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Award

Flags, Poles, Timetable Frames and Posting of Timetables

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

PL0114

Description

Essex County Council ('the Authority') is seeking to procure the supply, installation and maintenance of Flags, Poles and Timetables Frames (Bus Infrastructure), plus the continued frequency of Printed Timetable Posting.

Lot 1. Flags, Poles and Timetable Frames

Description

1. The supply and delivery of Essex standard Bus Stop poles, Bus Stop flags and timetable cases.
2. Maintenance of Bus Stop poles, Bus Stop flags, and timetable cases at Bus Stops.
3. The installation/replacement of Bus Stop poles, flags, and timetable cases at Bus Stops and minor works including but not limited to cutting back of vegetation and removal of old infrastructure of poles, flags and timetable cases.
4. Site surveys of Bus Stops.
5. Obtaining all consent, permits and permissions necessary to carry out the Service including but not limited to obtaining permits to work on the highway and ensuring waste is disposed of in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
6. Storage of Bus Stop poles, Bus Stop flags and timetable cases that have been removed from a Bus Stop pending installation at a new location.
7. Disposal of Bus Stop poles, Bus Stop flags and timetable cases that have been removed from a Bus Stop and cannot be reused.
8. Shelters are managed separately, but where a shelter requires a new/replacement flag or timetable case the work will be undertaken by this Lot.

Lot 2. Posting of Timetables

Description

1. Receiving bus stop timetables at an agreed location.
2. Strategically plan the posting of these bus stop timetables.
3. Visiting bus stops and posting artworks to frames, where necessary reporting back to the Local Authority of any access issues.
4. Reporting on work completed.

The scope of the project is to coordinate the posting of up-to 7,000 printed timetables to fit bus stop frames in Essex.

Contract 1. Flags, Poles and Timetable Frames

Lots

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Supplier

- EXTERNITURE LIMITED

Contract value

- £4,741,200 excluding VAT
- £5,689,438 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

13 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

13 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 24 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2034
- Possible extension to 30 June 2039
- 13 years, 3 months

Description of possible extension:

One extension available of five years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 30199790 - Timetables

- 35821000 - Flags
- 44212225 - Poles
- 44212321 - Bus shelters
- 51122000 - Installation services of flagpoles
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Contract 2. Lot 2: Posting of Timetables

Lots

Lot 2. Posting of Timetables

Supplier

- TRANSPORT MADE SIMPLE LIMITED

Contract value

- £921,524 excluding VAT
- £1,105,829 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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Information about tenders

Lot 1. Flags, Poles and Timetable Frames

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Unsuccessful suppliers

- [A K HOBSON LIMITED](#)
- [TRUEFORM ENGINEERING LIMITED](#)

Lot 2. Posting of Timetables

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

A K HOBSON LIMITED

- Companies House: 04068400
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMNW-3214-RJQV

21 Lodge Lane

Essex

RM17 5RY

United Kingdom

Region: UKH32 - Thurrock

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

EXTERNITURE LIMITED

- Companies House: 04338401
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHN-8466-HPLG

Unit 3 Daytona Drive

Thatcham

RG19 4ZD

United Kingdom

Email: shallwetalk@externiture.com

Website: <http://www.externiture.com>

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

- 1) Matthew Stagg, January 1973. Unit 3 Daytona Drive, Thatcham, RG19 4ZD, UK. Director or individual with same responsibilities.
- 2) Karen Staff, February 1967. Unit 3 Daytona Drive, Thatcham, RG19 4ZD, UK. Director or individual with same responsibilities.

Contract 1. Flags, Poles and Timetable Frames

TRANSPORT MADE SIMPLE LIMITED

- Companies House: 15754458
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYQV-8544-XDYY

29 Arboretum Street

Nottingham

NG1 4JA

United Kingdom

Email: peter@transportmadesimple.co.uk

Website: <https://transportmadesimple.co.uk/>

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

1) Peter Nathanail, March 1997. 29 Arboretum Street, Nottingham, NG1 4JA, UK. Person with significant control.

2) Dominic Kalantry, January 1997. 29 Arboretum Street, Nottingham, NG1 4JA, UK. Person with significant control.

Contract 2. Lot 2: Posting of Timetables

TRUEFORM ENGINEERING LIMITED

- Companies House: 01324196
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBRC-5954-RMXP

Unit 12 Pasadena Trading Estate

Hayes

UB3 3NQ

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.trueform.com>

Region: UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: tommy.robinson@essex.gov.uk

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government