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Planning

SC22272 Highway Arboriculture Services

Kent County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SC22272 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

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