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Contract

## **WCC & PC Validation, Verification and Surveying**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-002646

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ea2d

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

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

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Inverness

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#### **Email**

[flexibleprocurement@scotland-excel.org.uk](mailto:flexibleprocurement@scotland-excel.org.uk)

#### **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.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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**

WCC & PC Validation, Verification and Surveying

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

- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

Services

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

Forestry and Land Scotland has a requirement to place a Framework Agreement with external suppliers for the provision of validation and/or verification, by an approved body, of their pipeline of Woodland Carbon Code (WCC) and Peatland Code (PC) projects.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £315,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Peatland Code

Lot No

1

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

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The provision of Peatland Code Validation and Verification Services.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Master ITT: Q3 Communication / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Ability / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Managing Delivery and Quality / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 30

### **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

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

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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Quality criterion - Name: Technical Ability / Weighting: 40

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Price - Weighting: 30

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-038725](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Peatland Code

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

21 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Soil Association Certification

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Bristol

BS1 6AD

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Telephone

+44 1173145056

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £157,500

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Woodland Carbon Code

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

21 October 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Scotland Excel is acting on behalf of Forestry and Land Scotland in the execution of this tender but will not be party to the contract or the management of the contract throughout its lifetime.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

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