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Planning

SOL30245 AI Delivery Partner – Phase 1 Discovery 2026

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

SOL30245

Description

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) require a partner to support the Council in understanding where Artificial Intelligence (AI) can deliver practical and measurable improvements across key service areas. To achieve this, SMBC are seeking a provider who can deliver a structured approach to identify processes that are suitable for AI enabled efficiencies, with the intention of reducing cost pressures and improving service delivery by focusing on the areas with the greatest potential impact, enabled efficiencies, with the intention of reducing cost pressures and improving service delivery by focusing on the areas with the greatest potential impact.

Total value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 31 December 2026
- 8 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72222300 - Information technology services
- 72222100 - Information systems or technology strategic review services

Contract locations

- UKG32 - Solihull

Engagement

Engagement deadline

25 February 2026

Engagement process description

This is a pre-market engagement (PME) exercise. SMBC are undertaking this pre-market engagement (PME) to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current capabilities, innovations, delivery approaches and best practices available within the supplier community. This early dialogue will help us refine our requirements, validate our assumptions, and ensure that any future procurement is shaped by an informed view of what the market can deliver.

The PME questionnaire submission deadline is COP on 25th February 2026

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Contracting authority

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

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