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Contract

Deer & Other Wildlife Management Services

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Telephone

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Country

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Deer & Other Wildlife Management Services

Reference number

FLS-0063-C

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes deer and other wildlife management on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to protect tree crop and designated sites from the adverse impacts of grazing/browsing herbivores. This protection increases the volume and quality of timber brought to market, enables woodland creation and protects and enhances biodiversity through habitat protection.

The aim of this contract is to procure deer and other wildlife management services. These services will assist FLS in reducing and maintaining deer and other wildlife at sustainable densities across the SNFL through culling in a humane, safe and cost effective manner. These services are to be delivered in conjunction with the culling duties of FLS Wildlife Staff.

Carcasses of deer and some other animals are sold into the human food chain and therefore the lardering of carcasses must be undertaken in accordance with Scottish Quality Wild Venison Assurance Scheme (SQWVAS) standards.

The scope of this contract is primarily for deer culling. The culling of feral pig, feral goat and feral sheep is required on an opportunistic basis only. FLS reserves the right to deliver or procure a targeted feral pig, feral goat and/or feral sheep cull.

Culling must be by centre fire rifle. Shotguns are not permitted.

The contract term is 12 months commencing 1st July 2023.

Regulation 72(1): FLS may modify the Contract, irrespective of the monetary value of those modifications, within the scope permitted under Regulation 72(1)(a) of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 should Operational reasons require it. Actual requirements can vary due to changes in:

Deer ingress;

Significant weather patterns impacting deer density;

Forest block acquisition or disposal within the lot boundary;

Taking responsibility for an FLS Staff block;

Any disease or tree health issue;

A change in Scottish Government or FLS strategies;

Scottish Governments response to the Deer Working Group and any associated changes

to published best practice and legislation;

Any collaborative culling agreement;

Receipt of additional funding;

Standards associated with the preparation of carcasses and sale of bi- products to meet FLS business need;

NatureScot legislative, regulatory or collaborative requirements;

Scottish Governments response to COVID-19.

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: £567,035

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Central Region A

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service required is deer and wildlife management on Scotland's National Forest & Land. This includes the culling, gralloching, transporting and larding of deer in accordance with the specification requirements.

Contractors must provide the managerial oversight required to ensure delivery and full compliance with all specification requirements by any direct employees and/or Subcontractors. Managerial oversight of contract performance is regarded as a critical task which must be performed directly by the bidder and not subcontracted.

The service must be provided throughout the year. Contractors must be prepared and

equipped to deliver culling services over difficult terrain and in adverse weather conditions.

All land assigned as Contractor responsibility for any given year of the contract term must be attended frequently for the purposes of service delivery.

Minimum Guaranteed Annual Cull Target: 3251

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This contract has been awarded to the supplier who finished 2nd within this lot on the previous open tender opportunity (C0224-9), following failure of the contract awarded via that process. The process of preparing for publication of a tender for a replacement contract via a competitive process has already commenced.

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

FLS-0063-C

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Deer Dynamics Ltd

Carham Hall Lodge

Cornhill-on-Tweed

TD12 4RW

Telephone

+44 7860115072

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £567,035

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 76 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Culling

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

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inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

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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 or the Court of Session.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Court of Session

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Edinburgh

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