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Planning

Independent Travel Training

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

PA0014

Description

Suffolk County Council is conducting Preliminary Market Engagement ahead of the procurement of the Independent Travel Training service. Training is provided to members of the public who reside in Suffolk, to teach them how to use public transport safely and independently. The service is for clients with disabilities, mental health and learning needs. The clients gain a valuable life skill, which in turns aims to reduce the future demand on council transport services.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,660,000 excluding VAT

- £3,192,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 July 2025

Engagement process description

To support our procurement activity and develop the scope and specification of the contract, we are undertaking Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) to help Suffolk County Council:

- 1) Identify potential Independent Travel Training providers
- 2) Help shape the service specification and improve the future delivery of the service
- 3) Understand potential barriers for SMEs and opportunities to minimise some of these barriers

Suffolk County Council are requesting that interested organisations, able to offer the service, take part in a questionnaire by the deadline of 5pm 16/07/2025.

The online questionnaire can be accessed using the following

URL: <https://forms.office.com/e/ac5cj7Lzz4>

To express an interest in this opportunity and be notified when there are any updates or the tender is published, please visit the "Tenders" tab at www.suffolksourcing.uk and search for Independent Travel Training where you will be able to register your details and "opt in" to the project.

We would also encourage providers who are interested in this opportunity to register for the new Central Digital Platform, following the guidance at the following web address:

<https://shorturl.at/kigPg>

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

4 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVH-1657-HHMV

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