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## **Grizedale Stargazing Attraction Concession**

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

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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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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**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**

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](mailto:Sam.Harris@forestryengland.uk) .

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

3 May 2024

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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**

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://forestryengland.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Bristol:-Recreational%2C-cultural-and-sporting-services./49V3X6A79Z>

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