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Planning

002465 - Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) for Workforce Management System

Durham County Council

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Scope

Description

Durham County Council is seeking to engage with the market to explore options for the provision of a Workforce Management System (WFM) capable of delivering the full range of requirements outlined below. The purpose of this engagement is to understand the market's capability to provide a modern, cloud-based solution that supports efficient workforce planning, scheduling, and performance management across the Councils Corporate Customer Services operation.

The Council's Customer Services Department currently utilises a specialist hosted contact centre workforce management system which provides skill-based forecasting and scheduling across multiple communication channels for both office-based and remote agents.

This system supports intraday forecasting using real-time data such as calls offered, average handling time (AHT), and agent/skill availability. It enables the monitoring of actual performance against forecast performance and provides real-time adherence tracking against schedules.

An integral component of the current system is the agent interface, which includes schedule visibility and a vacation planner module.

Please note, our estimated budget is approximately £18,000 per annum

Total value (estimated)

- £54,000 excluding VAT
- £64,800 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 June 2026 to 20 June 2028
- Possible extension to 20 June 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 November 2025

Engagement process description

This is a Preliminary Market Engagement opportunity. The written response questionnaire can be accessed free of charge at open-uk.org

Completed questionnaires must be submitted via the Open Portal by 12 noon on Friday 28th November.

Contracting authority

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