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Tender

## 512\_25 Utility Metering and Data Services

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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### Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Extension to the closing date for clarification questions (to 31st October 5pm) and closing date for submission of tenders (to 14th November 12:00). The estimated start date of the Contract/framework has also been moved back as a result.

### Scope

### Reference

512\_25

## Description

ESPO is inviting tender submissions for a framework agreement covering Half Hourly Electricity Meter Operator Services, data collection and data aggregation services.

The framework has been tailored to help customers achieve compliance with the requirements of the upcoming Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) and is anticipated to be a multi-supplier framework.

Tenderers are required to confirm and evidence their compliance with key industry standards and memberships as a condition for their tender to be evaluated.

Tenderers must be able to install meters and offer data collection/data aggregation (DC/DA) services throughout England. While not mandatory, it is preferable for suppliers to also offer coverage in Scotland and Wales.

Please refer to the tender documents for further details - the closing date for submission of Tenders has been extended to 12:00 (12 noon) on 14 November 2025.

To tender (please proceed to step (e) if an expression of interest has already been completed):

(a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '512\_25' (via "View Opportunities" from the EastMidsTenders Portal); (d) Express an interest; (e) Download the tender documents (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)**

- £20,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 15 December 2025 to 30 November 2027
- Possible extension to 30 November 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months (under normal circumstances this will be completed in full, or potentially in 12-month periods, and is subject to the performance of the framework).

The total estimated value captured in this notice includes the option to extend the framework as noted above.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 38551000 - Energy meters
- 38554000 - Electricity meters
- 65300000 - Electricity distribution and related services
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
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- UKM - Scotland

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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Further information about fees**

As a public body, ESPO has a statutory obligation to recover the costs associated with the management of this Framework Agreement. This obligation is met through the application of a Framework Fee, payable by Suppliers to ESPO. This is applied at a fixed rate (per MPAN per annum).

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

## **Framework operation description**

Call-offs via the 512\_25 Framework will be permitted in the following ways in accordance with section 45 of the Procurement Act 2023 (and any subsequent amendment or re-enactment thereof):

Call-off without competition

'Calling-off' Services from a Supplier identified who is a) included in the Framework; b) suitable for meeting the Customer's specific needs and; c) identified as offering the Most Advantageous Solution to the Customer's requirements, based on source(s) of information for Customers' supplier selection decisions.

Call-off with competition (Further Competitive Selection Process)

'Calling-off' by conducting a further competitive selection process amongst those Suppliers identified in the Framework as being able to provide the required Services. This means that not all competitive selection processes will necessarily include all the Suppliers - a customer will only invite those Suppliers that are included in the Framework for the particular type of contract required. Customers will assess the suppliers as set out in the terms and conditions of the Framework.

When assessing proposals submitted under a further competitive selection process, Customers may include conditions of participation to assess Suppliers' technical ability to perform the contract as part of the competitive selection process as determined according to the Customer's own particular circumstances.

Any assessment of Suppliers' proposals under a further competitive selection process must be based only on some or all of the award criteria that were used to assess tenders when the framework was awarded. Customers may refine these criteria, for example, by including additional sub-criteria or by explaining the criteria further.

Further competitive selection processes may be conducted directly by the Customer, or by ESPO, or by any other appropriate third party on the Customer's behalf. Please note

that once this Framework is established, the right is reserved by the Customer when running a further competitive selection process, to invite the Suppliers to participate in an eAuction. Meetings with Suppliers, interviews, presentations and/or site visits may be required as part of the process at further competition stage as determined by the Customer.

All Services provided under the Framework will be provided and delivered directly to the Customers, in accordance with instructions given to the Supplier at the time of placing the order. Liability for payment of the Supplier's invoices will rest solely with the Customer, as appropriate in each case.

Please refer to the tender documents for any further details.

ESPO Trading Limited Second Framework:

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Procurement Act 2023 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Procurement Act 2023 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for tenderers information only.

## **Award method when using the framework**

Either with or without competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

As a Centralised procurement authority as defined in the Procurement Act 2023, the Framework is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities;

Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>.

## **Contracting authority location restrictions**

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Refer to the tender documents for conditions of participation (note: the Procurement

Specific Questionnaire including Conditions of Participation questions, is captured as a Question set in the eProcurement Portal, ProContract, and is completed online there once a response has been started).

## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Refer to the tender documents for conditions of participation (note: the Procurement Specific Questionnaire including Conditions of Participation questions, is captured as a Question set in the eProcurement Portal, ProContract, and is completed online there once a response has been started).

## **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

31 October 2025, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

14 November 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)**

3 December 2025

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## **Award criteria**

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	70%
Non-Price	Quality	30%

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## **Other information**

### **Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

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

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### Technical specifications to be met

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

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

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## Contracting authority

### **Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government