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Planning

Highways Professional Services Framework

Liverpool City Council

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Changes to notice

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

Scope

Reference

DN788248

Description

Liverpool City Council (LCC) intends to invite suppliers to tender for a new version of the Professional Services Framework (the PSF) to commence from October 2026. This questionnaire is intended to launch LCC's pre-market engagement in respect of a new PSF, inform suppliers of plans for the procurement process and to offer potential market participants an opportunity to inform LCC's approach and timetable. The current PSF is due to expire in October 2026, with LCC requiring similar services and commissions from the consultancy market to support planned delivery from October / November 2026.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 October 2026 to 5 October 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79994000 - Contract administration services

Contract locations

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 September 2025

Engagement process description

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LCC is conducting this pre-market engagement exercise to engage with potential suppliers to provide it with market information prior to launching the formal procurement process. LCC is asking suppliers to assist it in refining its understanding of market experience and capability and wishes to provide a platform for suppliers to engage directly with LCC on this opportunity.

An overview of the pre-market engagement exercise is set out below:

Step 1: Publication of Preliminary Market Engagement Notice and Pre-Market Engagement Documents

This stage was initiated by the publication of the notice. This serves as an invitation to prospective suppliers to participate in this pre-market engagement exercise.

The market engagement document, which sets out further background to the procurement and includes a short questionnaire for completion can be found on ProContract using the reference DN788248. Link to ProContract: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Step 2: Questionnaire Responses (Questionnaire can be found and must be submitted on ProContract using the reference DN788248).

LCC is keen to hear the views of potentially interested suppliers on a number of issues which are set out in the questionnaire in Annex 1. The objective of the questionnaire is to enable interested parties to provide their key insights and recommendations to LCC in respect of its approach to the procurement and the PSF.

Completed questionnaires should be submitted to LCC no later than midday 15 September 2025. Please submit your response via the portal on ProContract. LCC will review all responses to questionnaires submitted and will undertake internal review sessions. Feedback will be collated and will be used to shape LCC's approach to the procurement and the Framework agreements.

Step 3: Open Day

LCC intends to introduce the PSF to prospective suppliers at an open day on 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12:30pm. The event will be held at St George's Hall (Concert Room).

The purpose of the open day is for LCC to present its current thinking on the procurement and Framework and explain some of the general and specific requirements for the appointed suppliers. It is also an opportunity for LCC to engage with suppliers on LCC's vision and ambition for creating this Framework. If you wish to attend the open day, please contact LCC via the messaging function on ProContract as soon as possible, but in any case, request no later than 24 September 2025. Please note that room in the Concert Room at St George's Hall is limited and therefore LCC reserve the right to restrict the number of individuals attending from each organisation. Once registered, details on how to participate in the open day will be provided to you.

Contracting authority

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