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## **Arboriculture Services Framework 2024 - 2028**

Westmorland and Furness Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKD12 - East Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=af93b08c-2dd2-ee11-8127-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=af93b08c-2dd2-ee11-8127-005056b64545>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Arboriculture Services Framework 2024 - 2028

Reference number

DN712543

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Highway verge and tree management is a key part of the Council's duty to maintain safe highways. Westmorland and Furness Council requires up to a maximum of six Suppliers for the provision of services for tree maintenance, felling, storm damage and works identified from the ash die back surveys. Through the Framework the Council is seeking to have a clear impact on the Cumbrian economy through job creation, training and development opportunities and development of the local supply chain.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD12 - East Cumbria

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

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identified from the ash die back surveys. Through the Framework the Council is seeking to have a clear impact on the Cumbrian economy through job creation, training and development opportunities and development of the local supply chain.

#### **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: £4,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **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

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## **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

25 March 2024

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

25 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers wishing to express an interest and obtain access to the tender documents should go to [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) and click on current opportunities from the navigation area on the left of the screen. On the next screen enter the contract Reference (DN712543) in the box labelled 'contains' then click search. Click on the blue link for the contract title to view the opportunity. To express an interest you will need to login. If you are not already registered on the [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) you will need to return to the home page and click on Register. Register FREE link in the navigation area on the left of the screen. Registration is free of charge and your username and password will be emailed to you. Westmorland and Furness Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Westmorland and Furness Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business communities and the voluntary sector. Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

- (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and
- (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs

incurred by the candidates. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a Contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. The Contracting Authority reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement. The framework is for 48 months. The value provided in Section II.1.5 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this contract. Under this procurement the contractor is required to actively participate in the economic and social regeneration of the locality and surrounding the place of delivery for the procurement. Accordingly contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations.

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom