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Tender

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

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

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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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://intendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham/aspx/Home>

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

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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

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

Access to Tender Documents: <https://intendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham.aspx/Home>

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.