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Planning

Future proofing Essex: Interactive training materials on carbon, sustainability, regulation, risk & resilience

Essex County Council

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Changes to notice

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

Deadline for response has been extended to 31/08/2025

Scope

Description

Essex Country Council is seeking to engage with training providers to gather insights and suggestions for developing a comprehensive training and guidance package to equip those with budget responsibility at all levels with the appropriate knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions when making or authorising purchases, planning and spending budget.

The training will aim to highlight:

Understanding of statutory responsibilities for ECC relating to environment & carbon agendas.

Current and upcoming legislation and policies in a digestible way relevant to each service area.

Green book guidance on climate & environment issues.

Risks and Opportunities attached to sustainability, carbon management and climate resilience.

How commissioning for carbon management, and understanding climate risks, enables informed decision-making on best value long term investment and service design.

The training will be relevant to a range of service areas and made digestible thanks to range of approaches (these could include on demand resources, guidance and training materials)

We are looking for suppliers with experience of supporting organisations to create similar training packages, ideally for local authorities and/or public sector organisations, to respond to this pre-market engagement survey to help us understand supplier capabilities and the range of solutions available. This will allow us to gain market insight to shape the subsequent tender process, refining our requirements, identifying best practice and evaluation methods. By incorporating supplier feedback, the local authority aims to create a more informed, competitive, and effective tender process that ultimately leads to the successful implementation of the training package.

Please be aware that the authority is considering options and responses from suppliers who can provide materials but may not be able to provide specific file types (such as SCORM) or programs are welcome.

Total value (estimated)

- £45,000 excluding VAT
- £54,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 1 October 2026
- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48930000 - Training and entertainment software package
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 August 2025

Engagement process description

Responses are being gathered via a Microsoft Forms Survey which can be found here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/e7Uc7eAaFK>

Please note that this is intended as an information gathering exercise. Participation in the survey is no indication of a commitment to participate in any future tendering process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who participate.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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