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Tender

Body Removal and Storage Colchester and Tendring areas of Essex

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

C008PC

Description

Delivery of body removal services in the Colchester and Tendring areas of Essex.

Essex County Council (ECC) is responsible for providing the Coroner Service for the Essex

Coroner Area which includes the administrative areas of Essex County Council and the unitary authorities (Thurrock Council and Southend City Council).

In support of this work, ECC must provide body removal services splitting the county into 6

geographical areas.

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We are wishing to engage on an opportunity for re-tendering a contract to cover body removal in the Colchester and Tendring Districts. We are inviting responses from the market

to support Essex County Council to design a tender which will meet our requirements and provide best value for the residents of Essex.

The closing date for responses is 5pm on 24 July 2025.

The current estimated publication date for the tender is September 2025 with a provisional contract award date during December 2025. The contract start date will be April 1st, 2026.

This notice is intended as an awareness, communication and information gathering exercise.

Participation is no indication of a commitment to partake in any future tendering process nor

does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who participate.

Please also note that this notice is not intended as a call for competition and as such you will

need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the tender notice is published.

You are also advised to ensure your data on the Central Digital Platform is maintained up to date.

Please also note the following with regard to the potential impact of Local Government Reform (LGR) and Devolution to this project.

The contracting authority is Essex County Council and any Successor Body meaning one

or

more entities which assumes any of the Council's functions (as applicable) as a result of

Local Government Reform (LGR). Such successor body or bodies may be, without limitation,

a local authority, a combined authority, a combined county authority, a strategic authority or

any other status determined pursuant to the Devolution and LGR Legislation.

Total value (estimated)

- £180,000 excluding VAT
- £180,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

14.1 The Agreement term for this agreement will be 2 years. The initial term will be from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2028 with the option of an extension for a further three years. The Authority may at its sole discretion extend the Contract Term by such period as it may specify in written notice given not less than 3 months prior to the expiry of the Contract Term (as extended from time to time) and may do so on as many occasions as it shall think fit provided that such extensions shall not exceed 36 months in total. The decision to extend the Agreement will be at the sole discretion of Essex County Council.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex
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Lot 1A (was 1). Colchester City Council Area

Description

Provision of Body Removal in this area

Lot value (estimated)

- £120,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section,

because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 1B. Tendring District Council Area

Description

Provision of body removal services in the Tendring District Council Area

Lot value (estimated)

- £60,000 excluding VAT
- £60,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1A (was 1). Colchester City Council Area

Lot 1B. Tendring District Council Area

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 November 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

8 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For this tender the Authority will be using the ProContract (aka Due North) eSourcing portal <https://procontract.due-north.com> throughout the procurement process, and all communications with Essex County Council relating to this procurement exercise must be via the portal's messaging system.

Supplier registration on the portal is free of charge and can be done via:
<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

The reference and title of this procurement in ProContract DN778344 C008PC Body Removal Colchester and Tendring

Project information -

It is recommended that any Bidder not already registered on the ProContract eSourcing portal, register at the earliest opportunity.

The Authority reserves the right to amend timescales for any reason and change the assessment criteria where necessary for example if there are genuine omissions or mistakes. The Authority also reserves the right to cancel the procurement exercise and/or not to award all or part of a contract. The Authority will not be responsible for any costs incurred by bidders in relation to this procurement exercise.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
price	the contract rate	Price	60%
Technical Quality	responses to quality questions	Quality	35%
quality	response to Social Value criteria	Quality	5%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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- PSQ (PDF version)
- Bidder Guidance
- Specification
- Terms and Conditions
- Pricing Matrix
- APRS Declaration form
- Appendix 1 - Risk (If Used)
- Appendix 2 - Contract Area and list of Parishes
- Appendix 3 - Key Performance Indicators and Performance Reporting
- Appendix 4 - Average no of bodies removed per month
- Appendix 5 - HTA Information
- Appendix 6 - Technical Quality Questions
- FOI - Freedom of Information Act table

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Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government