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Tender

"Start & Sustain" Business Start-Up Support Service

East Midlands Combined County Authority

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Scope

Reference

DN804291

Description

EMCCA has devolved responsibility for delivering Transport, Housing, Economic Development, Skills and Green Growth across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

This Start-up & Sustain Programme is designed to support individuals across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire who aspire to start a business, while also helping early-stage start-ups to establish themselves and create a strong foundation to survive and thrive. The aim is to stimulate entrepreneurship, increase the number of businesses, improve business survival rates, and foster inclusive economic growth.

The Start-up & Sustain Programme will achieve these objectives by providing tailored start-up and enterprise support, expert mentoring, along with practical tools and resources.

The current contract expires on 31st March 2026, so this service is being re-procured in

accordance with Procurement Act 2023 requirements.

The contract, worth up to £1,400,000 in total over 2 years, will be awarded for the initial term from April 2026 until March 2028. There is potential for 1 year extension subject to satisfactory Supplier performance and further funding approval.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,400,000 excluding VAT
- £1,680,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

12 month extension available subject to satisfactory Supplier performance and further funding approval.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=e58f659a-51f8-f011-813c-005056b64545&fromRfxSummary=True&rfxId=a3d2dc02-52f8-f011-813c-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

6 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

Click on link below and click view opportunities. Search for project DN804291

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

Link to tendering portal advert below:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=e58f659a-51f8-f011-813c-005056b64545&fromRfxSummary=True&rfxId=a3d2dc02-52f8-f011-813c-005056b64545>

Contracting authority

East Midlands Combined County Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZXR-6887-DRNP

Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre

Chesterfield

S40 1UT

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk

Region: UKF12 - East Derbyshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

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

Nottinghamshire County Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Provides Procurement Services

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBCV-5152-BXBP

County Hall, Loughborough Road

Nottingham

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United Kingdom

Email: prpc@nottscc.gov.uk

Region: UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Contact organisation

Contact Nottinghamshire County Council for any enquiries.