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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement Notice - Operator for Lewisham Library

London Borough of Lewisham

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.londontenders.org/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**

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Reference number

DN786264

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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We are personally inviting you to hear more about our plans, so you can decide whether your organisation is interested in becoming this partner.

The evolution of Lewisham Library is part of our flagship £24m Lewisham Town Centre Improvement Programme. It is one of three major public realm improvements alongside public realm improvements and construction of an all-weather marketplace canopy.

When completed, Lewisham library will be transformed into a Culture and Business Hub, including new workspaces for local businesses and a café space adjacent to Limes Grove. Construction on the building has now begun and completion is anticipated for September 2026.

Contract locations

Lewisham Library, 199-201 Lewisham High St, London SE13 6LG

Engagement:

15 August 2025 10:00 to 12:00pm

22 August 2025 10:00 to 12:00pm

How long the event will last: 2 hours

Location: Catford Broadway Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6 4RU

Central Digital Platform - Bidders are required to register on the new Central Digital Platform more information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-short-guides/central-digital-platform-factsheet-html>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,841,270

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Main site or place of performance

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II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend for up to an additional 5 years at the Council's discretion.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 September 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes