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Planning

Play Development at Hole Farm

Forestry England (for and on behalf of the Forestry Commission)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Forestry

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Play Development at Hole Farm

Reference number

FCCN002121

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 37535200 - Playground equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry England are seeking expressions of interest for the Play Development works at Hole Farm in Essex

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 43325000 - Park and playground equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry England are seeking expressions of interest for a contract for Play Development at Hole Farm in Essex.

Background: National Highways purchased the 95ha arable farm site, known as Hole Farm, in April 2021 with the intention of creating an all-purpose community woodland on the site in partnership with Forestry England. The first year of tree planting took place in winter 2022/23 with the final year of establishment planting planned to take place in winter 2024/25. Designs for the site include new surfaced paths, a 94-space visitor car park, and take-away café. Construction of the new paths, buildings, car park and associated infrastructure is expected to be completed by March 2025.

Forestry England aims to provide positive, memorable experiences through play that connect people with the natural environment in a way that promotes active, healthy lifestyles and sparks a life-long interest in the outdoors and natural environment. We'd like to challenge the public perception that without large 'climbing structures' there is nothing for children to do or enjoy. We are suggesting a mix of natural and wild play features, which provide a 'bridge' to exploration of the wider landscape, located at three points situated along the accessible path network.

Play features should be:

- Accessible and sensory – so no big climbing structures.
- Natural play or made from natural materials.
- Features that enable families to connect with the wider landscape.
- Features to be located just off the main visitor path for ease of access.

II.2.14) Additional information

To express an interest in this opportunity or for more information, please email sam.harris@forestryengland.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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