract will run from April 2026 for an initial period of 3 years with possible extensions of 24 months

Total value (estimated)

- £838,000 excluding VAT
- £1,005,600 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Agreement term for the contract will be 3 years with an option to extend for a period of 24 months. The decision to extend the Agreement with is at the sole discretion of Essex County Council.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85111820 - Bacteriological analysis services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

22 January 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

8 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The Tender Pack for this opportunity is available via the Proactis ProContract web portal. Interested parties must first register as a supplier by visiting: <https://procontract.due-north.com/register>

Once registered, bidders can access this contract opportunity by following these steps:

1. Go to: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities>
2. Search for Essex County Council from the organisation list

3. Search for Project ref: DN801926 or title C014PA Provision of Toxicology Services
4. Select "express interest" in this opportunity
5. Download the Tender Pack and complete your bid submission by the deadline date (12pm 8th of February 2026).

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 December 2028

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial	Price	60%
Technical	Quality	35%
Social value	Quality	5%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government