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Tender

Wood Fuel Supply

Staffordshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

IA3789

Description

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) operates as both a timber merchant and as a wood chip fuel producer/trader which supplies wood chip fuel to a range of biomass heat installations across the county. This operation receives bulk loads of round logs to its timber yard at Heatley Hall Farm, Rugeley, which are stored until suitable for chipping on site. The chips are warehoused in specially constructed shelters on site for further drying until required for delivery to our biomass heat installations on an as-needed basis. The Council also receives and distributes wood chip from external sources.

This procurement is for the supply of services to SCC to assist our activity as timber merchant and as a wood chip fuel producer/trader which supplies wood chip fuel.

This framework agreement consists of two Lots:

Lot 1: The supply and haulage of round timber to our depot at Heatley Hall Farm. This

shall consist of mixed conifer or hardwood in lengths of 2.5-2.9 metres and 0.07-0.5 metre diameter.

Lot 2: The supply and haulage of wood chip fuel meeting G50/W30 specification or similar to Heatley Hall Farm, to comply with our Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) obligations

The maximum expected annual volume approximates to 1,500 tonnes of Round Timber and 500 tonnes of Wood Chip. Timber should be sourced within a 60-mile radius of the depot where possible.

SCC is inviting interest from suitable providers to provide either one or both above Lots on an as-needed basis. Providers are to specify which lot(s) they are bidding for in their submission.

The haulier must demonstrate full compliance with the The Road Haulage of Round Timber Code of Practice 2020, or any successive document, as published by the Timber Transport Forum.

All providers of round timber must be able to demonstrate evidence of a Felling License reference. In addition, all processed woodchip needs to be certified under the Biomass Suppliers List (BSL).

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £720,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028

- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Two optional extension periods of 12 months each, to be exercised if the Council is satisfied with the performance of the Framework.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 03413000 - Fuel wood
- 09111400 - Wood fuels

Contract locations

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC
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Lot 1. Delivery of Round Timber

Description

The supply and haulage of round timber to our depot at Heatley Hall Farm. This shall

consist of mixed conifer or hardwood in lengths of 2.5-2.9 metres and 0.07-0.5 metre diameter.

The maximum expected annual volume approximates to 1,500 tonnes of Round Timber. Timber should be sourced within a 60-mile radius of the depot where possible.

Lot value (estimated)

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Delivery of Wood Chip

Description

The supply and haulage of wood chip fuel meeting G50/W30 specification or similar to Heatley Hall Farm, to comply with our Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) obligations.

The maximum expected annual volume approximates to 500 tonnes of Wood Chip.

Lot value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Providers will be required to submit an initial price for evaluation purposes only to demonstrate they are able to provide the required services under the given budget.

Award of Call-Off Contracts will be on a 100% price basis via a further competition process when the Council has a need for supply of Round Timber or Wood Chip.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Delivery of Round Timber

Lot 2. Delivery of Wood Chip

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

This procurement will be performed on the Council's eProcurement Platform, Proactis (<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login#>). All relevant procurement documents will be available on this platform under the procurement reference IA3789.

Providers are urged to submit clarifications through the message function on Proactis where possible and NOT via the contact listed in this tender notice.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality		Quality	90%
Price	Providers are reminded that this 10% is for evaluation purposes as part of the Framework award process. Call-offs will be made by a 100% price Further Competition when the Council determines that there is a need.	Price	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Staffordshire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government