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Planning

## **Market Engagement for Library Services**

Suffolk County Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f049

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Market Engagement for Library Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 92511000 - Library services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Suffolk County Council are starting the Market Engagement process in relation to the future procurement for the Provision of library services in Suffolk from 45 static locations and community outreach to meet Suffolk County Council's statutory requirements under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £82,100,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH14 - Suffolk

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of library services in Suffolk from 45 static locations and community outreach to meet the statutory requirements of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964. Services required include access to printed and digital resources to meet the Universal Libraries offer to assist reading and digital literacy, learning and skills development, cultural and creative enrichment, helping everyone to achieve their full potential, leading healthier and happier lives, increasing prosperity and building stronger more resilient communities. Public consultation will take place between October 2023 and January 2024 to seek views on community needs now and in the future to help shape the services. The current contract for provision of Library services will end on 1 June 2025. The proposed term for the new contract is 6 years with the option to extend for a further 6 years at a value of £82.1 million excluding VAT. We are keen to understand what information potential providers would want to see as part of the planned procurement and therefore providers interested in this opportunity are encouraged to make early market engagement contact by the end of September 2023.

**II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

9 August 2023

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**Section IV. Procedure**
**IV.1) Description****IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

