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Planning

347_26 Security Services

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

347_26

Description

This is for a Preliminary market engagement (PME) where the tender documentation is not yet available. However, interest (Expressions of interest) can still be registered (please refer to the Engagement Section for further details on how to complete).

ESPO are conducting a scoping exercise via this PME with the intention of establishing a national framework for provision of site and event security services, to include key holding, static guarding, and mobile guarding.

For further details on the Procurement Act, including registration on the Central Digital Platform, this can be found as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers>

Or otherwise, please refer to the ESPO Website as follows:

<https://www.espo.org/the-procurement-act-2023>

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £100,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 April 2026 to 3 April 2028
- Possible extension to 3 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79710000 - Security services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 September 2025

Engagement process description

Service providers are being engaged with:

- To understand any changes or developments in the market.
- To help refine the procurement process in terms of scope of the framework.
- To assess market's capacity to meet the framework requirements.
- To identify potential risks in the market.
- To determine the extent the service providers are aware of the importance of social value and the ways in which they provide it to customers.
- To ensure the market is prepared for carbon reduction plans to be included as a condition of participation for the procurement.

Engagement is initially being undertaken via a Request for Information (RFI) Questionnaire, that is available as a Public Message on the EastMidsTenders eProcurement Portal

(www.eastmidtenders.org). Reference should also be made to the return deadline that is captured in this.

Suppliers wishing to participate must first register interest for 347_26 via the EastMidsTenders eProcurement Portal (please see below for further details).

For the purposes of this Preliminary market engagement (PME), please express your interest as follows:

(a) Go to <https://www.eastmidtenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '347_26' (via "View Opportunities" from the EastMidsTenders Portal); d) Express an interest.

Please access the Messages area/section of the eProcurement Portal (ProContract / EastMidsTenders - Messages can be accessed via the Activity dashboard once an Expression of interest has been completed) for any further communications on this preliminary market engagement, including the RFI documentation.

In the case of any questions or clarifications relating to this PME, these should also be submitted to ESPO as a Message on the eProcurement Portal (again once an Expression of interest has been completed).

Suppliers should note that this is a preliminary market engagement exercise (and NOT a competitive tender process at this stage). The participation of a supplier in this preliminary market engagement will not constitute any contractual agreement between the respondent and ESPO.

It is anticipated that Suppliers taking part in the preliminary market engagement will not be put at an unfair advantage when bidding for this framework. A supplier's participation, or lack of participation, shall not impact the ability of the supplier to participate in any resulting tender exercise. Suppliers should note that any interest indicated does not constitute a commitment to participate in any future tendering exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

21 November 2025

Contracting authority

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government