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Award

Tree seed purchases

National Highways

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030aed

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Development, operation and maintenance of the Strategic Road Network

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Tree seed purchases

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 03450000 - Tree-nursery products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice informing the market that National Highways Limited (NHL) intend to award a contract without prior publication of a call for competition. NHL is entering into a contract with Forestart Limited for provision of seeds over five years.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tree seeds to the value of £50,000 a year for five years.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The UK has a limited market for seed supply with only one major seed supplier – Forestart - with the capacity to secure our volumes, given our requirements over quantity, quality and variety. The need to source healthy plant and tree stocks means importing seeds and trees is not considered an option as this threatens bio-security, increases cost e.g. through import fees, delays timescales and raises planting failure rates due to a lack of local origin.

National Highways Limited considers the award is permitted by regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 January 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Forestart Limited

The Seed Unit. Ladymas Lane, Hadnall

Shrewsbury

SY4 4AL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

3614573

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £250,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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