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Planning

Body Removal and Storage for Mid Essex, South West Essex, and South East Essex

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

C024PA

Description

Essex County Council (ECC) is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

To achieve this, the Authority intends to procure contracts for the provision of body removal services to cover Essex Coroner Areas of:

- Mid Essex covering Chelmsford, Maldon, and South of Braintree.
- South West Essex covering Thurrock, Basildon, and Brentwood.
- South East Essex covering Southend, Rochford, and Castle Point.

Total value (estimated)

- £700,000 excluding VAT
- £840,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Authority reserves the right to extend the Contract Term by issuing written notice at least three (3) months before the end of the existing term.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Lot 1. Lot 1: Mid Essex (Chelmsford, Maldon & South of Braintree)

Description

Provision of body removal and storage services for Essex Coroner Service Area 4 - Mid Essex covering Chelmsford, Maldon, and Braintree South.

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Lot 2: South West Essex (Thurrock, Basildon & Brentwood)

Description

Provision of body removal and storage services for Essex Coroner Service Area 5 - South West Essex covering Thurrock, Basildon and Brentwood.

Same for all lots

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

Lot 3. Lot 3: Area 6 - South East Essex

Description

Provision of body removal and storage services for Essex Coroner Service Area 6 - South East Essex covering Southend, Rochford and Castle Point.

Same for all lots

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

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1: Mid Essex (Chelmsford, Maldon & South of Braintree)

Lot 2. Lot 2: South West Essex (Thurrock, Basildon & Brentwood)

Lot 3. Lot 3: Area 6 - South East Essex

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 February 2026

Tender submission deadline

12 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All submissions and communication regarding this tender will be managed through the ProContract eSourcing portal: <https://procontract.due-north.com>.

Supplier registration is free and should be completed via the same link as soon as possible if you are not already registered.

The ProContract reference for this tender will be communicated in the official Tender Notice.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

20 February 2026

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Reduced tendering period

Yes

State of urgency - minimum 10 days

Documents

Associated tender documents

[C024PA Specification .pdf](#)

IMPORTANT:

This Specification is provided for Information purposes only and subject to amendment when the Tender Notice is issued.

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government