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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement "PME" for the Provision of Metered District Heating Billing Solution and/or service

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Description

Procurement description Leicester City Council (the Council) is commencing a formal Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) exercise in advance of initiating a potential procurement process in relation to District Heating and associated services for billing from the meters installed in our residential properties. The Council is open to delivery through:

- a meter reading service from data loggers for in-house billing.
- a metering/billing solution to enable in-house billing.
- an externally delivered metering and billing service.

The purpose of this engagement is to:

- Understand the level of market interest.
- Gather market intelligence on available solutions
- Explore potential delivery models, including in-house and outsourced provision.
- Identify risks, opportunities, and innovative practices.
- Inform the Outline Business Case and the procurement strategy.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT

- £220,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 30 August 2029
- Possible extension to 30 August 2031
- 4 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 09323000 - District heating
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

29 October 2025

Engagement process description

The council have published a PME document that includes a questionnaire we need completing by any prospective supplier in advance or no later than the deadline.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 May 2026

Contracting authority

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