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## **350\_23 Library Solutions and Systems**

ESPO

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-005179

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a73b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

ESPO

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

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#### **Contact**

Food, Communities and Technology Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[tenders@espo.org](mailto:tenders@espo.org)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.espo.org/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

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**

Other activity

Local Authority Services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

350\_23 Library Solutions and Systems

Reference number

350\_23

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48160000 - Library software package

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is a Prior Information Notice (Library Solutions and Systems framework) where the tender documentation is not yet available. However, initial expressions of interest are still being sought for pre-market engagement. Please see the 'Description of the procurement' below (II.2.4) for further details and how to complete.

Note: Details regarding Lots will be confirmed later.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 30238000 - Library automation equipment
- 39155100 - Library equipment
- 72212160 - Library software development services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

ESPO is seeking to renew its Library Solutions and Systems framework. It is anticipated that the new framework will be awarded during autumn 2023.

Prior to retendering, ESPO is seeking to engage with the supplier market to help design the new framework to ensure that it best meets the needs of both suppliers and customers across the public sector.

Suppliers responding to this opportunity will be invited to participate on the pre-market engagement which will take place between February and March 2023.

The duration of the framework agreement is currently expected to be for 2 years, with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years (24 months). The total estimated value stated in II.1.5 includes the option period.

To express an interest: (a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '350\_23' (via "View Opportunities" from the 'EastMidsTenders' Portal); d) Express an interest.

**II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

22 May 2023

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**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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

As a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Framework Agreement is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>.

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for bidders information only.