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The Provision of Habitat Improvement Works

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

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Scope

Reference

TWC000797

Description

The Council is looking to receive applications from Suppliers to join a multi supplier Framework to carry out habitat improvement works in suitable locations. Some of these will be part of legally binding Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) agreements, funded by third parties. BNG was set out in the Environment Act (2021) and is regulated through associated Statutory Instruments.

BNG requires developments to make appropriate onsite habitat improvements. However, in certain circumstances these works can be offset by a third party via appropriate habitat creation/enhancement works.

BNG requirements are generally very technical and bound by both legislation and legal

agreements. The habitats are assessed under the UK Habitats classification system and their condition assessed in line with the national BNG guidance documents.

Areas of habitat for improvement must reach a given ecological condition, within an allotted timeframe, and to be maintained at this level of quality for a minimum of 30 years. Any Call-Off Contracts awarded as part of this Framework will deliver part of this 30 year commitment.

The Council is looking to provide habitat uplift projects which can be funded via offsite BNG agreements. Some aspects of these works may be undertaken in house by the Council, through other Council contracts, and via this Framework. These Services will be for varying lengths of time as indicated in the separate Lots.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,160,000 excluding VAT
- £1,392,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 25 April 2025 to 25 April 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90700000 - Environmental services
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Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 Grassland

Description

Telford & Wrekin Council is wanting the establishment of wildflower grasslands. These will often include the g3c6 Lolium – Cynosurus neutral grassland habitat with a diversity of min 9-15 appropriate species per square metre.

The service required are:

- A. Grassland species diversification
- B. Annual sward management
- C. Weed removal

It is likely that diversification contracts will be up to three years and annual management contracts for a year.

Service 1.A: Grassland species diversification

Service Providers are sought with the technical capability to, and proven experience of creating and establishing native species-rich wildflower grasslands on public open space.

The specific works required are:

- The Service Provider is to source and supply the seed mix (see below)

- Cultivate to destroy and bury the surface vegetation
- Harrow to produce a medium tilth
- Roll to produce a firm surface
- Seeding of appropriate seed mix in August/September
- Rolling, not covering of applied seed

The viability, appropriateness and diversity of the seed mixture is key to the project's success of creating wildflower grasslands. The g3c6 Lolium – Cynosurus neutral grassland requires an appropriate diversity of a minimum of 12 appropriate species per square metre. Therefore, the appropriateness and diversity of this mix must be agreed in writing by the Council prior to sowing. It should be sown at the suppliers' recommended rate. However, the Council is not liable for the viability or success of establishment of this seed.

Lot value (estimated)

- £160,000 excluding VAT
- £192,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0002. Lot 2 Hedgerows & tree planting

Description

The Council is looking for Service Providers who are able to deliver the following works:

- A. Create and establish wildlife-rich hedgerows
- B. Restore existing hedgerows
- C. Trim hedgerows
- D. Create and establish new woodland plantings
- E. Diversify the species of established woodland with whips, seeds and/or plants

Woodland plantings will be site specific, however hedgerows will be more standardised in their specification. In this instance the Council is wanting the establishment of h2a5 Species-rich native hedgerow with a diversity of min 5 native woody species per 30m and a selected tree every 10m. We aim to create hedgerows that, in 10yrs, will have a target condition of:

- Min 5 woody species per 30m
- >1.5m in height and width
- Gap between ground and base of canopy 90% of length
- Gaps