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Contract

## **Mechanised Ground Preparation Operations**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-013178

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0399f8

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

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

Forestry and Land Scotland

Great Glen House, Leachkin Road

Inverness

IV3 8NW

#### **Email**

[procurement@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:procurement@forestryandland.gov.scot)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3000676000

#### **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](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

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

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Mechanised Ground Preparation Operations

Reference number

FLS-147-C

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

Services

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **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: £1,086,714.30

## **II.2) Description**

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

Mull

Lot No

17

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

West Region - Mull

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Water Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training Competency / Weighting: 7.5

Quality criterion - Name: Service Quality / Weighting: 7.5

Quality criterion - Name: Timescales / Weighting: 7.5

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Impact / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

## **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2023/S 000-024412](#)

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

### **Lot No**

17

### **Title**

Mull

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 April 2024

#### **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: No

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

DAB Groundworks Ltd

8 Blaich

Fort William

PH33 7AN

Telephone

+44 7818045231

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,086,714.30

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Reg 33(1)(a) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 states that a contracting authority may award

through the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice or PIN where:

“no tenders, no suitable tenders, no requests to participate or no suitable requests to participate have been submitted

in response to an open procedure or a restricted procedure, provided that the initial conditions of the contract are not

substantially altered and that a report is sent”

Given that the conditions of Reg 33(1)(a) were satisfied for this lot, this lot is being awarded through the negotiated procedure without prior publication.

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

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

Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 , may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Court of Session

Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

United Kingdom