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Planning

Bristol City Council Parks Service - Groundworks & Play Principal Contractor

Bristol City Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Soft market testing window has been extended until 12:00 on 21st July 2025.

Scope

Reference

DN779891

Description

Bristol City Council are issuing a speculative soft market testing notice to understand the interest in the market relating to Principal Contractors who have experience of delivering parks improvement works. The council are looking for contractors who are either able to deliver themselves, or would act as principal contractor and sub-contract the following requirements:

- Groundworks (eg. excavation & filling, hard landscape construction & drainage, retaining walls/landscape walls, soiling)
- Path works
- Fencing & repairs (eg. welding, painting, retrofitting)
- Detail design (eg. engineering design, level setting out)
- Regrading grassed areas / laying, installing lawn
- Planting (eg. trees, hedges & perennial planting)
- Play equipment installation & safety surfacing
- Outdoor furniture installation (eg. benches etc)

Over the coming 24 months the Council have a number of sub-threshold contracts where it will be looking to contract with a principal contractor who will bring forwards the project. This exercise is being undertaken to identify if there are providers in the market who can undertake the breadth of works required.

Please note that partaking in this soft market testing process does not guarantee your organisation future contracts with the Council. Any requirements will be tendered in adherence to the Bristol City Council procurement rules & Procurement Act 2023. The reason for this SMT process is to identify interested contractors who can be invited to quote for future work - any quote processes will be administered via ProContract, with specific details of each competition being released along with each Request for Quote.

To register an interest please complete the soft market testing form which can be found on ProContract - <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=cb4b9fbc-cb51-f011-813a-005056b64545>

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2027
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 37535200 - Playground equipment
- 43325000 - Park and playground equipment
- 45112711 - Landscaping work for parks
- 45236210 - Flatwork for children's play area

Contract locations

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Engagement

Engagement deadline

21 July 2025

Engagement process description

Providers who are interested in bidding for this type of work in the future are asked to complete the soft market testing form & submit via ProContract - <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=cb4b9fbc-cb51-f011-813a-005056b64545>

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Bristol City Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government