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Planning

Kent Test (11+) Examination Services

Kent County Council

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Scope

Reference

CN250565

Description

Kent County Council (the Council) currently runs a process which aims, principally through testing to identify candidates in the top 25% of the ability range as eligible for admission to Year 7 of any of the county's grammar schools at age 11. Entry to the process is voluntary, with approximately 67% of the local cohort opting to take part, plus a significant number of external candidates. Provision is currently made for approximately 20,000 candidates.

KCC wishes to engage the market to discuss a potential procurement exercise to appoint a suitable provider to deliver Kent wide 11+ Examination Services.

Interested providers should register their interest by 12pm 17th December 2025, together with a completed Market Engagement Questionnaire. The event will take place on 18th December 2025 (approximately 10 am). Meeting invites will be sent out upon receipt of your EOI and completed questionnaire.

If you have any questions and/or queried please contact orla.miller@kent.gov.uk

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Total value (estimated)

- £835,000 excluding VAT
- £1,002,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80100000 - Primary education services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Engagement

Engagement deadline

17 December 2025

Engagement process description

Expressions of interest and completed Market Engagement Questionnaires are to be received by 12 pm 17th December 2025. Invites to the event will be sent out upon receipt of the EOIs and completed questionnaires.

The provisional date for the event is 10 am 18th December 2025, but this may be subject to change dependent on availability of participants.

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Kent County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDL-8938-YGYW

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