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Planning

## **512\_25 Utility Metering and Data Services**

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

512\_25

### **Description**

This is for a Preliminary market engagement (PME) where the tender documentation is not yet available. However, interest (Expressions of interest) can still be registered (see below for details on how to complete, and please also refer to the Engagement Section for further details on this).

This Preliminary market engagement notice (PMEN) is being published to alert the supplier market that ESPO is looking to establish a Framework agreement for Utility metering services and associated data services.

To express an interest:

(a) Go to <https://www.eastmidtenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '512\_25' (via "View Opportunities" from the EastMidsTenders Portal); d) Express an interest.

Please access the Messages area/section of the eProcurement Portal (ProContract / EastMidsTenders - Messages can be accessed via the Activity dashboard once an Expression of interest has been completed) for any further communications on this preliminary market engagement, including the RFI documentation.

For further details on the Procurement Act, including registration on the Central Digital Platform, this can be found as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers>

Or otherwise, please refer to the ESPO Website as follows:

<https://www.espo.org/the-procurement-act-2023>

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £20,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 16 August 2025 to 15 August 2029
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **Additional procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 38551000 - Energy meters
- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

30 April 2025

### **Engagement process description**

ESPO is seeking to engage with providers of utility metering services and associated data services to help shape a future procurement strategy.

A Request for Information (RFI) document is available on the eProcurement Portal (ProContract, see also details below on Expressing an interest). Suppliers wishing to participate must first register interest (Expression of interest) in the opportunity, after which you will have access to the Messages area on the eProcurement Portal, where the RFI is found (please refer to the Public Message that captures instructions on completing the RFI). The submission deadline for the RFI is 30th April at 12.00pm (noon).

Following review of completed RFIs, ESPO may undertake virtual 1-2-1 preliminary market engagement sessions with suppliers. ESPO will be seeking further information on points raised within the Suppliers RFI responses within these meetings.

For the purposes of this Preliminary market engagement (PME), please express your interest as follows:

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In the case of any questions or clarifications relating to this PME, these should also be submitted to ESPO as a Message on the eProcurement Portal (again once an Expression of interest has been completed).

Economic operators should note that this is a preliminary market engagement exercise (and NOT a competitive tender process at this stage). The participation of an economic operator in this preliminary market engagement will not constitute any contractual agreement between the respondent and the Contracting Authority/Client. An economic operator's participation, or lack of participation, in this preliminary market engagement shall not impact the ability of the economic operator to participate in any resulting tender exercise. Economic operators should note that any interest indicated does not constitute a commitment to participate in any future tendering exercise.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

16 May 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government