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Planning

Intelligent Transport Systems including traffic signals, variable message signs and car park signs

Southend-on-Sea City Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Tender for the supply, installation and maintenance of intelligent transport systems and associated equipment including traffic signals, Variable Message Signs, RGB Signs, Microtima's, Car Park Guidance Signs, Car Park Count controllers and Vehicle Speed Activated Signs.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2030
- Possible extension to 31 July 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34924000 - Variable message signs
- 34970000 - Traffic-monitoring equipment
- 34992000 - Signs and illuminated signs
- 34996000 - Control, safety or signalling equipment for roads
- 45233290 - Installation of road signs
- 45233294 - Installation of road signals
- 45316200 - Installation of signalling equipment
- 45316210 - Installation of traffic monitoring equipment
- 45316211 - Installation of illuminated road signs

- 45316212 - Installation of traffic lights
- 45316213 - Installation of traffic guidance equipment
- 50232200 - Traffic-signal maintenance services

Contract locations

- UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 January 2026

Engagement process description

Southend-on-Sea City Council ("the Authority") will be undertaking a procurement for Intelligent Transport Systems including traffic signals, variable message signs and car park signs. The new arrangements will commence in 2026 and this market engagement will help to determine the exact start date for the new contract.

The Authority wishes to engage with potential providers to understand the market and help to refine the model prior to the formal start of the procurement process.

The Authority is inviting potential providers to complete a questionnaire and to attend a virtual meeting via Teams to discuss the requirements (it is anticipated that meetings will last no longer than one hour).

Key areas the Authority is keen to explore are:

- Suppliers in the market who can deliver the services for the Authority
- Suppliers' capability and ability to manage existing equipment as well as adding new

equipment as required and ensuring all equipment works together

- Mobilisation period required between award of contract and commencement of service
- Any other areas potential suppliers would like to highlight to enable the Authority to achieve maximum value for money

Organisations who would like to attend a market engagement meeting and complete a questionnaire can express their interest by emailing antonbull@southend.gov.uk

Expressions of interest must be received by Monday 5th January 2026 and meetings will take place between now and 9th January 2026. Appreciating the time of year, the Authority is open to extending this time period if necessary.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 February 2026

Contracting authority

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