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Tender

## **Helicopter Services for Aerial Surveillance in Support of Plant Health Operations**

Forestry Commission

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-004233

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dcf0

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Forestry Commission

620 Coldharbour Lane

Bristol

BS16 1EJ

#### **Email**

[commercial.services@forestryengland.uk](mailto:commercial.services@forestryengland.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3000674000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/forestry-commission>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Bristol:-Hire-of-helicopters-with-crew./6Q2MQ6QWCT>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**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**

Helicopter Services for Aerial Surveillance in Support of Plant Health Operations

Reference number

FCCN/002976

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60424120 - Hire of helicopters with crew

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

We will be awarding a framework agreement for the supply of helicopter services for aerial surveillance and photography for plant health purposes in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This framework agreement requires provision of helicopter services for aerial surveillance and is therefore not suitable for suppliers of UAV (drone) services.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Renewal upon expiry

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **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

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## **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 several operators

#### **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

10 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

10 March 2025

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>