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Tender

128_26 Art Papers and Board

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

128_26

Description

Framework for the supply of art papers and board for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester, and to individual ESPO Customer's premises.

The Framework is divided into 8 lots.

Please refer to the tender documents for further details - the closing date for submission of Tenders is 12:00 (12 noon) on 27 October 2025.

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(from the ProContract Activity summary screen).

Any questions or clarifications relating to this tender opportunity should be submitted to ESPO as a message on the eProcurement Portal, once an Expression of interest has been completed.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £7,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 28 February 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Once the initial period of the contract has ended (i.e., 31 March 2027), there is an option to extend the framework by up to a further 35 months. This is dependent on ESPO, ESPO Customers, and market needs, as well as the performance of sales.

All estimated values captured in this notice include the option to extend the framework as noted above.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

ESPO reserves the right to add or remove products throughout the life of the contract within the scope of the framework.

Main procurement category

Goods

Contract locations

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

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Bulk Paper Packs

Description

Supply of Bulk Paper Pack products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre,

Leicester, and direct to ESPO Customers.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £360,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 37820000 - Art supplies

Same for all lots

Contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Poster, Display and Corrugated Paper

Description

Supply of Poster, Display and Corrugated Paper products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester, and direct to ESPO Customers.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 22993400 - Corrugated paper or paperboard
- 37820000 - Art supplies

Same for all lots

Contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Sugar and Crepe Paper

Description

Supply of Sugar and Crepe Paper products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester, and direct to ESPO Customers.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,280,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 37820000 - Art supplies

Same for all lots

Contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Miscellaneous Paper

Description

Supply of Miscellaneous Paper products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 37820000 - Art supplies

Same for all lots

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Lot 5. Recycled Tinted Dyed Card

Description

Supply of Recycled Tinted Dyed Card products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £600,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 22990000 - Newsprint, handmade paper and other uncoated paper or paperboard for graphic purposes
- 30197645 - Card for printing
- 37820000 - Art supplies
- 39162000 - Educational equipment

Same for all lots

Contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Virgin Tinted Dyed Card

Description

Supply of Virgin Tinted Dyed Card products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre,

Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,480,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 22990000 - Newsprint, handmade paper and other uncoated paper or paperboard for graphic purposes
- 30197645 - Card for printing
- 37820000 - Art supplies
- 39162000 - Educational equipment

Same for all lots

Contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 7. Coated Card

Description

Supply of Coated Card products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £80,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 22990000 - Newsprint, handmade paper and other uncoated paper or paperboard for graphic purposes
- 37820000 - Art supplies
- 39162000 - Educational equipment

Same for all lots

Contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 8. Mount Board and Foam Board

Description

Supply of Mount Board and Foam Board products for delivery to the ESPO Distribution Centre, Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 22990000 - Newsprint, handmade paper and other uncoated paper or paperboard for graphic purposes
- 37820000 - Art supplies
- 39162000 - Educational equipment

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

It should be noted that the Framework could be used, as outlined in option 1 and 2 below, by ESPO where Art Papers & Board is required:

Option 1 - Call-off without competition

'Calling-off' Goods from the awarded Supplier who is a) included in the Framework and b)

identified as offering the most advantageous solution to ESPO's requirements, based on the Framework award decision.

For all Lots (including sub-lots), purchase orders will be placed with the awarded Supplier(s) as required by ESPO.

Option 2 - Call-off with competition (Further Competitive Selection Process)

'Calling-off' by conducting a competition (further competitive selection process) amongst those Suppliers identified in the Framework as being able to provide the required Goods.

Please refer to the tender documents for any further details.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Bulk Paper Packs

Lot 2. Poster, Display and Corrugated Paper

Lot 3. Sugar and Crepe Paper

Lot 4. Miscellaneous Paper

Lot 5. Recycled Tinted Dyed Card

Lot 6. Virgin Tinted Dyed Card

Lot 7. Coated Card

Lot 8. Mount Board and Foam Board

Refer to the tender documents for conditions of participation.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Bulk Paper Packs

Lot 2. Poster, Display and Corrugated Paper

Lot 3. Sugar and Crepe Paper

Lot 4. Miscellaneous Paper

Lot 5. Recycled Tinted Dyed Card

Lot 6. Virgin Tinted Dyed Card

Lot 7. Coated Card

Lot 8. Mount Board and Foam Board

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Particular suitability

Lot 1. Bulk Paper Packs

Lot 2. Poster, Display and Corrugated Paper

Lot 3. Sugar and Crepe Paper

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Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 October 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 October 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)

19 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	80%
Non-Price	Quality	20%

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.eastmidtenders.org/>

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Technical specifications to be met

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

Please refer to the tender documents (see above for further details including summary instructions on how to access these).

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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Email: tenders@espo.org

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government