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## **UKWAS Auditing Service 2024-29**

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03eec5

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal 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**

UKWAS Auditing Service 2024-29

Reference number

FLS-0092-C

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

Certification body services for auditing and and surveillance of organisational policies, procedures and practices against the current UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). As UKWAS meets both of the forest management certification schemes: the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

#### **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: £147,180

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

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland (national forestry estate)

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

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### **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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This 'Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication' meets the requirements of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015; Regulation 33(1)(b)(ii) as there is only one supplier who can deliver auditing to achieve the particular specialist dual accreditations that Forestry and Land Scotland require.

#### 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 000-023442](#)

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

### **Contract No**

FLS-0092-C

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

2 May 2024

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

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

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

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Bristol

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NUTS code

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Internet address

<https://www.soilassociation.org/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £147,180

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £147,180

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:765604)

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

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

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