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Tender

PAN3317 - Connect to Work IPS Provision

Leicester City Council
Leicestershire County Council
Rutland County Council

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Scope

Reference

PAN3317

Description

Leicester City Council invites tenders from suitably qualified Suppliers to deliver the Connect to Work IPS provision across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The IPS provision support people with health conditions, disabilities or other barriers to move into and sustain paid employment. The service will be delivered using the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model for both Out of Work and In Work (Retention) eligible people, an evidence-based approach that integrates employment support within health and community services.

LCC is the lead Accountable Body for this Connect to Work Provision in Leicester in association with Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council and LCC shall be working with these three constituent Local Authorities and be responsible for the commissioning and procurement of the Connect to Work delivery.

The requirement is divided into three Lots each providing identical services as follows:

Lot 1 – Leicester

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Leicester City Council Local Authority boundary.

Lot 2 – Leicestershire

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Leicestershire County Council Local Authority boundary.

Lot 3 – Rutland

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Rutland County Council Authority boundary.

The lotting structure and allocations stated above, as part of this tender shall remain fixed and unchanged for the full duration of the contracts. Any Local Government reorganisation, boundary changes, or transfer of authority shall have no impact to the above lotting arrangements and the above will continue to apply in full for the full term of the Contracts.

The proposed contract will be for a maximum of four years to 31 March 2030.

Further information about the opportunity can be found in the tender documentation. Submissions must be received by 12:00 noon on 12 February 2026 at the very latest via the EastMidsTenders portal: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>.

Late submissions and those received by any other means will not be accepted. Any queries/questions regarding this opportunity must be received via the ProContract portal only.

To assist potential Suppliers, the link, <https://supplierhelp.due-north.com/> provides helpful user guides on using the ProContract portal.

Furthermore, Suppliers will be required to register on the Central Digital Platform (a Find a Tender service). To assist prospective Suppliers, Cabinet Office have published video guides with accompanying PDF user manuals which will help Suppliers understand and navigate the platform, including how to register, upload organisational information and search and bid for opportunities. Please click on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers>

Total value (estimated)

- £8,742,500 excluding VAT
- £8,742,500 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 March 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 16 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

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Lot 2 – Leicestershire

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the

Leicestershire County Council Local Authority boundary.

Lot 3 – Rutland

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Rutland County Council Authority boundary.

Suppliers shall note that Lot 1 will be awarded separately and will not be awarded to the same Supplier as Lots 2 and/or 3. Therefore, Suppliers applying for more than one Lot will be required to rank their order of preference should their submission be deemed as the most advantageous tender for more than one Lot.

Not the same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Lot 1 - Leicester

Description

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Leicester City Council Local Authority boundary.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,633,525 excluding VAT
- £4,633,525 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2 - Leicestershire

Description

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Leicestershire County Council Local Authority boundary.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,671,850 excluding VAT
- £3,671,850 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Lot 3 - Rutland

Description

The Supplier will deliver the IPS provision for residents who are eligible within the Rutland County Council Authority boundary.

Lot value (estimated)

- £437,125 excluding VAT
- £437,125 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1 - Leicester

Lot 2. Lot 2 - Leicestershire

Lot 3. Lot 3 - Rutland

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

30 January 2026, 12:00am

Tender submission deadline

12 February 2026, 12:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=37f4232b-a5ec-f011-813c-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	Quality	90.00%
Price	Price	Price	10.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=37f4232b-a5ec-f011-813c-005056b64545>

Please follow the above address to obtain the tender documentation

Technical specifications to be met

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Please follow above link

Contracting authorities

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Leicestershire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNHT-9235-VXDV

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Rutland County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMQJ-3429-NZWQ

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact Leicester City Council for any enquiries.