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Tender

Manufacture, Supply and Installation of Timber Signage for Scotland's National Nature Reserves

Scottish Natural Heritage

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nature.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Manufacture, Supply and Installation of Timber Signage for Scotland's National Nature Reserves

Reference number

PP-1417

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 44423400 - Signs and related items

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NatureScot intends to establish a single-supplier framework for the manufacture, supply and installation of high-quality timber signage for Scotland's National Nature Reserves. The requirement includes the production of CAD-routed Douglas Fir timber signs, supply of CHPL graphic panels, associated hardware and fixings, and delivery and installation at reserve sites across Scotland, including remote and island locations. Services include preparation of bilingual English/Gaelic artwork, manufacture in accordance with the NNR Signs Guide, installation to agreed specifications, removal of old signs where required, and provision of all associated materials, labour and quality assurance. The framework will support a rolling programme of new and replacement signage over a four-year period, with estimated volumes of 50–100 signs per year.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £360,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34928470 - Signage
- 45233293 - Installation of street furniture
- 03419000 - Timber
- 79822500 - Graphic design services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NatureScot requires a single-supplier framework for the manufacture, supply and delivery of high-quality timber signage, produced in accordance with the NNR Signs Guide and associated CAD master drawings. The requirement includes the production of routed Douglas Fir timber sign structures, supply of CHPL graphic panels using print-ready artwork provided by NatureScot, and provision of all associated fixings and hardware. The supplier will prepare English or bilingual English/Gaelic CAD drawings, manufacture items to approved designs, deliver completed signage to NatureScot National Nature Reserves (NNRs), offices or other designated locations, and install signage where required.

The framework will support a rolling programme of new and replacement signage across Scotland's NNR estate, typically involving 50–100 signs per year across 3–5 reserves. Work may include removal of existing signs, reinstatement of ground, provision of photographic evidence, and addressing any warranty issues. All timber must be sourced from certified sustainable sources (e.g. FSC/PEFC), and all products must comply with the technical standards, tolerances, sustainability requirements and Service Level Agreements detailed within the Statement of Requirements

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £360,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will run for an initial period of 36 months, with the option for NatureScot to extend for an additional 12 months at its sole discretion

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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:

N/A

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-069129](#)

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

Date

5 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 4 May 2026

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Scotland Excel will be conducting this procurement exercise on behalf of NatureScot but will not be party to the implementation or management of it.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=821735.

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=821735

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

Country

United Kingdom