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Tender

A Multi Provider Framework Agreement for the Provision of Benchmarking and Cost Transparency Services

Norfolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

NCCT43181

Description

Norfolk County Council (as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund), on its own behalf and on behalf of Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) (a body set up under Section 7 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 110-113), Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund), Lincolnshire County Council (as Administering Authority of the Lincolnshire County Council Pension Fund), Scottish Border Council (as Administering Authority of the Scottish Border Pension Fund), South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Great Manchester Pension Fund) and Torfaen County Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Gwent Pension Fund), wishes to establish a multi-lot, multi-provider framework agreement for the provision of Cost Transparency and Benchmarking Services to be available to all LGPS Funds and other bodies as defined in the Find a Tender Contract Notice, to provide national access to high quality efficient and

effective services at the best possible price.

Scottish Borders Council (as Administering Authority of the Scottish Borders Pension Fund) Old School Building, Newtown St. Boswells, TD6 0SA, pensions@scotborders.gov.uk, www.scottishborderscouncilpensionfund.org will also be carrying out part of the procurement by assessing tenders and specification writing. Scottish Borders Council are not on the identification register.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66520000 - Pension services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. Investment Cost Data Collation and Reporting Services

Description

Investment Cost Data Collation and Reporting Services primarily in support of the LGPS Code of Transparency

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Investment Cost Data Analysis and Benchmarking Services

Description

To provide the analysis of client investment management cost data from all relevant sources (including but not limited to the client, their custodian and their asset managers as required).

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

19 April 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Price per Quality Point = Total Weighted Price/Total Quality Score (PPQP). To give a Total Score, the overall weighted price will be divided by the overall quality score.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

- Any LGPS administering authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SS1 2013/2356) (as amended) including the Firefighters' and Police Pension Schemes and any of their participating employing authorities, or in relation to the LGPS in Scotland, any administering authority and any of their scheme employers as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/141) (as amended),
- NILGOSC in Northern Ireland and employing authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (SRNI 2014/188) (as amended),
- The Board of the Pension Protection Fund.
- Any other administering authority or scheme manager of a public-sector pension scheme or any public-sector body that requires pensions related services, and
- Any LGPS Fund(s) or groups of funds, or any bodies, organisations or companies established by them for the purpose of operating on a collective basis.

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Investment Cost Data Collation and Reporting Services

Lot 2. Investment Cost Data Analysis and Benchmarking Services

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 January 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 February 2026, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BUYERPROFILES>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the `tenders` section and `express an interest` to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

21 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	100%

Other information**Description of risks to contract performance**

Please note that both Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council have approved a devolution deal which is expected to lead to the establishment of a Mayoral Combined County Authority with strategic powers, headed by an elected mayor. Subject to the government laying a Statutory Instrument and to its approval by Parliament to formally establish the new combined authority, the first Mayoral election is expected to be in 2028.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/Home>

All correspondence and clarifications regarding the procurement should go through In-Tend: <http://In-Tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

Contracting authority

Norfolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYH-3246-XWTR

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 2DH

United Kingdom

Email: sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Region: UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Essex County Council (as Administering Authority of the Essex Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing Tenders and Specification Writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: pensionenquiries@essex.gov.uk

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Greater Gwent (As Administering Authority of Torfaen Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing Tenders and Specification Writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNG-5431-HGYV

Civic Centre

Pontypool

NP4 6YB

United Kingdom

Email: pensions@torfaen.gov.uk

Region: UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

Lincolnshire County Council (as Administering Authority of the Lincolnshire County Council Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing Tenders and Specification Writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGRB-3736-CHZN

County Offices, Newland

Lincoln

LN1 1YL

United Kingdom

Email: customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Region: UKF30 - Lincolnshire

Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) (a body set up under Section 7 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 110-113)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing tenders and specification writing

- Companies House: 11177145
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPLL-6427-QNDD

18 Smith Square

London

SW1P 3HZ

United Kingdom

Email: sabsecretariat@local.gov.uk

Website: <https://lgpsboard.org>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

West Sussex County Council (as Administering Authority of West Sussex Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing Tenders and Specification Writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXJW-5627-QRQR

County Hall, West Street

Chichester

PO19 1RQ

United Kingdom

Email: investments@westsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

South Yorkshire Pensions Authority

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing Tenders and Specification Writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYGT-5589-ZCYN

Oakwell House, 2 Beavor Court, Pontefract Road

Barnsley

S71 1HG

United Kingdom

Email: customerservices@sypa.org.uk

Region: UKE31 - Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (as Administering Authority of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund)

Summary of their role in this procurement: Assessing Tenders and Specification Writing

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWB-2493-LWTQ

Tameside One

Ashton under Lyne

OL6 0GS

United Kingdom

Email: mail@gmpf.org.uk

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Contact organisation

Contact Norfolk County Council for any enquiries.