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Planning

24077 Provision of the Library Management System for the SPINE Network

Cambridgeshire County Council
Norfolk County Council
Peterborough City Council
Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Procurement of a core library management system for the SPINE consortium. Delivering a shared database between Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and arm's length delivery with Norfolk (no shared stock). The system manages all customer and stock items for the services, alongside links to third party platforms such as eBook vendors, open plus, self service machines and online databases.

It is the core database that controls how library services operate and managed their processes.

We are looking to procure a library management system for SPINE consortium as the current contract expires in June 2026. We are hoping to standardise the 'extra' services we have added to the current contract and challenge suppliers to provide a newer system at similar or cheaper prices than we currently pay.

The contract will have an implementation period aiming to start from October 2025. The contract will commence from 1st June 2026

Total value (estimated)

- £1,250,000 excluding VAT
- £1,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2030
- Possible extension to 31 May 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 79995000 - Library management services

Contract locations

- UKH1 - East Anglia
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 April 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Owing to the requirement being more off the shelf than needing anything bespoke, it was felt speaking with suppliers at national showcase days to seek their feedback on timelines and best practice, as well as where the industry currently was in terms of new technology, was a better use and of more value to the Authorities.

Questions asked was around:

Ideal tender period

implementation period

business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Exit planning

Social value

requesting blank quote sheets to understand what elements are included in bidders' pricing thinking.

Contract management given 4 authorities.

What made the bidder unique in the market

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

18 June 2025

Contracting authorities

Cambridgeshire County Council

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Contact organisation

Contact Cambridgeshire County Council for any enquiries.