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Tender

EPP0322 NEEB Business Support (Tender)

Braintree District Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Notice amended to show Contract location (NUTS code) as Essex - UKH3

Clarification deadline extended to 5pm on Wed 14/1/2026

Scope

Reference

EPP0322

Description

Braintree District Council, on behalf of the North Essex Economic Board (NEEB), invites tenders for the provision of business support in relation to SME's in the North Essex area. This contract aims to support businesses and residents across the NEEB Authorities, which include:

Braintree District Council

Chelmsford City Council

Colchester City Council

Maldon District Council

Tendring District Council

Uttlesford District Council

This project will deliver a coordinated business support service across North Essex, targeting SMEs with tailored interventions to help them grow and sustain growth.

This is a fixed price contract with an annual budget of £98,000, or £196,000 if the contract is extended - there is no additional funding available. It is a mandatory requirement that the final Specification is delivered within this budget. Bidders are recommended to only bid if they can meet the budget of £98,000 for the first year and £98,000 for the second year if the contract is extended.

It is mandatory that bidders have strong existing network links within the Essex region, and they can evidence this through previous project examples delivered via these networks.

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Total value (estimated)

- £196,000 excluding VAT
- £235,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

This project is estimated to run for twelve (12) months 2026/27, with an option to extend for another 12 months 2027/28 if funding is approved.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79990000 - Miscellaneous business-related services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 January 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

21 January 2026, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Team involved	Quality	25%
Performance Management and Quality Risk Mitigation		20%
Communications and engagement strategy	Quality	20%
Programme organisation	Quality	15%
Masterclass Topics	Quality	15%
Social Value	Quality	5%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Braintree District Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGBP-7262-MJTR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government