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Planning

A Multi Provider Framework Agreement for the Provision of Benchmarking and Cost Transparency Services

Norfolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

NCCT43181

Description

Norfolk County Council, on its own behalf and on behalf of Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund), Torfaen County Borough Council (as Administering Authority of Torfaen Pension Fund), Lincolnshire County Council (as Administering Authority of the Lincolnshire County Council Pension Fund), Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) ((a body set up under Section 7 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 110-113), Scottish Borders Council (as Administering Authority of the Scottish Borders Pension Fund), South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester

Pension Fund) and West Sussex County Council (as Administering Authority of West Sussex Pension Fund) wish to let a multi-provider, Framework Agreement for the provision of Benchmarking and Cost Transparency Services primarily in support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

This Framework may also be used by:

- Any LGPS administering authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SS1 2013/2356) (as amended) including the Firefighters' and Police Pension Schemes and any of their participating employing authorities, or in relation to the LGPS in Scotland, any administering authority and any of their scheme employers as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/141) (as amended),
- NILGOSC in Northern Ireland and employing authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (SRNI 2014/188) (as amended),
- The Board of the Pension Protection Fund.
- Any other administering authority or scheme manager of a public-sector pension scheme or any public-sector body that requires pensions related services, and
- Any LGPS Fund(s) or groups of funds, or any bodies, organisations or companies established by them for the purpose of operating on a collective basis.

This Framework will be split into Lots.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66520000 - Pension services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. Investment Cost Data Collation and Reporting Services

Description

Investment Cost Data Collation and Reporting Services primarily in support of the LGPS Code of Transparency

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Investment Cost Data Analysis and Benchmarking Services

Description

To provide the analysis of client investment management cost data from all relevant sources (including but not limited to the client, their custodian and their asset managers as required).

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Scottish Borders Council (as Administering Authority of the Scottish Borders Pension Fund) Old School Building, Newtown St. Boswells, TD6 0SA, pensions@scotborders.gov.uk, www.scottishborderscouncilpensionfund.org will also be carrying out part of the procurement by assessing tenders and specification writing. Scottish Borders Council are not on the identification register.

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Investment Cost Data Collation and Reporting Services

Lot 2. Investment Cost Data Analysis and Benchmarking Services

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 December 2025

Tender submission deadline

27 January 2026, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the `tenders` section and `express an interest` to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 March 2026

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Please note Norfolk County Council has joined the government's Devolution Priority Programme.

This process has the potential to lead to the establishment of a county combined authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, with strategic powers, headed by an elected mayor.

Government has also invited participation by Norfolk in Local Government Review. This process has the potential to lead to unitary local government in Norfolk. One of these changes could happen without the other. The contract may be assigned or novated to any successor authority(ies) to Norfolk County Council or to any joint body incorporating or formed by any such successor. The County Council or a successor authority or joint body may order services on behalf of other local authorities serving any area within Norfolk's current geographical boundaries.

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Norfolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYH-3246-XWTR

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 2DH

United Kingdom

Email: sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Region: UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: Pensionenquiries@essex.gov.uk

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Greater Gwent (as Administering Authority of Torfaen Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNG-5431-HGYV

Civic Centre

Pontypool

NP4 6YB

United Kingdom

Email: pensions@torfaen.gov.uk

Region: UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

Lincolnshire County Council (as Administering Authority of the Lincolnshire County Council Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGRB-3736-CHZN

County Offices, Newland

Lincoln

LN1 1YL

United Kingdom

Email: customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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

Region: UKF30 - Lincolnshire

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (a body set up under Section 7 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 110-113)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Companies House: 11177145
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPLL-6427-QNDD

18 Smith Square

London

SW1P 3HZ

United Kingdom

Email: info@local.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.local.gov.uk/>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

West Sussex County Council (as Administering Authority of West Sussex Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXJW-5627-QRQR

County Hall, West Street

Chichester

PO19 1RQ

United Kingdom

Email: investments@westsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

South Yorkshire Pensions Authority

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYGT-5589-ZCYN

Oakwell House, 2 Beevor Court, Pontefract Road

Barnsley

S71 1HG

United Kingdom

Email: customerservices@sypa.org.uk

Region: UKE31 - Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWB-2493-LWTQ

Tameside One

Ashton under Lyne

OL6 0GS

United Kingdom

Email: mail@gmpf.org.uk

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Contact organisation

Contact Norfolk County Council for any enquiries.