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Tender

# 991\_26 Supply of Early Years and Curriculum Product Ranges

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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## Scope

#### Reference

991 26

## **Description**

ESPO catalogue framework encompassing the supply of early learning and curriculum product ranges, with goods to be delivered either to ESPO's distribution centre, Leicester, or for direct delivery to ESPO customer premises.

The Framework is divided into 9 lots.

Please refer to the tender documents for further details - the closing date for submission of Tenders is 12:00 (12 noon) on 10 December 2025.

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

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ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '991\_26' (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)**

• £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Once the initial period of the contract has ended (i.e., 31 March 2027), there is an option to extend the framework by up to a further 36 months. This is dependent on ESPO, ESPO Customers, and market needs, as well as the performance of sales.

Total estimated values captured in this notice include the option to extend the framework as noted above.

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

ESPO reserves the right to add or remove to the products listed within the Pricing Schedule throughout the lifetime of the Framework so long as they are in line with the Framework scope.

## Main procurement category

Goods

#### **Contract locations**

- UK United Kingdom
- GG Guernsey
- IM Isle of Man
- JE Jersey

#### Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

# **Lot 1. Supply of Curriculum Product Ranges**

# **Description**

Supply of curriculum product ranges which includes the following subject areas:	
Special Educational Needs	

English

Modern Foreign Languages

Maths

Science

Design & Technology

Humanities

Computing

For delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester, and for delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

# Lot value (estimated)

• £12,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 22110000 Printed books
- 37520000 Toys
- 39162000 Educational equipment

#### Same for all lots

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

# Lot 2. Supply of Early Learning Product Ranges

## **Description**

Supply of early learning product ranges which includes:

Sensory products

Construction

Games & Puzzles

**Imaginative Play** 

Drama & Role Play

Sand, Water & Messy Play

Physical Development: Gross Motor Skills

Physical Development: Fine Motor Skills

Early Music

Loose Parts Play

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

For delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester, and for delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

# Lot value (estimated)

• £7,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 37000000 Musical instruments, sport goods, games, toys, handicraft, art materials and accessories
- 39162000 Educational equipment

#### Same for all lots

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

# Lot 3. Baby and Toddler Essential Resources

# **Description**

Supply of essential baby and Toddler related goods for delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester, and for delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

## Lot value (estimated)

£480,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 37000000 Musical instruments, sport goods, games, toys, handicraft, art materials and accessories
- 39161000 Kindergarten furniture
- 39162000 Educational equipment

#### Same for all lots

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

# Lot 4. Outdoor Early Years Furniture and Support Products

## **Description**

Supply of outdoor early years furniture and support products, which includes:

Role and Imaginative Play Furniture, Dens and Houses, Messy, Discovery, Sand and Water and Creative play

**Building Blocks and Construction Products** 

Outdoor Teaching and Learning Spaces and Places

Outdoor Storage: Early Years

For delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

# Lot value (estimated)

• £1,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 37535200 Playground equipment
- 39142000 Garden furniture
- 39160000 School furniture

#### Same for all lots

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

#### Lot 5. Classroom Reward Products

## **Description**

Supply of classroom reward products for delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

# Lot value (estimated)

• £240,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 22459100 Advertising stickers and strips
- 30192153 Phrase stamps

- 30192800 Self-adhesive labels
- 30199400 Gummed or adhesive paper
- 39162000 Educational equipment

#### Same for all lots

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

## Lot 6. Bikes, Trikes and Ride On Vehicles

## **Description**

Supply of bikes, trikes and ride on vehicles suitable for children and for delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester, and for delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

# Lot value (estimated)

• £720,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 34430000 Bicycles
- 37522000 Wheeled toys
- 37529200 Riding toys

#### Same for all lots

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

# Lot 7. Educational Mini White Board Ranges

## **Description**

Supply of educational lap whiteboards and small freestanding whiteboards / easels. For delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

#### Lot value (estimated)

• £960,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 30195000 Boards
- 39162110 Teaching supplies

#### Same for all lots

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

# Lot 8. General Supplementary Curriculum Resources

## **Description**

Supply of supplementary curriculum resources for delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester, and for delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

## Lot value (estimated)

• £720,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 14211000 Sand
- 22114300 Maps
- 37524000 Games
- 39162000 Educational equipment
- 39298600 Globes

#### Same for all lots

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

# Lot 9. Children's Aprons and Outdoor Clothing

# **Description**

Supply of children's aprons and outdoor clothing for delivery to the ESPO distribution centre, Leicester, and for delivery direct to individual customer premises.

For further details, please refer to the tender documents.

## Lot value (estimated)

• £480,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

#### **CPV** classifications

- 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 35113430 Safety vests
- 35113440 Reflective vests

#### Same for all lots

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

## **Framework**

# Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

## Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

## Framework operation description

It should be noted that the Framework could be used, as outlined in option 1 and 2 below, by ESPO where Early Years and Curriculum Product Ranges are required:

Option 1 - Call-off without competition

'Calling-off' Goods from the awarded Supplier who is a) included in the Framework and b) identified as offering the most advantageous solution to ESPO's requirements, based on the Framework award decision.

For all Lots (including sub-lots), purchase orders will be placed with the awarded Supplier(s) as required by ESPO.

Option 2 - Call-off with competition (Further Competitive Selection Process)

'Calling-off' by conducting a competition (further competitive selection process) amongst those Suppliers identified in the Framework as being able to provide the required Goods.

Please refer to the tender documents for any further details.

# Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

# Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

# **Participation**

#### Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

- **Lot 1. Supply of Curriculum Product Ranges**
- Lot 2. Supply of Early Learning Product Ranges
- Lot 3. Baby and Toddler Essential Resources
- Lot 4. Outdoor Early Years Furniture and Support Products
- Lot 5. Classroom Reward Products
- Lot 6. Bikes, Trikes and Ride On Vehicles
- Lot 7. Educational Mini White Board Ranges
- Lot 8. General Supplementary Curriculum Resources
- Lot 9. Children's Aprons and Outdoor Clothing

Refer to the tender documents for conditions of participation (note: the Procurement Specific Questionnaire which includes 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

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## Particular suitability

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Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

## **Submission**

# **Enquiry deadline**

3 December 2025, 5:00pm

#### Tender submission deadline

10 December 2025, 12:00pm

# Submission address and any special instructions

Please refer to all instructions captured via <a href="https://www.eastmidstenders.org/">https://www.eastmidstenders.org/</a>.

# Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

# Languages that may be used for submission

English

# Award decision date (estimated)

30 January 2026

## **Award criteria**

Name	Туре	Weighting
Price	Price	50%
Non-Price	Quality	50%

# Other information

# Applicable trade agreements

• Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

# Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

## **Procedure**

## **Procedure type**

Open procedure

#### **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).

# **Contracting authority**

## Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

Leicester

**LE19 1ES** 

**United Kingdom** 

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Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government