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Planning

Grizedale Stargazing Attraction Concession

Forestry England (for and on behalf of the Forestry Commission)

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-043557

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Grizedale Stargazing Attraction Concession

Reference number

FCCN001966

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 intend to tender a concession opportunity to operate an all-year-round stargazing attraction/activity at Grizedale Forest near Ambleside, Cumbria, for up to ten years.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

NORTH WEST (ENGLAND)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry England intend to tender a concession opportunity to operate an all-year-round stargazing attraction/activity at Grizedale Forest near Ambleside, Cumbria, for up to ten years. Utilising Grizedale forest as the stunning canvas which creates dark skies, we are seeking an ambitious partner to create the first astronomy attraction in the Lake District National Park. This will stimulate and grow year-round visitation, creating direct high-quality jobs and stimulate interest in celebrating, protecting and enhancing the dark skies of Cumbria. In addition to outdoor spaces within the forest, the supplier will be able to make use of existing indoor spaces within The Yan building at Grizedale, which can provide events space, office, toilets, kitchen and equipment storage areas. Prospective suppliers are invited to express an interest in this opportunity and have a initial site visit and conversation with our Grizedale Recreation & Business Manager ahead of the tender documents being published in early May 2024.

II.2.14) Additional information

Organisations interested in expressing an interest in this tender opportunity and/or have an initial site visit and discussion about the opportunity should notify Sam Harris, Commercial Advisor at Sam.Harris@forestryengland.uk.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 May 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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