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## **Soft Market Test: Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Quorn Solar Farm**

Leicestershire County Council

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Prior information only

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

**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**

Soft Market Test: Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Quorn Solar Farm

Reference number

DN641615

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 65310000 - Electricity distribution

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Leicestershire County Council intends to construct a solar farm at one of its sites based outside the village of Quorn in northern Leicestershire.

The site is expected to generate approximately 10,000 MWh of electricity which would be fed directly into the energy grid. The grid connection with Western Power Distribution has been previously secured. The site is expected to become operational in Autumn 2023.

The Council is intending to enter into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with an energy off taker that maximises the benefit to the Council and that secures an income that would support the wider Council activities.

This market test exercise is to allow the Council to seek information from the industry to help determine the best approach for a PPA and to how maximise the return on its investment in constructing a solar farm.

At this stage it is soft market test only and NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 65300000 - Electricity distribution and related services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

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

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Solar farm location: Poole Farm, Barrow Road, Quorn, LE12 8EN

Date at II.3. Estimated date of publication of contract notice is indicative only and may change. The Council is yet to establish the best route to market for this contract.

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

TBC

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

1 June 2023

## **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