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Planning

Tree Watering and Maintenance

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

As part of the Urban Tree Challenge Fund and Local Authority Treescape fund requirements, Essex County Council (the Authority) is looking to procure contractors to water and maintain 2151 urban standard trees across the county in 2025, 1894 in summer 2026 and 578 in summer 2027.

The Authority is issuing this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market and gather insights into the tree watering and maintenance sector. The information collected will help shape and define the requirements for the forthcoming tender.

This notice is intended as an awareness, communication and information gathering exercise. Participation is no indication of a commitment to partake in any future tendering process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who participate.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 December 2027
- 2 years, 5 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 May 2025

Engagement process description

The Authority wishes to invite interested parties to complete the market engagement questionnaire which can be found at the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8s7t0JTHJz>

The closing date for responses is 5pm on Saturday 31st May 2025.

Please note that this notice is not intended as a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the tender notice is published.

We look forward to your participation and contributions to make this exercise a success

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 June 2025

Contracting authority

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