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Tender

Procurement of Independent Mobility Assessments Provider

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

DN764710

Description

Essex County Council (ECC) is committed to ensuring that the Blue Badge scheme, which provides parking concessions for individuals with disabilities, is administered fairly and consistently. The scheme aims to enhance the quality of life for disabled residents by allowing them to park closer to their destinations. To achieve this, ECC follows the Department for Transport's (DfT) national guidelines, which require certification from an appropriate expert assessor when eligibility cannot be determined through cross-checking or desk-based assessments.

As the issuing authority, ECC is responsible for issuing Blue Badges to Essex residents in accordance with legislation and national guidance. To uphold this responsibility, ECC seeks a contractor to provide Independent Mobility Assessments conducted by qualified Expert Assessors. These assessments are crucial for determining eligibility in cases where ECC cannot make a clear decision, ensuring that badges are issued to those who

genuinely meet the criteria, thereby enhancing accessibility and mobility for individuals with disabilities.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,392,000 excluding VAT
- £1,670,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council may at its sole discretion extend the duration of this Agreement for a further maximum period of up to twenty four (24) calendar months commencing on the third anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

The Council may serve such extension notice(s) on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that the duration of such extensions shall not in total exceed twenty four (24) calendar months from the third anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Submission

Tender submission deadline

4 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login/Index?ReturnUrl=/Home/About>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

11 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price		Price	60%
Quality	40% Quality of which Social Value makes up 5%	Quality	40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Market engagement was carried out via Essex County Council's 'Consultations in Essex' i.e. Citizen's Space.

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government