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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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

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.

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

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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

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

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.