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Contract

Ground Preparation Services Framework

Natural Resources Wales

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Government Sponsored Body

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Ground Preparation Services Framework

Reference number

NRW50899

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this framework is to provide All Wales NRW Forestry Operations teams with the resource to manage the Ground preparation programme of works predominantly within the Welsh Government Woodland Estate (WGWE). This framework could also be used for NRW funded projects if appropriate.

NRW is responsible for the management of the WGWE and has an annual restocking and new planting programme of around 1600 ha's, requiring some four million trees. NRW manages the WGWE sustainably and is certified by both the Forest Stewardship Council and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, to meet the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Ground Preparation using a Tracked Excavator

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 43262100 - Mechanical excavators
- 16100000 - Agricultural and forestry machinery for soil preparation or cultivation
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

7 different areas within wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This framework is being developed to provide a flexible contractor base to carry out all aspects of Ground Preparation services using a tracked excavator, which all restocked areas must conform to our NRW's OGN4 guidance relating to sustainable forest management. The service is to cover category A work such as Brash Raking & Hinge Mounding, Brash Raking & Inverted Mounding, Brash Raking & Screef, Brash Raking only, mulching, construction of ATV Tracks and maintenance of drains.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Ground Preparation using a Walking Excavator

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 43262100 - Mechanical excavators
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

7 areas within Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Ground Preparation services using a walking excavator is required to give a structure to restocking the felled areas and has silvicultural benefits such as increased growth rates, reduction in plant losses and can reduce the need to chemically treat areas in line with NRW'S Integrated Pest Management Strategy.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Ground Preparation by Scarification

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 16600000 - Specialist agricultural or forestry machinery
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

2 areas within Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ground preparation by scarification will be required as a key component of restocking and new planting, helping NRW to achieve the successful establishment of trees on a clearfelled areas or woodland creation sites. Ground preparation is usually required to provide beneficial planting positions, that may offer improved soil aeration, reduced weed competition, accessibility to tree planters, as well as providing a structure for tree spacing and stocking density.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

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: [2022/S 000-027485](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Ground Preparation using a Tracked Excavator

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 15

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 14

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 15

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 15

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Pryor & Rickett Silviculture

10 Priory Hill

Brecon

LD39DH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL24 - Powys

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RWSF Ltd

Siambar Wen, Gwyddelwern

Corwen

LL219DU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL13 - Conwy and Denbighshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Eirwyn James Plant services Ltd

42 Heol Yr Ysgol, Cefneithin

Llanelli

SA147EA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

G Brown

Tyngwndwn Chapel House, Felinfach

Lampeter

SA488BE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GMD Forestry Ltd

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ll152bh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL13 - Conwy and Denbighshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Meredith Contract Services

Pantrhiwddulais, Talgarreg

Llandysul

SA444XN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Owen Environmental Ltd

Penmaen Ucha Farm, Penmaenpool

Dolgellau

LL401YD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cwm Agricultural Ltd

1 Aman Place, Cwmaman

Aberdare

CF446PE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Thomas Brothers Group Ltd

The Lowlands, Nash

NEWPORT

NP182DA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Smerdon Tree Services Ltd

The Old School, Commercial Street

Bedlinog

CF466RF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Ground Preparation using a Walking Excavator

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Eirwyn James Plant services Ltd

42 Heol Yr Ysgol, Cefneithin

Llanelli

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

The contractor is an SME

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GMD Forestry Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Ground Preparation by Scarification

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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Country

United Kingdom

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Penmaen Ucha Farm, Penmaenpool

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LL401YD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:130929)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom