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## **Mechanised Ground Operations**

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0399f8

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Forestry and Land Scotland

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Mechanised Ground Operations

Reference number

FLS-0036-C

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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#### **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
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

3 March 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

PIN to Suppliers

Upcoming Tender FLS-0036-C

Thank you for your interest in working with FLS. I would like to provide some information on an upcoming tender process for Mechanised Ground Preparation.

FLS intend to run an open tender process for these services, which will cover a majority of the same types of requirements as were tendered for in C0203, published by FLS last year. Please note that the new tender will not include the South of Scotland (Dumfries & Borders, and Galloway), which was successfully tendered under C0203.

FLS have recognised and acknowledged several issues that occurred with last year's tender process. We have taken on board feedback from the market and have proceeded to make appropriate changes to several areas of the process, including the lotting structure and evaluation criteria in order to improve the tender process, as well as the overall experience of submitting a bid.

We are planning to work to the following timeline, so please check your inbox and PCS account regularly to ensure that you don't miss out on any opportunities. The project will be titled "Mechanised Ground Operations," and the reference is FLS-0036-C. (Please note that FLS are unable to issue individual notification that the tender is live. This will be advertised only on the PCS portal).

Publication Late February / early March 2023

Tender Deadline April 2023

Tender Award Results May 2023

Contract Start Date 1st August 2023

## Current Contracts

For the suppliers currently working under the agreements, where there is a business need, FLS shall be extending the current agreements to provide contract coverage until the tendering process has been completed.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=720057](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=720057).

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