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Tender

## **75L\_21 –Supply of Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes and Salads to Leicester City Council Establishments**

ESPO

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKF21 - Leicester

**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

[www.eastmidstenders.org](http://www.eastmidstenders.org)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.eastmidstenders.org](http://www.eastmidstenders.org)

**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**

75L\_21 –Supply of Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes and Salads to Leicester City Council Establishments

Reference number

75L\_21

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products

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

Supplies

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

ESPO is seeking to establish a single supplier framework agreement for the supply and distribution of a range of Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes and Salads and associated products to establishments operated by Leicester City Council.

To tender: (a) Go to [www.eastmidstenders.org](http://www.eastmidstenders.org), (b) Register (c) Search for tender opportunity '75L\_21' d) Express an interest (e) Access and download the tender from the website.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,020,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 03200000 - Cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

ESPO is seeking to establish a single supplier framework agreement for the supply and distribution of a range of Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes and Salads and associated products to establishments operated by Leicester City Council.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,020,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

23 August 2021

End date

22 August 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The minimum financial requirement for the purposes of the current tender exercise is stated in the procurement documents.

This framework will operate on-going contract monitoring procedures following award, to ensure financial stability requirements are maintained.

Credit rating checks will be carried out on a regular basis, using the credit rating agency, Creditsafe Business Solutions Limited.

Any changes will be assessed (compared with a baseline credit rating score obtained at contract award stage) and significant changes or sustained degradation will be investigated.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 July 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

9 July 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

ESPO will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by ESPO as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2105 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order for any document to be amended and may award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order for a fine to be paid, and/or order the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.