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Pipeline

704_26 Outsourced Catering Services

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

704_26

Description

Please note, this is a Pipeline notice only for ESPO contracts that are forecast to be re-procured or new procurement projects that are expected to be undertaken. The details captured are therefore only provided as an estimate, and no further information other than as captured can be provided at this time.

For all current ESPO opportunities, please visit <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>.

This Pipeline notice is being published to alert the supplier market that ESPO expects to establish a Framework for outsourced catering services, where service providers provide a wide range of catering services to customers across the public sector. This is estimated to begin in September 2026.

This will seek to replace the current version of this framework, 704_22, upon its expiry, the award details for which may be viewed as follows:

<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/027079-2022>

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/335efb59-f263-4c8d-af8e-e478b9311db6>

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)

- £480,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 4 years

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55320000 - Meal-serving services
- 55330000 - Cafeteria services
- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 May 2026

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