**Essex County Council – Essex Connector POC PIN Survey (August 2024)**

Essex County Council (ECC) are seeking to create a single ‘digital front door’ under the project name CO0541 Essex Connector, that will connect residents and businesses with Essex based employment, training, and skills opportunities.

Using conventional automation as well as Artificial Intelligence, Essex Connector will deliver Careers Information Advice and Guidance along with personalised recommendations relevant to users' interests and requirements.

Essex Connector will also seek to streamline access into employment and skills opportunities by creating talent pools for employers and providers alike.

The full specification of the tool is currently being devised but at present the following are aspects that we strive to incorporate within the solution:

* AI-led Careers IAG ‘careers co-pilot’
* Careers Quiz
* Skills & qualification Integration/Analysis
* Employer Profiles and Spotlights
* Development of an Essex Talent Pool

It is our current intention that the connector is procured as a fully managed technology solution with a technology provider engaged to develop, implement and provide ongoing hosting and updates/developments of the product.

The approach will be to identify the right partner to assist us with running a proof of concept (POC), allowing us to explore and understand what is possible prior to implementing a final lager scale solution.

**Survey Questions:**

Interested parties can provide responses to all or some of the questions. Please feel free to provide additional information regarding services offered which you think the Council would find useful in relation to this exercise.

Interested Parties should note that any responses received during this exercise will be treated as confidential information and it is the intention of the Council not to share this information with any third parties.

Answers to questions should be submitted to both George.Knight@essex.gov.uk and Tyno.Tong@essex.gov.uk by 5pm on 20/08/2024.

Thank you very much for your interest and participation.

**Contact Details**

Name:

Position:

Organisation Name:

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| Question 1: Have you previously supported any other Essex based businesses in the use of Artificial Intelligence for similar digital solutions? If so, please can you provide an overview? |
| Response 1: |
| Question 2: Have you previously produced any similar digital platforms to the aforementioned platforms described above? If so, please can you provide an overview? |
| Response 2: |
| Question 3: What knowledge do you have of the Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) arena within Essex? Your response may include knowledge of Southend and Thurrock. |
| Response 3: |

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| Question 4: How much notice would you expect to need to mobilise on the work described above, if you were to be successful in obtaining a contract following a tender process? |
| Response 4: |
| Question 5: Have you had experience running a proof of concept (POC) on a similar digital platform? If so, please provide details. |
| Response 5:  |
| Question 6: Have you had experience running a proof of concept (POC) on a similar digital platform? If so, please provide details. |
| Response 6: |
| Question 7: If ECC wanted to conduct a proof of concept (POC) on the above piece of work, how would you suggest a POC could be incorporated? Please clearly outline elements which would be inside and outside the POC scope. |
| Response 7: |
| Question 8: Based on similar digital solutions, would you agree with the long term management approach suggested above or would you suggest an alternate way to manage the solution? If so, please provide details. |
| Response 8: |
| Question 9: Can you confirm if you would be willing to provide responses to further questions on this topic posed by ECC, or provide clarifications to the information you have included in this survey? |
| Response 9: |
| Question 10: Below, please provide any additional information regarding this solution that you feel may be beneficial for Essex County Council to note moving forward or that are relevant to this procurement? |
| Response 10: |

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.