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Planning

AI Innovation Partner

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

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Scope

Reference

C409021

Description

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) (The Authority) wishes to establish a strategic innovation partnership(s) to deliver rapid demonstrator projects proving the role of AI in assurance, safety, and regulatory intelligence.

The purpose of the market engagement is to gauge interest and connect with providers in the marketplace. The responses provided will be for information only and will not be assessed. The Authority welcomes engagement from SME's and large enterprises.

Please register to the Atamis platform and download the guidance document for further information.

Total value (estimated)

- £166,666.67 excluding VAT
- £200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71356000 - Technical services
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 January 2026

Engagement process description

The questionnaire will run on the Atamis portal: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

How to access the Questionnaire on the portal:

- Suppliers should register on the portal, if not already registered.
- To express an interest in this preliminary market engagement, search and select contract reference: C409021 Market Engagement - AI Innovation Partner(s)
- Please complete the questionnaire within the requirements section.
- Suppliers can contact the Atamis helpdesk at - support.health@atamis.co.uk or by calling 0800 9956035 for technical assistance when completing responses.

The closing time and date for the return of your responses is 12:00pm on 23rd January 2026. Responses received after this date may be considered at EPUTs discretion.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

20 February 2026

Contracting authority

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRRJ-6511-ZDJL

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