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Planning

Forest Management and Invasive Vegetation Control

Forestry and Land Scotland

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Forest Management and Invasive Vegetation Control

Reference number

tbc

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) serves to alert the marketplace to a potential opportunity for Forest Management and Invasive Vegetation Control services to Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS), and it is requesting information from the marketplace in order to refine our requirements.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS currently procure Forest Management and Invasive Vegetation Control services through a number of medium-term contracts (up to four years including extensions) and various other contracts awarded through Framework Agreements. Our objective is to bring together all of these requirements into one Scotland-wide tender through which we will award a number of contracts (Lots) based on appropriate locations and our programmes of work.

Forest Management includes services such as; Planting (including Restock and Beat-up), Cleaning, Respacing, Weeding, Spraying. Invasive vegetation control includes services such as; Cutting and burning; foliar, stem and stump treatment with pesticides, steep ground / rope access work.

We anticipate the new tender will be published in August 2021 with contracts awarded in January 2022 so that work can start from the 1st April 2022.

The structure of this tender and how it might be divided into Lots will be guided by our market research and data analysis; one aim of this tender is to reduce unnecessary administration and duplication of effort (both for FLS and suppliers) that currently exists across our portfolio of contracts.

Health and safety is at the forefront of all our working in FLS and we aim to contract with safe and competent suppliers that can plan with us to strategically deploy and supervise their resources safely, effectively, sustainably, and be capable of adapting these plans where action is needed to adjust our programme.

We are seeking your views about how we can build our tender to deliver our aims whilst also making FLS an attractive customer to work with. With this in mind, it will help us to understand any barriers that you foresee may hinder your ability to bid for this work, such as difficulties with recruiting, planning and pricing.

We also seek to understand if there are other innovative ideas within the marketplace which we might consider.

We look forward to hearing your views to help us shape our strategy and we thank-you for engaging with us to help us deliver our Forest Management and Invasive Vegetation Control.

II.2.14) Additional information

There is no requirement to have read or replied to this notice and the survey. This notice is not a call for competition (tender) and will not be used for the evaluation of suppliers; this is for information and market engagement only.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 August 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please send your completed response to Procurement@forestryandland.gov.scot by 31st May 2021, if you have any questions please use the Questions and Answers in PCS.

Help for suppliers with public sector tendering is available through the Scottish Government's Supplier Journey and the Supplier Development Programme.

Responses will be held securely but may be subject to freedom of information requests. If you consider that any of the information included in this response is commercially confidential please identify it and explain (in broad terms) what harm might result from disclosure and/or publication. It should be remembered though, that, even where you have indicated that information is commercially sensitive, Scottish Ministers may disclose this information where they see fit. Receipt by FLS of any material marked "confidential" or equivalent should not be taken to mean that Scottish Ministers accept any duty of confidentiality by virtue of that marking.

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