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Tender

Grounds Maintenance at Holryood Palace and Park

Historic Environment Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

<http://historiconvironment.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00164

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Built Environment, Heritage and Tourism

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Grounds Maintenance at Holyrood Palace and Park

Reference number

HES/C/4191

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

2.1 Historic Environment Scotland are seeking a Supplier to provide grounds maintenance services for Holyrood Palace and Park during the months of April to October. Work outside these months may also be required. The general types of grounds maintenance that HES shall require is likely to include the following elements:

the mowing of all lawns, semi-coarse grasslands, slopes, ramparts

trimming of all lawn edges

strimming around the bases of walls, trees and signs

the application of approved herbicides as and when specified

weed control of all footpaths, car park, road gutters and gravel areas

gardening duties are to be carried out on landscaped areas and will include the weeding, forking, pruning and the application of fertilisers as specified in the contract documentation. Leave and branch clearing duties may also be required.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Holyrood Park and Palace

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Historic Environment Scotland are seeking a Supplier to provide grounds maintenance services for Holyrood Park during the months of April to October. Work outside these months may also be required. The general types of grounds maintenance that HES shall require is likely to include the following elements:

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trimming of all lawn edges

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the application of approved herbicides as and when specified

weed control of all footpaths, car park, road gutters and gravel areas

gardening duties are to be carried out on landscaped areas and will include the weeding, forking, pruning and the application of fertilisers as specified in the contract documentation

leave and branch clearing duties may also be required.

The contract comprises the provision of all necessary labour, materials, tools, machines, fuel and transport for the provision of a grounds maintenance service at the sites listed above.

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

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will have an option to extend for another 48 months reviewed annually.

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.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

HES use Scotbis, an independent provider of business credit reports, to assess the financial standing of tenderers. The overall aim of this assessment is to ensure, as far as possible, that any potential Supplier will not have financial difficulties that endanger their ability to perform the Contract. If financial information cannot be gained from that source Historic Environment Scotland will request that you provide full audited accounts for the last full financial year. If Suppliers cannot provide any of the assurances as detailed above, and it is determined by HES that your financial strength is not adequate, then your company may not pass the financial evaluation. If you can provide the assurances as detailed above, HES may explore these options with you before determining whether your company can be taken forward in this procurement exercise. Bank details may also be sought to support the above

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Employers (compulsory) Liability Insurance - GDP 5 million

Public Liability Insurance - GDP 5 million

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

Date

20 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: If all extensions are used then this will be relet in 2029

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

Suppliers are asked to ensure their response is submitted before the closing date and time as HES will not accept late tenders. You should also highlight any issues with the terms and conditions in your response as HES will not sign up to supplier's terms or negotiate at point of award or post contract award.

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

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=722558.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Suppliers are expected to offer community benefits as part of the service provision, this can be in form of work placements, engaging with SME's, local employment opportunities

or other social value engagements.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=722558

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of Peace Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom