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## **Alpaca & Llama Walking Concession - Whinlatter Forest**

Forestry Commission

F01: Prior information notice

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

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

Forestry Commission

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Bristol

BS16 1EJ

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.forestryengland.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Forestry

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Alpaca & Llama Walking Concession - Whinlatter Forest

Reference number

FEE/1006

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Forestry England are looking to award a contract for the delivery first class alpaca and llama walking experiences which include meet and greets at Whinlatter Forest. The contractor will be expected to promote Whinlatter Forest and Forestry England within marketing materials, via social media channels and during activities they deliver. It is expected that there will be a range of activities provided that offers opportunities for all visitors and provide accessibility for all. Forestry England are looking to work with an exceptional delivery partner who understands the organisation's values and aims. A thorough understanding of Whinlatter Forest and how it operates is essential to providing a first-class visitor experience. These experiences will contribute to excellent visitor reviews for both Whinlatter Forest, Forestry England as well as the contractor. The contractor must have all walking routes preapproved by Forestry England and provide all necessary paperwork such as risk assessments, public liability cover etc when requested. Walks will be restricted to footpaths and forest roads. Walking on mountain bike trails will not be permitted. The contractor must report participation figures monthly and financial figures on a quarterly basis for Forestry England to raise invoices based on the details of the contract. It will be a requirement for the contractor to promote the completion of the Active Forest Survey to all participants. It is expected for the contractor to keep in good repair the area in which they operate including the field and any outbuildings within it. Animal welfare is of the utmost importance and details should be provided to Forestry England as to how the animals will be looked after and which regulations or governing body recommendations are being followed. Whinlatter is home to stunning views, fantastic walks, exhilarating mountain biking, rare wildlife and

adventure play. Set within the Lake District, a World Heritage Site, Whinlatter has unrivalled views across Bassenthwaite Lake, Derwentwater and Keswick. Visitor numbers are in the region of 250,000 each year. The forest is serviced by a public transport bus. The site offers a café, bike hire, and tree top adventure with Go Ape.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,400,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cumbria

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

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#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact [sam.harris@forestryengland.uk](mailto:sam.harris@forestryengland.uk)

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

1 April 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: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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