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## **Lower Carbon Industrial Strategy and Partnership Growth Support**

Portsmouth City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

P00005126

### **Description**

The Solent Cluster is seeking suitably qualified and experienced consultancy services to provide lower carbon industrial strategy policy support, and stakeholder engagement to deliver paid Partnership growth.

The Solent Cluster is looking for a single named resource rather than services provided by a range of consultancy resources. We anticipate that the role will need to commit 2.5 / 3 days per week to the service, and proposals are invited on this basis.

The contract will initially run from September 2025 to March 2026 (inclusive), with any extension subject to performance and budget availability.

A budget ceiling of £50,000 (excluding VAT) is available for this work. This will include all costs associated with the specified work. For any proposals that exceed this amount the

Council reserves the right to set aside and not evaluate further.

The Accountable Body for The Solent Cluster is Portsmouth City Council (PCC). As such the contract for services will be between the successful consultancy and Portsmouth City Council and will be subject to PCC's standard Terms and Conditions. All prospective bidders must be registered with In-Tend.

The successful consultant will need to demonstrate an understanding of the Solent's low carbon energy sector and industrial decarbonisation cluster and be adept at stakeholder engagement.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £50,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 8 September 2025 to 7 March 2026
- 6 months

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ - South East (England)
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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

30 July 2025, 11:59pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

15 August 2025, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc.aspx/home>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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## **Award criteria**

Bids will be evaluated based on a combination of price (40%) and quality (60%).

Quality will be assessed for the following:

A Single dedicated named resource available from Sept 25 - Mar 26 inclusive.

Proven experience in the low-carbon industrial energy sector.

Ability to on-board paying Partners and generate revenues to move The Solent Cluster to a position of financial sustainability.

Strong industrial and governmental networks to facilitate funding and strategic partnerships.

A collaborative approach.

Ability to operate on a flexible, part-time basis (2.5 / 3 days per week)

Experience in policy engagement and industrial strategy

Proven ability to work autonomously while steering collaborative initiatives with multiple stakeholders.

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## Contracting authority

### Portsmouth City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCNL-5714-PRZV

Civic Offices, Guildhall Square

Portsmouth

PO1 2AL

United Kingdom

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Website: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc.aspx/home>

Region: UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government