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Tender

Mortuary Facilities and Pathology Services

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

SMBC 25041

Description

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), through its Registration Services, acts as the relevant authority for the Black Country Coroners Service. The jurisdiction of the Black Country Coroners Service encompasses the four local authority areas of Sandwell, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. To support the delivery of coronial responsibilities, the provision of mortuary and pathology services across the Black Country region will be procured under this contract. The services will be divided into four (4) Lots, each corresponding to one of the local authority areas.

Each Lot represents the provision of mortuary and pathology services specific to the corresponding local authority area. The criteria for each lot will be the same, where TUPE arrangements may apply. Further details regarding the requirements for each Lot can be found in Schedule 5 – Specification. The contract is divided into the following lots: Lot 1 - Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Lot 2 - Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council Lot 3 - City of Wolverhampton Council and Lot 4 - Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Total value (estimated)

- £1,960,000 excluding VAT
- £2,352,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories
- 98370000 - Funeral and related services
- 98371200 - Undertaking services

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

Description

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Lot value (estimated)

- £490,000 excluding VAT
- £588,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKG37 - Sandwell

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

Description

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Lot value (estimated)

- £490,000 excluding VAT
- £588,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKG38 - Walsall

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

Description

City of Wolverhampton Council

Lot value (estimated)

- £490,000 excluding VAT
- £588,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Same for all lots

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

Lot 4. Lot 4

Description

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Lot value (estimated)

- £490,000 excluding VAT
- £588,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKG36 - Dudley

Same for all lots

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 February 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Please refer to criteria in ITT documents	Price

Weighting description

Please refer to criteria in ITT documents

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJHD-8764-YRJJ

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Oldbury

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Region: UKG37 - Sandwell

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Overseeing the procurement process

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWYJ-3537-GLBW

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Dudley

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Penny Fulford

Email: penny.fulford@dudley.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.dudley.gov.uk>

Region: UKG36 - Dudley

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Overseeing the procurement process

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHGR-7481-DHXR

Civic Centre, Darwall Street

Walsall

WS1 1TP

United Kingdom

Contact name: Sarah Ann Unwin

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Website: <http://www.walsall.gov.uk>

Region: UKG38 - Walsall

City of Wolverhampton Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Overseeing the procurement process

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVBV-7568-LBLL

Civic Centre, St Peter's Square

Wolverhampton

WV1 1RL

United Kingdom

Contact name: Corporate Procurement

Email: corporate.procurement@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk>

Region: UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Contact organisation

Contact [Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council](#) for any enquiries.