Essex County Council (ECC) is keen to explore opportunities to develop how it can meet its requirements for Contract and Procurement Specialist Auditor work.

ECC is looking to partner with professionals who can accommodate planned and unplanned audit assignments and undertake reactive audits as needed. This may be by way of a Framework Agreement and there is no fixed quantity of work.

Auditors should have knowledge of local government contracts and procurement procedures and be able to conduct detailed and technical internal audits.

The purpose of this early engagement is for the Council to understand the market and to draw on this information in order to finalise its options.

We would welcome your feedback on the following:

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| **Question** | **Response**  (500-word limit per question) |
| Do you have experience conducting internal audits focused specifically on public sector procurement and contract management, particularly within local government? (If yes please provide details) |  |
| Can you provide an example or examples of where you have carried out similar work in the public sector? |  |
| What were the key issues that you faced when carrying out this work? |  |
| Would you be willing to work under a Framework Agreement where work is allocated on an as and when basis? |  |