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Planning

Auto-Salting and Gritting Solution

Lancashire County Council

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Scope

Description

Lancashire County Council (LCC) is responsible for delivering winter service operations to keep the county's highways safe during ice, snow and other severe weather, relying on a time-critical in-vehicle winter service system that supports planning, in-cab guidance, automated spreading and the capture of evidential treatment data across multiple depots. As part of its continuous improvement approach, LCC is exploring the current market for winter salting and gritting technology to understand supplier capabilities, innovations and delivery models that could enhance resilience, data quality, reporting, connectivity and out-of-hours support. To inform its thinking, the Council is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) solely to gather insight from the market.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2033

- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 64226000 - Telematics services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 March 2026

Engagement process description

LCC is undertaking early market engagement through the publication of this Request for Information (RFI). The RFI is intended solely to gather information from the market and to inform the Council's thinking ahead of any potential future procurement activity.

The link to the Market Engagement Questionnaire and Service Scope can be found on the Council's tendering opportunities page:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/>

Please ensure you review the Service Scope before completing the questionnaire.

The Market Engagement Questionnaire is live until 4pm on Friday 13th March 2026.

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