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Planning

PL0114 Flags and Poles

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

PL0114

Description

Essex County Council provides bus shelter infrastructure across the county of Essex. This currently includes all Essex districts except Thurrock and Southend.

This year, the council will be tendering for a new provider for its Flags, Poles & Timetable frames contract. We are considering including timetable postings within this contract.

The services delivered under this contract will include the installation and maintenance of flags, poles and timetable frames for circa 6,000 stops across the County. It is anticipated that this contract will start in April 2026, with sufficient mobilisation time.

This market engagement aims to identify capable partners with a strong track record in delivering high-quality bus infrastructure solutions and efficient maintenance services.

The Council would like to understand what solutions and services are currently on offer and available in the market, to support in determining what the requirements should be for this contract moving forward.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 35821000 - Flags
- 44212321 - Bus shelters
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

21 April 2025

Engagement process description

This is a market engagement process for the procurement of flags, poles and timetables frames, plus the continued frequency of printed timetable posting alongside the 7 change dates for the entire County of Essex.

To support with this process, we are requesting information from relevant organisations to help us define our requirements. Therefore we would like you to provide responses to the below questionnaire.

Please click on the link below to complete the market engagement questions.

<https://forms.office.com/e/TpMSGjb93S>

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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