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Tender

118_25 Weather Forecasting Services

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

118_25

Description

An ESPO national framework for the provision of weather forecasting services and other associated services, to cover a wide range of potential requirements.

Please refer to the procurement/tender documents for further details (please see below on how to access these).

To tender (please proceed to step (e) if an Expression of interest has already been completed):

(a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '118_25' (via "View Opportunities" from the EastMidsTenders Portal); (d) Express an interest (if not already completed via the previously Published Preliminary market engagement notice); (e) Download the tender documents (from the ProContract Activity summary screen, once an Expression of

interest has been completed).

In the case of any questions or clarifications relating to this tender opportunity, these should be submitted to ESPO as a Message on the eProcurement Portal (again once an Expression of interest has been completed).

For further details on the Procurement Act, including registration on the Central Digital Platform, this can be found as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-and-guidance-for-suppliers>

Or otherwise, please refer to the ESPO Website as follows:

<https://www.espo.org/the-procurement-act-2023>

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £30,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2027
- Possible extension to 30 September 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months (under normal circumstances this will either be completed in full or in 12-month periods and is

subject to the performance of the framework). The total estimated value captured in this notice includes the option to extend the framework for the full 24 months where required.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 38120000 - Meteorological instruments
- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- GG - Guernsey
- IM - Isle of Man
- JE - Jersey

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

5%

Further information about fees

Framework percentage fee is calculated based on the invoiced value to the customer by the supplier.

Framework operation description

This Framework will operate via Call-off with competition (competitive selection process) only. Further details are also captured in the procurement/tender documents.

An eAuction process may be used to award subsequent call-off contracts following the reopening of competition among the parties to the Framework Agreement.

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Procurement Act 2023 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Procurement Act 2023 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for tenderers information only.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

As a Centralised procurement authority as defined in the Procurement Act 2023, the Framework is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Refer to the procurement/tender documents for conditions of participation.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Refer to the procurement/tender documents for conditions of participation.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

11 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please refer to all instructions captured via <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

26 September 2025

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Non-Price | Quality | 70% |
| Price | Price | 30% |

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

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Technical specifications to be met

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

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Contracting authority

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

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Leicester

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government