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Planning

Supply and installation of 2 Fire Behaviour Training Containers for Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

Suffolk County Council

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Changes to notice

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

Additional CPV codes added to advert

Scope

Description

Suffolk County Council are conducting preliminary market engagement prior to the procurement for the supply and installation of 2 Fire Behaviour Training Containers.

The 2 new Fire Behaviour Training units are required to support the training and development of operational personnel in firefighting skills in a realistic and controlled environment at Suffolk Fire & Rescue training facilities in Wattisham, Suffolk

Total value (estimated)

- £100,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 30 September 2026
- 7 months

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 34150000 - Simulators

- 35110000 - Firefighting, rescue and safety equipment
- 44613400 - Storage containers
- 45262400 - Structural steel erection work
- 45262420 - Structural steel erection work for structures
- 45343200 - Firefighting equipment installation work
- 80520000 - Training facilities

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 December 2025

Engagement process description

Suffolk County Council propose to hold informal sessions with interested parties who may be able to provide Fire Behaviour Training Containers via Microsoft Teams on 15, 17 or 18th December 2025.

Each session will last approximately 30 mins in which Suffolk County Council will briefly set out our requirements, then invite each supplier to respond and pose any questions they might have about the contract or the procurement.

Note that the consultation may be recorded or notes taken to ensure that the resulting tender pack provides information such that all bidders have the same information and no potential bidder unable to make the dates is disadvantaged.

Suffolk County Council would like to explore the following topic

- Any innovation with recent fire behaviour unit builds

Interested Parties should contact Mandy Brown by 5pm on 11th December 2025 to allow timeslots to be arranged.

mandy.brown@suffolk.gov.uk

You are also advised to ensure you are registered on the Central Digital Platform, or your supplier information record is up to date.

Suppliers: How to register your organisation and first administrator on Find a Tender in three easy steps

<https://shorturl.at/kigPg>

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.

All future tender documents will be available on Suffolk County Council E- tendering portal: <http://www.suffolksourcing.uk/>

We look forward to your participation and contributions.

Suffolk County Council has joined the government's Devolution Priority Programme (DPP), a fast-track programme towards devolution and local government reorganisation.

Under the DPP it is proposed that:

- a) a Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA) for Norfolk and Suffolk is established, with strategic powers and headed by an elected mayor ("Devolution").
- b) the existing two-tier council structure in Suffolk is abolished and replaced with one or more unitary councils covering the current geographical boundary of Suffolk ("LGR").

It is possible that both, one or neither of these changes will happen. These changes are declared as known risks as we do not yet know the implications of Devolution and/or LGR.

As a result of LGR and Devolution, contract modifications may be necessary to novate, transfer or disaggregate the contract from the one you entered into to one or more successor authorities or the MCAA. Impacts could include changes to geographical boundaries, significant increases and/or decreases in the goods and/or services required due to the change in size/scope of any successor authority or the MCAA. This may also change the scope of the contract

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 January 2026

Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVH-1657-HHMOV

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