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Tender

Independent Travel Training

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

PA0014

Description

Suffolk County Council are currently out to tender for the provision of the Independent Travel Training service.

Training is provided to members of the public who reside in Suffolk, to teach them how to use public transport safely and independently. The service is for clients with disabilities, mental health and learning needs. The clients gain a valuable life skill, which in turns aims to reduce the future demand on council transport services.

This opportunity is available in the `Current Tenders` area of the portal. Interested parties are invited to express their interest to gain full access to the tender documentation.

The advertised value here is £3,192,000 including VAT inclusive of VAT. (this includes optional extension period)

The VAT included is 20% Standard Rate however in some circumstances VAT may be exempt or chargeable at a different rate.

The deadline date for submissions of the tender is 04/11/2025 11:00 am. Please note late returns will NOT be permitted

The deadline for clarification questions is 21/10/2025 18:00 which must be generated via the correspondence option on the website

Pre market engagement has previously previously been undertaken.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,660,000 excluding VAT
- £3,192,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension period of up to 2 years (24 months)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 October 2025, 6:00pm

Tender submission deadline

4 November 2025, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<http://www.suffolksourcing.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 December 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 2 September 2030

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality inc. Social Value	Quality	60%
Commercial	Price	40%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Suffolk County Council has joined the government's Devolution Priority Programme.

This process has the potential to lead to the establishment of a county combined authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, with strategic powers, headed by an elected mayor. A consultation is under way. Government has also invited participation by Suffolk in Local Government Review. This process has the potential to lead to unitary local government in Suffolk. One of these changes could happen without the other. This risk is declared as a known risk as we do not yet understand the implications of that potential re-organisation.

The contract/framework agreement may be assigned or novated or otherwise transferred

to any successor authority(ies) to Suffolk County Council or to any joint body incorporating or formed by any such successor. The County Council or a successor authority or joint body may order services on behalf of other local authorities

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government