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Tender

EPP0322-R1 NEEB Business Support (Re-tender)

Braintree District Council

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Scope

Reference

EPP0322-R1

Description

Braintree District Council, on behalf of the North Essex Economic Board (NEEB), invites tenders for the provision of business support in relation to SME's in the North Essex area. This contract aims to support businesses and residents across the NEEB Authorities, which include:

Braintree District Council

Chelmsford City Council

Colchester City Council

Maldon District Council

Tendring District Council

Uttlesford District Council

This project will deliver a coordinated business support service across North Essex, targeting SMEs with tailored interventions to help them grow and sustain growth.

This is a fixed price contract with a budget of £80,000 for the initial period, or £160,000 if the contract is extended - there is no additional funding available. It is a mandatory requirement that the final Specification is delivered within this budget. Bidders are recommended to only bid if they can meet the budget of £80,000 for the initial period and £80,000 for the second year if the contract is extended.

It is mandatory that bidders have strong existing network links within the Essex region, and they can evidence this through previous project examples delivered via these networks.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Braintree:-Miscellaneous-business-related-services./38D7367N9J>

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Total value (estimated)

- £160,000 excluding VAT
- £192,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 May 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 1 year, 10 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

This project is estimated to run for 10.5 months (2026/27), with an option to extend for another 12 months 2027/28, subject to performance, funding and Local Government Reorganisation.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79990000 - Miscellaneous business-related services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 March 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 March 2026, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/38D7367N9J>**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Criteria 1	Team Involved (Exist	Quality	30%
Criteria 2	Programme organisati	Quality	25%
Criteria 3	Masterclass Topics	Quality	20%
Criteria 4	Performance Manageme	Quality	20%
Criteria 5	Social Value	Quality	5%

Procedure**Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Braintree District Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGBP-7262-MJTR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government