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Tender

347_26 Site Security Services

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

347_26

Description

ESPO are establishing a national framework for the provision of site security services, to include key holding, lock / unlock services, static guarding, and mobile guarding.

The framework is NOT divided into lots - the framework could have been split into Lots by region or service type. However, our customers typically require suppliers to be able to provide a full range of site security services. Tenderers are able to bid on a regional basis within the framework, therefore SMEs are not precluded from submitting a bid based on their location or service area and it was not deemed relevant to split into regional Lots.

Please refer to the tender documents for further details - the closing date for submission of Tenders is 12:00 (12 noon / 12pm) on 23 March 2026.

To tender (please proceed to step (e) if an expression of interest has already been completed):

(a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/> (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '347_26' (via "View Opportunities" from the EastMidsTenders Portal); (d) Express an interest; (e) Download the tender documents (from the ProContract Activity summary screen).

Any questions or clarifications relating to this tender opportunity should be submitted to ESPO as a message on the eProcurement Portal, once an Expression of interest has been completed.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £100,000,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2028
- Possible extension to 19 April 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months (under normal circumstances this will either be completed in full or in 12-month periods and is subject to the performance of the framework).

The total estimated framework value captured in this notice includes the option to extend as noted above.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

ESPO reserves the right to add or remove units to be provided throughout the life of the contract.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79710000 - Security services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

1%

Further information about fees

As a public body, ESPO have a statutory obligation to recover the costs incurred in the management of this Framework. This obligation is met by means of a Framework Fee which will be payable by the Suppliers to ESPO, and is calculated based on the invoiced value to the customer by the supplier under the framework. Framework fee payments will be plus VAT at the prevailing rate.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Framework operation description

It should be noted that the Framework could be used in a number of ways where site security services are required. Customers wishing to buy Services via the Framework will do so in the following way(s) in accordance with section 45 of the Procurement Act 2023 (and any subsequent amendment or re-enactment thereof):

Call-off without competition:

'Calling-off' Services from a Supplier identified who is: a) included in the Framework; b) suitable for meeting the Customer's specific needs; c) delivers to the geographical region/sub-region of the Customer, and; d) identified as offering the most advantageous solution to the Customer's requirements, based on the Framework pricing and the additional benefits offered by each Supplier.

Call-off with competition (Further Competitive Selection Process):

'Calling-off' by conducting a further competitive selection process amongst those Suppliers identified in the Framework as being able to provide the required Services. Customers will assess the suppliers as set out in the terms and conditions of the Framework.

Please note that once this Framework is established, the right is reserved by the Customer when running a further competitive selection process, to invite the Suppliers to participate in an eAuction.

Please refer to the tender documents for any further details.

ESPO Trading Limited Second Framework:

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Procurement Act 2023 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Procurement Act 2023 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for tenderers information only.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

As a Centralised procurement authority as defined in the Procurement Act 2023, the Framework is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details on general classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Refer to the tender documents for conditions of participation.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Refer to the tender documents for conditions of participation.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 March 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

23 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Refer to all instructions captured via <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Non-Price	Quality	60.00%
Price	Price	40.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

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Technical specifications to be met

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Please refer to the tender documents (see above for further details including summary

instructions on how to access these).

Contracting authority

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

Leicester

LE19 1ES

United Kingdom

Contact name: Place and Environment Procurement Team

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government