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Tender

Countryside Access Vegetation Management Framework Agreement

Norfolk County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-043655

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Norfolk County Council

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 2DH

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Countryside Access Vegetation Management Framework Agreement

Reference number

NCCT42781

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77312000 - Weed-clearance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council is looking to establish a multi-provider framework agreement for countryside access vegetation management across Norfolk.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77312000 - Weed-clearance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Surface Vegetation. This covers the surface vegetation of trails and public rights of way. Norfolk will be subdivided into geographical contract 'Areas' consisting of grouped Parishes or key long continuous linear routes and presented with a total cutting distance in metres. Due to the nature of the work contractors will be expected to be able to carry out the contract delivery regardless of the terrain. This means that contractors will need to have the ability to carry out works across boardwalks, on riverbanks/ flood banks and in protected landscapes. Each contract Area is made up of a combination of the Environment Department's trails and Highways Department's public rights of way. The Highways Department network is cut up to twice per year, Environment Department are cut up to three times per year and the National Trails will have a dynamic approach due to the nature of predominately residing in protected landscapes. Side Vegetation This covers the need to address encroachment and re-establish the width / height of the access corridor. In most cases this will be delivered in the autumn/winter to avoid bird nesting season but where the cut requires soft vegetation (alexander, nettles) and not hard (bramble, hedge, or low branches) may be carried out earlier in the cutting season.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents, including: A proven track record and extensive knowledge and experience of providing vegetation cutting and clearance. A Waste Carrier Licence.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Not applicable

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

4 March 2024

Local time

10:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

4 March 2024

Local time

10:00am

Place

In-tend

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BUYERPROFILES>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the `tenders` section and `express an interest` to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Nplaw

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.