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Pipeline

Connect to Work

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

PL0106

Description

The Government's "Get Britain Working" White Paper sets out the Government's intention to devolve funding for supported employment, including the Connect to Work Programme. This is a new DWP voluntary Supported Employment programme for those considered economically inactive and/or unemployed, who are disabled and/or have a substantive barrier to finding, accessing and maintaining employment due to their mental/physical health condition or lifestyle challenges. The programme embodies the Council's approach to Equalities and Levelling Up, delivering a long-term, sustainable change to key cohorts and places.

As the Accountable Body acting on behalf of the Essex County Council is intending to establish a lead provider through an open procedure to deliver IPS and SEQF employment support.

Total value (estimated)

- £10,698,000 excluding VAT
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Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 3 months

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79611000 - Job search services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government