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Essex County Council Estate Management- Market Engagement RFI

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Essex County Council Estate Management- Market Engagement RFI

Reference number

DN760459

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 70000000 - Real estate services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Introduction:

Essex County Council's (the Council) current Estate Management Contract ends on the 30th of September 2026. The Council has started on our journey of discovery, regarding how the Estate Management provision could evolve and innovate beyond this date and would like to engage with the Estate Management industry as part of this approach.

Market Engagement:

The Council is keen to engage with providers of Estate Management services through the form of an RFI. The RFI contains a range of themes which the Council is keen to hear from the market on to best shape our future Estate Management Provision.

For this RFI, we are keen to hear from providers who can provide a large range of Estate Management services, covering the Council's core, call off and property projects scope and who have experience delivering these services on contracts similar to the size and breadth of Essex County Council's across a diverse range of property types and tenures.

If you are interested in participating, please visit the Essex Provider Hub, where the RFI can be found on the Live Surveys and Resources page <https://www.essexproviderhub.org/facilities-management-and-property-re-procurement/live-surveys-and-most-recent-resources/> as well as on Pro Contract Project Dashboard DN760459. Further details of how to respond can be found within the RFI, but

please ensure you have submitted your response through the message function on ProContract Dashboard DN760459 by 17th February 2025.

Following this initial RFI, the Council may choose to explore further some of the themes covered running specific engagements on these areas over the coming months.

To be notified of our upcoming events please visit the Essex Provider Hub and complete the form on the Introduction tab <https://www.essexproviderhub.org/facilities-management-and-property-re-procurement/introduction/>. The Council uses the Provider Hub to release updates of our latest events and all resources relating to the project. Please also ensure you are signed up on our project dashboard Project DN760459 on Pro Contract, the Council's eSourcing portal.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council's current scope includes both Core and Call off services as well as Property Projects.

The majority of the Essex County Council estate is freehold, and the core scope covers areas including lease events, leasehold transactions, rent reviews, estate finance accounting, rent arrears, inspections, plans and licenses. The call off scope is wide ranging including acquisitions, disposals, rent reviews, valuations, rates appeals and dilapidations although the above is not exhaustive list of the core and call off services required by ECC.

Within the Property Projects section, the Council seeks strategic advice on areas such as compulsory purchase orders and Part 1 Claims, planning applications and projects, property review and appraisal and development consultancy advice.

II.2.14) Additional information

Respondents are advised that the purpose of this notice is to engage in dialogue with the market and ascertain interest / options available. The scope of service, date of publication

or potential contract value should not be taken as a final "version" of requirement.

This PIN does not constitute a call for competition to procure any works or services and is not published to reduce time limited for the receipt of tenders. This is NOT a live tender opportunity.

Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or (lack) to this PIN. Nor shall a response to this PIN guarantee an invitation to participate in this market consultation exercise or any future procurement process that Essex County Council may conduct.

Essex County Council is not liable for any costs, fees or expenses incurred by any party responding to this PIN or any party who may participate in the market consultation exercise.

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The Proactis supplier helpdesk (<https://www.proactis.com/uk/support-login/support/>) can help with registration queries. Please direct any technical queries to the helpdesk in the first instance.

Please direct all queries via the ProContract messaging functionality linked with the advertised opportunity. Anyone contacting the Council via email will be directed to the portal for communications.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 August 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes