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Legacy Grazing

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH - EAST OF ENGLAND

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/supply-the-council>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Legacy Grazing

Reference number

0911

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Essex County Council is seeking a single lead contractor to provide conservation grazing services, using their own livestock, to various sites in Essex, Suffolk, Kent and Hertfordshire.

The requirement will involve the transportation of the livestock to all sites, as well as management of the service and ensuring that the grazing is to an acceptable level.

The winning contractor will work with Essex's principle consultant in countryside management to ensure best practice is maintained throughout the five year contract; and the requirements are fulfilled.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - EAST OF ENGLAND
- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Various sites in Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent and Suffolk. Full site information is available on Proactis.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Legacy Grazing is a project that forms a part of Essex County Council's Place Services, providing conservation grazing to 16 sites in Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Kent covering over 425 hectares of land.

From April 2021, Essex County Council will appoint a single 'lead' contractor to provide native breed livestock (cattle, sheep and goat) and associated livestock management for Legacy Grazing.

The following activities will be required by the lead contractor:

Manage their livestock in accordance with relevant best-practice, legislation and Legacy Grazing standards.

Inspect grazing sites at least once every two weeks when livestock are present (site information available on proactis).

Ensure a rota of daily welfare checks is in place at each site when livestock are present in accordance with the guidance. See Annex 1 for details of current arrangements for each site.

Deliver two training workshops each year to provide basic training for client staff and volunteer stock checkers. The locations may vary each year, but these will take place at one of Legacy Grazing's sites.

Act as the first point of contact (including weekends & evenings) for client staff and volunteers who undertake daily checks with regard enquires about livestock health or welfare.

At sites (three in total), where client staff or volunteers are not available to undertake daily checks, provide the necessary labour to ensure welfare checks are conducted in accordance with the relevant publications.

Be responsible for dealing with emergency and out-of-hour (evening and weekends) incidents associated with your livestock whilst present on Legacy Grazing sites. Such as, but not limited to, injured, ill or escaped livestock.

Ensure grazing is carried out in accordance with the Grazing Programme and Grazing Plans (available on proactis).

Coordinate all movements of cattle between sites and to do so in accordance with the Grazing Programme and underpinning Grazing Plans.

Assist the Contract Manager by maintaining an up-to-date Grazing Programme and Plans that identify the proposed duration and number of livestock at each site.

Maintain an up-to-date record of livestock type and numbers by Rural Land Register parcel in accordance with Countryside Stewardship obligations for 'Parcel level record keeping'

Maintain an electronic record of site visits and incidents. Format to be agreed between the Contract Manager and the contractor prior to the commencement of the contract.

In case of emergency, assist, where appropriate, Essex County Council staff, client staff, volunteers or sub-contractors with the repair of grazing infrastructure (fencing, gates, handling facilities & water etc.).

Complete and maintain risk assessments (and method statements where applicable) for each site in relation to livestock management and checking. These should be developed with reference to the following publication: Cattle and public access in England and Wales. Advice for farmers, landowners and other livestock keepers .

Meet (at least weekly by phone or on site) with the Contract Manager, and attend site meetings with existing clients (at least once per site per year).

Assist the Contract Manager to promote Legacy Grazing to seek new clients and sites.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

There are a set of KPIs in the bidder documents, which influence overall payment. 90% of the total budget will be paid annually, with the final 10% held back. The 10% is given at the end of the year, assuming all KPIs are met.

Relevant animal welfare must be maintained at all times.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

27 February 2021

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 February 2021

Local time

5:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Courts of Justice

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom