**Pre-market Engagement for the Provision of a Green Skills Opportunities Portal for Essex County Council**

Essex County Council (ECC) is at an early stage in procuring a Green Skills Opportunities Portal, and prior to formulating any formal procurement opportunity, seeks input from the market.

The Council are looking to commission an online portal for green skills that promotes and shares examples of good practice for residents, businesses and employers and hosts links to items such as:

1. Green Skills Prospectus and Directory.
2. Green Jobs Workforce and sector information.
3. Micro-modules targeting school leavers and FE learners at level 1 and 2.
4. Bite Size courses for residents and businesses.
5. Ten questions individuals and businesses should ask themselves to ensure they are adequately informed about green skills.

It is hoped that the portal will allow a one stop shop approach to green skills information and resources for our residents, businesses and providers and may also signpost to other resources.

This portal is a new endeavour, and no date has been set yet for the tender process to commence.

This exercise will provide an opportunity for the Council to obtain insight into what the marketplace already has to offer and how potential providers might approach the commissioning of the services in question. It also gives useful early insight into the likely level of interest from that market. This will help shape the requirement.

Any information gathered will not be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise. Participation or non-participation in this pre-procurement market engagement shall not prevent any supplier/provider participating in a potential procurement process nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier/provider at an advantage in any forthcoming procurement process.

**Pre-Market Engagement 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 submitted should be no more than 500 words per question and should be submitted to sophie.jarrett@essex.gov.uk, no later than 5:00p.m. on 22/03/2023.

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| Question 1: Do you already have available or are you currently developing a portal which would potentially be suitable for the needs stated? Additionally, do you have any experience of producing green jobs, skills, workforce or sector information, training material or courses for learners? Please provide a link(s) to examples, if you are able. |
| Response 1: |
| Question 2: Do you have a standard template that can be developed for a bespoke approach? Please provide a link(s) if you are able, to example portals.  |
| Response 2: |
| Question 3: If you have delivered/developed a portal, what engagement and feedback have you had? |
| Response 3: |