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# **Highways & Infrastructure Planning Solution (HIPS)**

**Essex County Council** 

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## Scope

#### Reference

CO0103

### **Description**

Essex County Council (The Authority) is seeking to procure a single cross departmental solution for managing planning responses, management of onsite activities through to adoption of new highway assets, including the management of developer contributions (S106), ensuring Essex County Council is supported by the best technology in its day-to-day operations and can deliver its statutory duties.

This contract is for an initial term of 5 years, following the initial term the contract will continue on a rolling basis until terminated subject to the Term and Termination clauses of the Terms and Conditions that were published at tender stage.

### **Contract 1**

## **Supplier**

• DEF SOFTWARE LIMITED

#### **Contract value**

- £387,833.97 excluding VAT
- £465,400.76 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

# Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 October 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 9 October 2025 to 8 October 2030
- 5 years

# Main procurement category

Services

### **CPV** classifications

- 30196000 Planning systems
- 72260000 Software-related 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)

### Other information

## Description of risks to contract performance

To note we have stated there are no extensions available on this contract, this is an Evergreen contract and will continue until either party chooses to terminate, giving a 2 year notice period.

## Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

#### **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Switching to direct award

A competitive tender opportunity was published under PCR 2015 open procedure, no bids were received. Following contacting those who expressed interest in the tender (ProContract DN750676) and previous PIN

(https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/181034f7-e48d-41cd-8472-9542e68d9 858?origin=SearchResults&p=1), a single supplier was identified to fulfil the contract as published and rectified inability to complete tender response.

Negotiation of a contract in the absence of competition permitted by regulation 32(2)(a) PCR 2015, with similar provisions in PA 2023 will be used to direct award. Decision has been made to, although published under PCR 2015, satisfy the Transparency Notice requirements under PA2023.

# **Supplier**

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Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

# **Contracting authority**

### **Essex County Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government