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Planning

1053 Essex Forest Initiative: Tree Services Framework

Essex County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

1053 Essex Forest Initiative: Tree Services Framework

Reference number

DN737587

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 03450000 - Tree-nursery products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Essex Forest Initiative (EFI) is Essex County Council's (ECC) tree planting project and is leading the county on responsible and sustainable tree planting and establishment. Planting an average of over 100,000 trees per year with a mixture of public and private landowners, the project is keen to collaborate with the market to ensure best outcomes in terms of tree health, species choice, bio-security and successful establishment.

ECC wishes to establish a multiple supplier Framework Agreement during 2025 to provide tree supply and planting and maintenance services to support the EFI tree planting projects over the next 5+ years and the Authority wishes to invite interested parties to complete a market engagement questionnaire.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Essex County Council (the Authority) is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market and to gather information in order to gain a better understanding of the Cell Grown Trees market.

ECC wishes to establish a multiple supplier Framework Agreement during 2025 to provide tree supply and planting and maintenance services to support the EFI tree planting projects over the next 5+ years.

It is anticipated that the Framework Agreement will be divided into Lots to cover Urban Tree supply, Cell Grown trees, planting and supplies, watering and ongoing maintenance services and this will be finalised following market engagement and communicated via a published Notice.

ECC would like to engage with the market regarding Cell Grown Trees in particular, in order to support the development of the framework strategy and to gain a better understanding of this market. The results of the exercise will be used to help consider and define the requirements within the Framework Agreement.

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/rtZuxK8jnk>

The closing date for responses is 12pm (midday) on Friday 6th September 2024.

Please note that this PIN 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 contract notice is published.

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

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 November 2024

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