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Contract

FW0074 Framework Agreement for Soil Surveys

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f891

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

FW0074 Framework Agreement for Soil Surveys

Reference number

FW0074

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79311000 - Survey services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) has a requirement to procure a number of soil surveys

to meet our requirement to manage the national forest estate.

Survey requirements procured through this Framework include;

- Site/soil surveys of afforested, clear felled, open land and ex-agricultural land.
- Recording the site/soil patterns and associated specific data, using the FC soil classification.
- Mapping Soil Polygons and associated linear and point data in a digital format.
- Delivering all data outputs from the survey, as specific format GIS themes (currently a bespoke version of GIS Forester), together with associated attribute tables.
- Producing written reports for each site
- Bespoke type of soil survey e.g. Detailed mapping of peatland types in a mosaic and peat depth probing
- Assessment of newly acquired land including possibly reclaimed land such as old mine works.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

North & West Region

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311000 - Survey services
- 71355000 - Surveying services

- 79311200 - Survey conduction services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

North and West region of Scotland. Please see the map defining regional boundaries, uploaded to folder 3 on PCS-Tender.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) manage the national forests and land to enhance biodiversity, support tourism and increase access to the green spaces that will help improve Scotland's physical and mental health and well-being. FLS also continues to provide vital timber supplies to support a sustainable rural economy. Further information on who FLS are and what it does can be found here - <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/>

FLS has an ongoing requirement for the provision of soil surveys across all of Scotland. This Lot is for the North and West regions of Scotland.

The aim of this tender is to establish a framework agreement to fulfil this requirement.

This Framework will comprise of three geographical lots based on FLS' regions. A map of the regional boundaries can be found in document 3. Map of Regional Boundaries.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory Payment of the Real Living Wage / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Prompt Payment / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory Community Benefits / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Additional Community Benefits / Weighting: 2.50%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 2.50%

Quality criterion - Name: Resource: Delivery Team – Soil Surveyors / Weighting: 11.25%

Quality criterion - Name: Resource: Delivery Team – Non-Surveying / Weighting: 6.25%

Quality criterion - Name: Resource: Framework/Contract Management / Weighting: 5.00%

Quality criterion - Name: Service Continuity and Deadlines / Weighting: 7.50%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Maintenance / Weighting: 7.50%

Quality criterion - Name: Health and Safety / Weighting: 3.75%

Quality criterion - Name: Lone Working / Weighting: 3.75%

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing Schedule / Weighting: 50.00%

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

FLS intends to appoint a maximum of 3 suppliers per lot.

The suppliers will be ranked on each lot based on total evaluation scores.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Central and East Region

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311000 - Survey services

- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

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FLS has an ongoing requirement for the provision of soil surveys across all of Scotland. This Lot is for the Central and East regions of Scotland.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

South Region

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311000 - Survey services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

South region of Scotland. Please see the map defining regional boundaries, uploaded to folder 3 on PCS-Tender.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) manage the national forests and land to enhance biodiversity, support tourism and increase access to the green spaces that will help improve Scotland's physical and mental health and well-being. FLS also continues to provide vital timber supplies to support a sustainable rural economy. Further information on who FLS are and what it does can be found here - <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/>

FLS has an ongoing requirement for the provision of soil surveys across all of Scotland. This Lot is for the South region of Scotland.

The aim of this tender is to establish a framework agreement to fulfil this requirement.

This Framework will comprise of three geographical lots based on FLS' regions. A map of the regional boundaries can be found in document 3. Map of Regional Boundaries.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory Community Benefits / Weighting: Pass/Fail

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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

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: [2022/S 000-024948](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

North & West Region

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

the James Hutton Institute

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Country

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NUTS code

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,762,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Central and East Region

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £842,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

South Region

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £896,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

It is a requirement of this tender that all staff involved in the delivery of the Framework, are paid at least the Real Living Wage.

Following award of the framework, the staff of the successful bidders will be required to undertake and pass a mandatory soil survey skills test. Please see the specification uploaded to PCS-T for full details.

Forestry and Land Scotland is holding an optional webinar session for interested bidders on 20th September 2022. Details of accessing this will be published via PCS-Tender.

FLS reserves the right to modify the duration, volume and, or, value of the contract(s), by undefined limits, under Regulation 72(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations, where required, as a result of the circumstances listed in FW0074 Specification, attached within PCS-Tender.

The Scottish Government Supplier Journey: <https://www.supplierjourney.scot/>

The Buyer Help and Guidance on PCS-T here:
<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/web/buyerhelp.html>

The Supplier Developer Programme is available to assist Suppliers with public procurement including training events: <https://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/region/public-bodies-forestry-commission/>

The Procurement Journey Scoring Methodology will be used for this exercise - full scoring methodology is detailed in the Evaluation and Award Criteria Document.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 , may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

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