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Planning

River Restoration and Invasive Non-Native Species Control All Wales Framework Agreement

Natural Resources Wales

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

River Restoration and Invasive Non-Native Species Control All Wales Framework Agreement

Reference number

100710

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45246200 - Riverbank protection works

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

River Restoration Services including creation of riverside corridors with stock fencing, in-channel actions including small scale weir/hard revetment removals, gravel and boulder introduction, brush revetment works. Creation/improvement of floodplain habitats (scrapes/ponds). INNS (Invasive Non-Native Species) Control including Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knot Weed, Giant Hog Weed and American Skunk Cabbage. Manual channel debris clearance.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lotting strategy to be confirmed in tender documents

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

INNS (Invasive Non-Native Species) Control and Manual Channel Clearance

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77312000 - Weed-clearance services
- 45111213 - Site-clearance work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Welsh Rivers

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NRW is carrying out pre-tender market engagement with contractors interested in river restoration, river management, and INNS control with a view to undertaking a procurement exercise in Spring 2023. The procurement will be for a River Restoration and INNS Control framework for all of Wales which will support delivery of various large scale projects including 4RiversforLIFE project, NRW's River Restoration programme and 'business as usual' spend including fisheries and flood risk management operations.

This lot will include:

Management of invasive non-native plant species (typically Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed and American Skunk Cabbage). Manual river restoration works such as blockage removal and creation of log piles.

Manual river channel maintenance activities to ensure clear passage of flow in the channel including vegetation management using hand tools, manual removal of blockages, rubbish and debris.

NRW will be holding an open period for pre-tender market engagement between 10th

February 2023 and 9th March 2023.

Contractors operating across Wales are encouraged to get in touch to discuss the work and contract opportunities in their local areas. Contractor input is strongly encouraged so NRW can put in place efficient procurement that works well for all parties.

NOTE THIS WORK WILL BE FURTHER SUB-DIVIDED INTO SMALLER GEOGRAPHICAL SUB-LOTS IN THE TENDER

During this open pre-tender market engagement period contractors are invited to:-

- Attend a face to face meeting with NRW Procurement (various locations available)
- Attend an online MS Teams meeting with NRW Procurement and project staff

To register your interest and request a meeting or discussion contact

cathryn.mackinlay@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

River Restoration

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45246200 - Riverbank protection works
- 45342000 - Erection of fencing
- 03450000 - Tree-nursery products

- 77310000 - Planting and maintenance services of green areas
- 14212100 - Pebbles and gravel
- 92534000 - Wildlife preservation services
- 92530000 - Botanical and zoological garden services and nature reserve services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All of Wales

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The projects will use long term nature-based solutions to improve the ecological quality of the Welsh rivers by improving accessibility for migratory fish, improving habitat structure and function, and improving water quality. This will be delivered by working with local communities, landowners and contractors.

The forthcoming works are to be delivered across Wales to improve the conditions of rivers for multiple target species through multiple actions including:-

- Creation of riverside corridors with stock fencing and tree planting
- Introduction of gravel, boulders, woody debris, soft revetment
- Removal of small weirs or culverts
- Removal of hard bank revetment.
- Creation of log pile otter holts.

Land management improvement through the following interventions

- On-farm improvements to draining and pipework
- Installation of mains and natural water supply troughs
- Yard works including concrete work, hard-coring gateways, roof water guttering, grey water harvesting
- INNS (Invasive Species Control)

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 March 2023

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=129045.

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