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Contract

Procurement of Independent Mobility Assessments Provider

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

The Blue Badge scheme in England provides parking concessions for individuals with disabilities, enabling them to park closer to their destinations and improve their quality of life.

Essex County Council has commissioned a provider to deliver the Government's Blue Badge Scheme and to meet the challenges presented with the Blue Badge Independent Mobility Assessments.

The Provider will determine Blue Badge eligibility in cases where the Authority cannot make a clear and robust decision on eligibility using cross checking or desk-based assessment. Initially the provider will only be assessing applicants under the walking/physical disability criteria, however, there is the possibility this may be extended to also include hidden disabilities in the future.

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Supplier

- ACCESS INDEPENDENT LTD

Contract value

- £1,392,436 excluding VAT
- £1,670,924 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

12 September 2025

Contract dates

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council may at its sole discretion extend the duration of this Agreement for a further maximum period of up to twenty four (24) calendar months commencing on the third anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

The Council may serve such extension notice(s) on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that the duration of such extensions shall not in total exceed twenty four (24) calendar months from the third anniversary of the Service Commencement Date.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government