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Award

Highways & Infrastructure Planning Solution (HIPS)

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

CO0103

Description

Essex County Council (The Authority) is awarding contract for 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), to ensure 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

Award decision date

23 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 2 October 2025
- 8 working days

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

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional Services - Any decision to include Additional Services shall be subject to the mutual agreement of both parties based on the Authority's specifications and/or the Supplier's scope for such Additional Services but subject to the Authority's final and absolute decision to implement in accordance with the Additional Services Pricing requirements set out in the Pricing Matrix.

CPV classifications

- 30196000 - Planning systems
- 72260000 - Software-related services

Contract locations

- UKH - East of England

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

DEF SOFTWARE LIMITED

- Companies House: 06813292
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXQN-2631-NPTR

Washington Business Centre

Sunderland

SR5 3NZ

United Kingdom

Email: enquiries@def.co.uk

Website: <http://def.co.uk>

Region: UKC23 - Sunderland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: abbey.wellington@essex.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.essex.gov.uk>

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government