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Contract

## **FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority**

Education Authority NI

Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment

Armagh Observatory

Armagh Planetarium

Libraries NI

Middletown Centre for Autism

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

Reference number

FMM-21-008

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

- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services

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

Services

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

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

#### **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: £6,400,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Section 1 - Lots 1 to 11 Tree Surgery

Lot No

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 03400000 - Forestry and logging products
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77341000 - Tree pruning
- 77342000 - Hedge trimming

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Locations throughout Northern Ireland

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Services - Tree Surgery Lots 1 to 11 / Weighting: 19.8

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 70

## **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.2.14) Additional information

Education Authority for Northern Ireland has awarded the following competition – a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying Services throughout Northern Ireland. This framework Agreement has been established on behalf of EA, Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery School for NI both controlled and Catholic Maintained, school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>, Further Education Colleges in NI <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fecolleges>, Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI <https://www.nicie.org/parents/schoolfinder/>, Independent Schools in N <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/>, Libraries NI <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>, EA Teachers' and Educational Centres, Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI CCEA, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, Middletown Centre for Autism, Controlled Schools Support Council CSSC, Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education NICIE who may also use this Framework. The value shown in II.2.6 is the highest value estimated in the following range for all Tree Surgery lots lots 1 to 11: £1,100,000 and £5,500,000 excluding VAT Total value of all lots 1 to 11 £6,600,000 including VAT GBP which has been calculated on the basis of a maximum value of £500,000 for each of the 11 lots excluding vat, the 4 year framework period and contingency for higher demand during the Framework Period for all Clients. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume, or value of products required under this Framework Agreement. In exceptional circumstances, if the successful contractor is unable to carry out work, the Education Authority reserves the right, at their discretion, to engage another successful contractor from another Lot. Mini-Competitions: Further competitions may be commissioned during the framework term for additional Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying Services. Such competitions will be run with all Contractors appointed to the framework, irrespective of the Lot they were awarded unless otherwise excluded through poor performance. At the time of any mini-competition, the Clients will decide. the Contract term, which shall be no longer than a period of four years.

## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Section 2 - Lots 12 to 14 Tree Surveying

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 03400000 - Forestry and logging products
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77341000 - Tree pruning
- 77342000 - Hedge trimming

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Locations throughout Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Services - Tree Surveying Lots 12, 13 and 14 / Weighting: 19.8

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 70

## 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.2.14) Additional information

Education Authority for Northern Ireland has awarded the following competition – a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying Services throughout Northern Ireland. This framework Agreement has been established on behalf of EA, Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery School for NI both controlled and Catholic Maintained, school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>, Further Education Colleges in NI <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fecolleges>, Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI <https://www.nicie.org/parents/schoolfinder/>, Independent Schools in N <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/>, Libraries NI <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>, EA Teachers' and Educational Centres, Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI CCEA, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, Middletown Centre for Autism, Controlled Schools Support Council CSSC, Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education NICIE who may also use this Framework. The value shown in II.2.6 is the highest value estimated in the following range for all Tree Surveying lots 12, 13 and 14: £150,000 and £900,000 excluding VAT Total value for lots 12 to 14 £1,080,000 including VAT GBP which has been calculated on the basis of a maximum value of £300,000 for each of the 3 Tree Survey lots excluding vat, the 4 year framework period and contingency for higher demand during the Framework Period for all Clients. There is no commitment as to the usage volume or value of orders required under this Framework Agreement. In exceptional circumstances, if the successful contractor is unable to carry out work, the Education Authority reserves the right, at their discretion, to engage another successful contractor from another Lot. Mini-Competitions: Further competitions may be commissioned during the framework term for additional Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying Services. Such competitions will be run with all Contractors appointed to the framework, irrespective of the Lot they were awarded unless otherwise excluded through poor performance. At the time of any mini-competition, the Clients will decide. the Contract term, which shall be no longer than a period of four years.

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## **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 000-027579](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Section 1 - Lots 1 to 11 Tree Surgery

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

7 April 2023

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 12

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

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### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £5,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,500,000



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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Section 2 - Lots 12 to 14 Tree Surveying

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 May 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 12

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: 12

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015.. . The EA operated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point. information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification. provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful. tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.