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## **ESPH SB Landscape Evidence Base Studies (ESPH444 LM)**

Wealden District Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02ab5b

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

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

Wealden District Council

Council Offices, Vicarage Lane

Hailsham

BN27 2AX

#### **Email**

[esph@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:esph@wealden.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.wealden.gov.uk/>

## **I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.sesharedservices.org.uk/esourcing>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.sesharedservices.org.uk/esourcing>

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## **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**

ESPH SB Landscape Evidence Base Studies (ESPH444 LM)

Reference number

WDC - 032573

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

- 90710000 - Environmental management

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

Services

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

Wealden District Council (the Council) is seeking to appoint a suitably experienced and qualified landscape consultancy to undertake a number of landscape evidence base studies to inform the new Local Plan, including to assist in decisions on the allocation of specific areas and/or sites for development. This assessment work shall also inform the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan; Development Management decisions on planning applications and assist in the production of Neighbourhood Plans. The work to be undertaken is in the form of 5 inter-related projects: • 1: An up-to-date Landscape Character Assessment; • 2: A Landscape Sensitivity Assessment for Residential and Employment Development; • 3: A Landscape and Visual Assessment of Areas for new settlements and large urban extensions; • 4: A Landscape Sensitivity Assessment for Wind Turbine and Solar PV Development. • 5: A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of proposed allocation sites within the High Weald AONB.

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

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

### **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**

Start date

14 June 2021

End date

31 December 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

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

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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

3 June 2021

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

3 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom