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Planning

218_26 Specialist Vehicle Contract Hire/Leasing

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

218_26

Description

ESPO are conducting preliminary market engagement with the intention of establishing a national framework for the medium/long term hire/lease of specialist vehicles.

Please note this is not a call for competition, the tender documentation is not yet available.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 March 2026 to 21 March 2028
- Possible extension to 21 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34114000 - Specialist vehicles
- 34121000 - Buses and coaches
- 34134000 - Flatbed and Tipper trucks
- 34142200 - Skip loaders
- 34143000 - Winter-maintenance vehicles
- 34144100 - Mobile drilling derricks
- 34144431 - Suction-sweeper vehicles
- 34144440 - Gritter vehicles
- 34144511 - Refuse-collection vehicles
- 34144760 - Mobile library vehicles
- 34921100 - Road sweepers

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 January 2026

Engagement process description

Supplier engagement is to be undertaken, with the details to be covered broadly encompassing the following:

- a) the scope of the framework proposed for renewal
- b) the customer requirements proposed within, i.e., vehicle types, descriptions, hire periods, etc.
- c) changes/developments/risks in the marketplace to be accounted for, if any
- d) abilities to meet the renewed framework's requirements
- e) other feedback on the proposed procurement strategy
- f) other industry points of note/suggestions

Engagement is being undertaken via a Request for Information (RFI) questionnaire hosted on the EastMidsTenders eProcurement Portal (www.eastmidstenders.org). The deadline for responding to the RFI is 17:00 (5pm) on 09 January 2026.

Suppliers wishing to participate in the RFI MUST first express an interest as follows:

- (a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>;
- (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract);
- (c) Search for opportunity '218_26' (via "View Opportunities" from the EastMidsTenders Portal);
- (d) Express an interest.

Suppliers can access and respond to the RFI questionnaire in the Messages section of the eProcurement Portal (via the Activity dashboard once an expression of interest has been registered). Any questions or clarifications should similarly be submitted to ESPO as

a message on the eProcurement Portal.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government