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Planning

West Northamptonshire Council – Term Maintenance Contracts (Pre-Market Engagement) Electrical

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Scope

Description

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Pre-Market Engagement (PME) Notice - Term Maintenance Contracts - Electrical

West Northamptonshire Council is launching a Pre-Market Engagement exercise to shape the future procurement of Term Maintenance Contracts, scheduled for formal launch in September 2025. This initiative is designed to engage the market early, gather supplier feedback, and inform contract strategy across a wide range of building and estate maintenance services.

Following local government reorganisation in 2022, the Council seeks to move beyond interim arrangements by establishing long-term contracts that promote strategic partnerships, reduce frequent procurement cycles, and comply with current legislation including the Procurement Act and the Building Safety Act.

Key Objectives:

- *Foster collaborative supplier relationships
- *Encourage involvement from national and local providers
- *Promote transparency, compliance, and community benefit
- *Strengthen local supply chains and workforce development
- *Use familiar standard contract forms
- *Enable training and CPD opportunities

Procurement Strategy:

- *Frameworks and single supplier arrangements
- *Clearly defined service-area lots (e.g. roofing, fire systems, catering equipment)
- *Mix of mini-competitions and direct awards (where appropriate)
- *Flexible framework duration (up to 8 years), with reopening options

Procurement Area: Electrical

*General electrics:

Electrical mains and sub-mains distribution - fixed wire ,Power installations ,Lighting installations ,Specialist lighting installations ,Local electrical generation ,Earthing and bonding ,HV supplies testing and inspections ,Emergency lighting testing and installation & Asset tagging :Framework 4 suppliers to be awarded initial framework length 4 years. 8 years total contract terms. with minimum two re-openings

*PAT Testing :Framework 4 suppliers to be awarded initial framework length 4 years. 8 years total contract terms. with minimum two re-openings

*PV solar installations (power, batteries, and water) design, install and maintain: Framework 4 suppliers to be awarded initial framework length 4 years. 8 years total contract terms. with minimum two re-openings.

*Lightning protection :Framework 4 suppliers to be awarded initial framework length 4 years. 8 years total contract terms. with minimum two re-openings

*Communication systems :Framework 4 suppliers to be awarded initial framework length 4 years. 8 years total contract terms. with minimum two re-openings

*Central control/building management systems - design, install, inspection and servicing of BMS systems: Framework 4 suppliers to be awarded initial framework length 4 years. 8 years total contract terms. with minimum two re-openings

Timeline:

*PME Launch: July 2025

*Procurement Launch: September 2025

*Contract Start: From April 2026

Supplier Engagement Activities:

*Online surveys

*Briefings via a supplier day

How to Participate: Register interest via the Council's procurement portal (In-Tend Electronic Tendering Site) <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/wnc.aspx/Home> Where you will be able to register your interest. We will also be sending out any documents for suppliers to register for suppliers days and any other pre market activity.

Important Note: Registration is required to attend PME events. Participation in this engagement does not guarantee future contract opportunities; outcomes depend on the results of PME and internal governance decisions..

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £8,333,333.33 excluding VAT
- £10,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 09331000 - Solar panels
- 09332000 - Solar installation
- 30232700 - Central controlling unit
- 31161000 - Parts for electrical motors and generators
- 31216100 - Lightning-protection equipment
- 31220000 - Electrical circuit components
- 31221000 - Electrical relays
- 31518200 - Emergency lighting equipment
- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus
- 31670000 - Electrical parts of machinery or apparatus
- 31680000 - Electrical supplies and accessories
- 31681400 - Electrical components
- 31681410 - Electrical materials

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32412000 - Communications network
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32572100 - Communications cable with multiple electrical conductors
- 32572300 - Communications cable for special applications
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45311000 - Electrical wiring and fitting work
- 45311100 - Electrical wiring work
- 45311200 - Electrical fitting work
- 45312310 - Lightning-protection works
- 45315000 - Electrical installation work of heating and other electrical building-equipment
- 45315100 - Electrical engineering installation works
- 45317000 - Other electrical installation work
- 45317100 - Electrical installation work of pumping equipment
- 45317200 - Electrical installation work of transformers
- 50532400 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical distribution equipment
- 50710000 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical and mechanical building installations
- 50711000 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical building installations
- 51100000 - Installation services of electrical and mechanical equipment
- 51110000 - Installation services of electrical equipment
- 65320000 - Operation of electrical installations

- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71321000 - Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 September 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 September 2025

Contracting authority

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