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## **1729 / ITT / SC Framework Biochar Soil Amendment**

University of Nottingham

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032677

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

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

University of Nottingham

Park Campus

Nottingham

NG7 2RD

#### **Email**

[Sabrina.Cox@Nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Sabrina.Cox@Nottingham.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKF14 - Nottingham

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/>

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

1729 / ITT / SC Framework Biochar Soil Amendment

Reference number

1729 / ITT / SC

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 14212400 - Soil

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Brief: The University of Nottingham (UoN) is conducting the most ambitious and comprehensive biochar demonstration programme to date involving arable fields, grass and woodland, contaminated land, and where soil erosion control is required. The programme, using over 200 tonnes of biochar, will address uncertainties regarding the extent and scope of deployment and its stability with respect to carbon sequestration, together with quantifying effects on ecosystem services. The framework will allow UoN to secure compliant supply chains and call off materials. Tender Technical Specification: Starting in summer of 2022, UoN will be deploying 100-150 tonnes of biochar to arable lands across farms in the UK, for which we require biochar of EBC (European Biochar Certificate) Agro II specification. The biochar required must be suitable for application using agricultural spreaders with minimal dust production, which in practice means particle sizes of 1-5 mm. Over the following 3 years we may

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Framework Agreement for Biochar as a Soil Amendment: Virgin Material

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 14212400 - Soil
- 14212420 - Subsoil

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Varied across the UK

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

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#### **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

See tender documents <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham.aspx/Home>

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Must have EBC (European Biochar Certificate) Agro II specification - See tender documents <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham.aspx/Home>

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Framework Agreement for Biochar as a Soil Amendment: Biproduct Material

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 14212400 - Soil
- 14212420 - Subsoil

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Multiple Sites across the UK

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The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Access to Tender Documents: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham/asp/Home>

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Access to Tender Documents: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham/asp/Home>

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

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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

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Compatibility

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

2 May 2022

Local time

1:48pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 May 2022

Local time

12:00am

Place

nottingham

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

## **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**

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

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

High Court

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In accordance with Regulation 86 and 87 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority has incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period starting from the day when contract award was notified to the bidders. Unsuccessful bidders will be provided with a debrief in the award decision at the start of the standstill period including details of their bid in relation to the winning bid comprising the reasons for the decision, the characteristics and relative advantages of the successful tender, the score of the economic operator and the name of the economic operator to be awarded the contract. Tenderers have a right to appeal provided for within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.