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Contract

## **FTS 041 Landscaping Services - Moray**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.hie.co.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313)

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

Regional or local Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

FTS 041 Landscaping Services - Moray

Reference number

FTS041

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

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

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

Services

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

THIS IS AN AWARD OF CONTRACT NOTICE - HIE requires a suitable qualified and experienced supplier to provide hard and soft landscaping and winter maintenance services at:

Horizon Scotland (Business Centre), The Apex (HIE's Moray office), Strathcona House, Unit 9 (shortly to open as the Manufacturing Innovation Centre), the common areas of the Enterprise Park Forres.

Services will include grass and shrub cutting, weed removal, car park maintenance and winter gritting/snow clearance.

It is expected that these services will be required from 1st May 2025 for an initial period of 3 years with HIE having the option to extend for a period or periods together not exceeding 1 year following the Initial Term.

The initial 3-year budget available to deliver the services is between GBP195,000 and GBP222,500 (excluding VAT).

#### **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: £266,408

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 45112700 - Landscaping work
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 90620000 - Snow-clearing services
- 71421000 - Landscape gardening services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

Main site or place of performance

Forres

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

THIS IS AN AWARD OF CONTRACT NOTICE - HIE requires a suitable qualified and experienced supplier to provide hard and soft landscaping and winter maintenance services at:

Enterprise Park Forres, The Apex, Horizon Scotland, Unit 9, Strathcona House, Forres.

Services will include grass and shrub cutting, weed removal, car park maintenance and winter gritting/snow clearance.

It is expected that these services will be required from 01 May 2025 for an initial period of 3 years with HIE having the option to extend for a period or periods not exceeding 12 months following the Initial Term.

The initial 3-year budget available to deliver the services is between GBP195,000 and GBP222,500 (excluding VAT).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery Methodology / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Management & Delivery Team / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability & Net Zero / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Monitoring & Reporting of Community Benefits / Weighting: 5%

Price - Weighting: 40%

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

HIE reserves the right to modify the contract for reasons including but not limited to:

- Sale of any sites/properties, therefore (some of) the services will no longer be required.
- Addition of sites/properties with associated landscaping services required.
- Re-designation of areas associated with maintenance activities.
- Weather conditions requiring more/less frequent services.

### **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**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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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: [2025/S 000-002314](#)

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

### **Contract No**

FTS041

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

10 April 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

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

Higher Ground Community Services Ltd

The Pines, Conon Bridge

Dingwall

IV7 8AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £266,408

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Winter gritting and snow clearing

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Values of the procurement include the value of the 12 month extension option.

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

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

Inverness Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

The Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

Email

[inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk)

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 of the Court of Session.