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## **SC22272 Highway Arboriculture Services**

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03ce98

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

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

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

#### **Email**

[sccommercialteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:sccommercialteam@kent.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

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

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

SG22272 Highway Arboriculture Services

Reference number

DN669286

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

Services

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

Kent County Council (the Council) is the largest local authority in England covering an area of 3,500 square kilometers. It has an annual expenditure of over £1bn on goods and

services and a population of 1.6m. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its residents, operating in partnership with the NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group, 12 district councils, and 289 parish/town councils. KCC consists of four directorates:

- Adult Social Care and Health;
- Children, Young People and Education;
- Growth, Environment and Transport; and
- Strategic and Corporate Services.

This service is being commissioned on behalf of the Growth, Environment and Transport directorate.

The Council requires contractors to facilitate its Arboricultural maintenance contract. A market engagement exercise is being undertaken to inform the scope of works, contract duration, and lotting strategy.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A market engagement exercise will be held to inform the scope of works, however it is expected that the scope will likely include the following:

Arboricultural maintenance:

- Managing obstructions to the highway from low branches
- Pruning back trees from private property/structures & street furniture
- Removal of dead/diseased and dying trees
- Ash dieback remedial works
- Removal of deadwood/ivy/climbing plants/foreign objects
- Undertaking and repeating crown reduction/annual programmed pollarding works
- Annual basal and epicormic programmed works.
- Tree planting and young tree establishment maintenance – weeding, watering, and mulch
- Ad-hoc works relating to the highway soft estate management, tree safety audits and response to customer enquiries.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

It is expected that the contract will be formed of an initial term plus extension period(s)

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 August 2023

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

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

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes