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Contract

## **Excavation of Mersea Blockhouse**

Essex County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C011PA

### **Description**

The project is for a full archaeological excavation, assessment, analysis, reporting and archiving, of the scheduled Henrician blockhouse/artillery fort and associated unscheduled foreshore (intertidal) features, that lie on the Essex coast at East Mersea.

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- Colchester Archaeological Trust Limited

### **Contract value**

- £174,662 excluding VAT
- £209,594 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

22 January 2026

### **Contract dates**

- 1 February 2026 to 1 March 2028
- 2 years, 1 month, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Works

### **CPV classifications**

- 45112450 - Excavation work at archaeological sites
- 71351720 - Geophysical surveys of archaeological sites

- 71351914 - Archaeological services

## **Contract locations**

- UKH3 - Essex

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - limited competition

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## **Supplier**

### **Colchester Archaeological Trust Limited**

Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk

Colchester

CO2 7GZ

United Kingdom

Email: [cl@catuk.org](mailto:cl@catuk.org)

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: [mihaela.matei@essex.gov.uk](mailto:mihaela.matei@essex.gov.uk)

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government