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LCC - Library Services

Lincolnshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/opportunities>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/opportunities>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

LCC - Library Services

Reference number

DN679683

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) is re-procuring its Library Services contract and is seeking a partner, that has the knowledge, skills and experience, to run and manage those services on the Council's behalf.

The contract shall be for an initial period of Five (5) years commencing 1st April 2026, with option to extend for a further Five (5) years with a total potential duration of Ten (10) years.

LCC has a statutory obligation to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service for all persons who live, work or study in Lincolnshire.

The services within the contract will broadly cover the following services:

- Core Library Services
- Community Library Support Services
- Rural Library Services
- Contracted Services (Prison and Schools)
- Associated IT (hardware and software)

This opportunity will be run as a Competitive Procedure with Negotiation in accordance of the requirements of section 29 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

Full details of the selection and award process will provided in the procurement documentation which is available via the Councils ProContract e-Sourcing Portal Opportunities (due-north.com)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF3 - Lincolnshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lincolnshire County Council has circa 5000 employees, working as 'One Council' to deliver on 4 key priorities:

- High aspirations
- The opportunity to enjoy life to the full
- Thriving environments
- Good-value council services

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) is re-procuring its Library Services contract and is seeking a partner, that has the knowledge, skills and experience, to run and manage those services on the Council's behalf. This is a 10-year contract to start April 2026.

LCC has a statutory obligation to provide a comprehensive and efficient library services for all persons who live, work or study in Lincolnshire.

The services within the contract will broadly cover the following services:

- Core Library Services
- Community Library Support Services
- Rural Library Services
- Contracted Services (Prison and Schools)
- Associated IT (hardware and software)

The service will need to be:

- Modern; providing world-class access to its services both online and through digital technology.
- Sustainable; a network of sustainable library buildings offering opportunities for life-long learning and access to information.
- Strong; helping communities to help themselves by supporting the continued development of Community Libraries with training, advice and resources.
- Engaged; promoting the benefits of reading and learning.
- Supportive; providing a range of specialist support to people who have difficulty reaching libraries, including without limitation the Home Library Service and Listening Lincs.

The Council envisages with a 10 year contract, starting in April 2026. This will follow a period of transition from the existing provider. To reflect a long-term agreement a maximum value range of £80,000,000 has been agreed; the Council does not guarantee that this value will be made available over the term and is intended to be indicative at this stage.

This procurement is being structured to allow the Council's key partner authorities in the Greater Lincolnshire region to have the option to enter into a Contract for Library Services with the Service Provider if they should wish too on the basis of this Contract Notice. The Contract will be structured in a form to allow North East Lincolnshire Council and North Lincolnshire Council to exercise the option to contract directly with the Service Provider for some or all of the Services and other services delivered by them in exercise of their functions through a Deed of Accession. There are no plans for this to happen currently.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 5%

Price - Weighting: 35%

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There will be an opportunity to extend the contract for a further 60 months.

The total contract duration will be 120 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

8 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

3 February 2025

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom