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Contract

Peatland Restoration - Abernethy - August 2021

RSPB Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d003

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

RSPB Scotland

Edinburgh

Email

central.procurement@rspb.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.rspb.org.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA16345

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Charity

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45112500 - Earthmoving work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The primary objective in this phase of the An Lurg project is to stabilise the existing peatland communities to prevent further erosion and degradation and re-vegetate bare peat across the site. In addition, the restoration aims to reduce Carbon emissions, improve water quality, raise the water table, reduce sedimentation, and enhance biodiversity.

The site comprises extensive areas of reprofiled peat hags, erosion gullies, and large areas of bare peat. There are hotspots of micro-erosion across areas of the site linked to historic high herbivore pressure. There is a range of reprofiled peat hags from under 0.5m to over 2m with the majority falling within 0.7-1.5m in height. Parts of the site are still in an actively eroding condition and are located within a landscape of degraded peatland. The project requires a range of techniques to be installed by hand and will require helicopter transportation of materials.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £104,470

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

Main site or place of performance

The RSPB Abernethy Reserve is located in Strathspey, lying to the south and south-east of Nethy Bridge.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Reserve comprises a large extent of remnant Caledonian pine forest and higher open ground extending to the northern areas of the Cairngorm massif. The peatland restoration site lies to the south-eastern boundary of the Reserve, on higher ground between Bynack More to the south-west and An Lurg to the east, bounded by the Water of Caiplich to the south. It is set within a wider landscape of largely degraded peatland.

This project will complete the first phase of restoration on An Lurg following reprofiling work with excavators in 2020. Stone dams and some coir logs were also installed as part of the 2020 works.

The site is at an altitude of between 690 and 800 metres, with the centre of the site at NJ046087. The majority of the site is a mosaic of NVC M19 Calluna-Eriophoretum blanket

mire with smaller areas of M16d Erica-Sphagnum wet heath communities, M2 and M3 bog pool communities, patches of high altitude H13 Calluna-Cladonia heath, H12b Vaccinium-Cladonia heath, and U5b Nardus-Galium grassland. The Reserve is managed primarily for nature conservation. The restoration site is in an area that was historically managed for red deer and red grouse going back to the 19th Century, with livestock grazing on the site prior to the formation of sporting estates.

Restoration Proposals

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Experience / Weighting: 70

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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: [2021/S 000-018581](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 October 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

A.C.T Heritage Ltd

Gloonan, Daviot

Inverness

IV2 5XQ

Telephone

+44 1463771336

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £104,470

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.rspb.org.uk