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#### Planning

## PL0080 - Colchester Park and Ride Service

**Essex County Council** 

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-014411

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04575c

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

**Essex County Council** 

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

**CM11QH** 

#### Contact

Ms Sarah Wood

#### **Email**

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### Country

**United Kingdom** 

### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.essex.gov.uk/

Buyer's address

https://www.essex.gov.uk/

# I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

# I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

# I.5) Main activity

General public services

# **Section II: Object**

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

PL0080 - Colchester Park and Ride Service

Reference number

DN722515

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Essex County Council (the Authority) is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for information (RFI), to engage with the market to gather information in order to gain a better understanding of both the capacity and the appetite of the market in delivering the proposed services, and to alert the market to a future tender opportunity.

The purpose of this procurement activity is to continue the Colchester Park & Ride Service to provide a high quality, frequent bus service and an attractive alternate to driving and parking in the city centres. Additionally, to reduce air quality emissions, carbon footprint, and provide a 'last mile' sustainable journey for those without access to a direct bus service.

## II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKH3 - Essex

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

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At this stage, The Authority wishes to invite interested Providers to complete the market engagement questionnaire which can be found at the link below:

#### https://forms.office.com/e/cLnc95x1cn

The closing date for this questionnaire is 12pm on Friday 25th May 2024, however please complete at your earliest opportunity if you wish to participate in this Market Engagement Exercise.

It is important to note that this PIN is not a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the contract notice is published in Find a Tender and on Contracts Finder.

It should also be noted that this PIN invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire. It is also NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

This PIN is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in any future tendering process nor does it infer any preferential or specific status on those individuals and organisations who participate.

### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,400,000

### II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2024

# **Section IV. Procedure**

# **IV.1)** Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes