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Contract

Countryside Access Vegetation Management Framework Agreement

Norfolk County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-043655

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Norfolk County Council

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 2DH

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Countryside Access Vegetation Management Framework Agreement

Reference number

NCCT42781

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77312000 - Weed-clearance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council has established a multi-provider framework agreement for countryside access vegetation management across Norfolk.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77312000 - Weed-clearance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Surface Vegetation. This covers the surface vegetation of trails and public rights of way. Norfolk will be subdivided into geographical contract 'Areas' consisting of grouped Parishes or key long continuous linear routes and presented with a total cutting distance in metres. Due to the nature of the work contractors will be expected to be able to carry out the contract delivery regardless of the terrain. This means that contractors will need to have the ability to carry out works across boardwalks, on riverbanks/ flood banks and in protected landscapes. Each contract Area is made up of a combination of the Environment Department's trails and Highways Department's public rights of way. The Highways Department network is cut up to twice per year, Environment Department are cut up to three times per year and the National Trails will have a dynamic approach due to the nature of predominately residing in protected landscapes. Side Vegetation This covers the need to address encroachment and re-establish the width / height of the access corridor. In most cases this will be delivered in the autumn/winter to avoid bird nesting season but where the cut requires soft vegetation (alexander, nettles) and not hard (bramble, hedge, or low branches) may be carried out earlier in the cutting season.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NCCT42781

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 10

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AMITOLA LTD

Bungay

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ainsty Timber Marketing Limited

Boroughbridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Country Contractors (Norfolk) Limited

Thetford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DJ Davison & Sons Ltd

Bury St Edmunds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Estate Management Services

Hemmingway

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Golden Tree Surgeons Ltd

Shouldham Thorpe

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Harrier Country Signs

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Languard Limited

Lutterworth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Martin Plane Countryside Management

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

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: £500,000

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Nplaw

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.