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Tender

## **Short-Term Hire of Operated Plant**

Falkirk Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-016490

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050644

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

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

Falkirk Council

The Foundry, 4 Central Boulevard, Central Park

Larbert

FK5 4RU

#### **Email**

[CPU@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:CPU@falkirk.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1324506566

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM76 - Falkirk

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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**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**

Short-Term Hire of Operated Plant

Reference number

PS/438/25

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

- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator

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

Works

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

Falkirk Council wishes to undertake a tendering process to enter into a framework agreement with suitably experienced contractors for the provision of operated plant on a short-term hire basis to carry out operations at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,100,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Backhoe Loaders

Lot No

1

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

- 43251000 - Front-end shovel loaders with backhoe
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Backhoe Loaders at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Excavators

Lot No

2

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

- 43260000 - Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders, and mining machinery
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Excavators at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Low Loader Moves (Inter-site)

Lot No

3

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

- 34223300 - Trailers
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Low Loaders at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Pavers

Lot No

4

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

- 45233222 - Paving and asphaltting works
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads
- 45233220 - Surface work for roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Pavers at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £950,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Planers

Lot No

5

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

- 43312100 - Planers
- 34144400 - Road-maintenance vehicles
- 34920000 - Road equipment
- 45233220 - Surface work for roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Planers at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Sweepers

Lot No

6

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

- 34921100 - Road sweepers
- 45233220 - Surface work for roads
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council area of operations.

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

Hire of Operated Sweepers at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Tipper Lorries

Lot No

7

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

- 34134200 - Tipper trucks
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads
- 45233000 - Construction, foundation and surface works for highways, roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Tipper Lorries at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Bitumen Tanker/sprayers

Lot No

8

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

- 44113600 - Bitumen and asphalt
- 43412000 - Machines for mixing gravel with bitumen
- 44113610 - Bitumen
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads
- 45233220 - Surface work for roads

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Bitumen Tanker/Sprayers at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Plant for Winter Services

Lot No

9

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

- 34143000 - Winter-maintenance vehicles

- 37411000 - Winter equipments
- 34144400 - Road-maintenance vehicles

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

NUTS codes

- UKM76 - Falkirk

Main site or place of performance

Falkirk Council's area of Operations

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

Hire of Operated Plant for Winter Services at various sites within the Falkirk Council area of operations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £100,000

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

Start date

1 October 2025

End date

30 September 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

It is a requirement of this tender that if the Bidder is UK based they must hold a valid registration with Companies House. Where the Bidder is UK based but not registered at Companies House they must be able to verify to the Council's satisfaction that they are trading from the address provided in the tender and under the Company name given.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

A Credit safe credit scoring check will be ran on registered Company Name and Company Number provided by the bidder. Where the resulting Credit Rating score is less than 30/100 the bidder may be excluded from the tender process unless suitable financial information is provided that gives satisfactory assurances to the Council regarding financial risk in appointing the bidder to the contract

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 10 Million GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 5 Million GBP

Product Liability Insurance = 5 Million GBP

Motor Insurance = 5 Million GBP

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that all employees, vehicles and all associated support equipment are fully insured for use within a depot/site environment (including travelling to & from depots/sites) during the required delivery periods. See levels of Indemnity above and as detailed within the Contract Notice.

Your hiring agreement must be:

- The Model Conditions for the Hiring of Plant recommended by the Construction Plant-hire Association, Scottish Plant Owners Association or Hire Association Europe or conditions no more onerous which are current at the time of the hire; or
- other written conditions of hire which have been submitted to, and approved by, us in writing.

If there is a loss involving hire conditions more onerous than those named above the amount we pay will be limited to the liability under the above as applicable (1M GBP limit of liability plus continuing hire charges).

NB: The above applies to insurance requirements only. The framework will be under Falkirk Council's Standard Terms & Conditions.

### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As listed within the tender documentation.

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 45

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

26 May 2025

Local time

11:00am

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

26 May 2025

Local time

11:00am

Place

Falkirk

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Tender Opening Committee comprising Council's Principal Procurement Specialist

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: May 2029

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

1. Bidders will be required to provide 3 examples of works carried out in the past five years that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the work as described in part II.2.4 of the Find a Tender Service Contract Notice or the relevant section of the Site Notice.

2. Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

3. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent), or provide additional supportive information as detailed within Document 4 "PS 438 25 SPD (Scotland) Standardised Statements".

4. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with ISO 45001:2018 (or equivalent) or provide additional supportive information as detailed within Document 4 "PS 438 25 SPD (Scotland) Standardised Statements".

6. The Bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance with BS EN ISO 14001 (or equivalent) or a valid EMAS (or equivalent) certificate or provide additional supportive information as detailed within Document 4 "PS 438 25 (Scotland) Standardised Statements".

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=796697](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=796697).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

All Contractors within the Framework whose cumulative level of spend is greater than 100k GBP during the term of the agreement will be required to provide at least one six-weeks (No.6) period of paid work experience for a participant(s) who is eligible for help with wages costs. Thereafter, an additional six-week period will be required for every 100k GBP of spend recorded. The Contractor will be required to meet with Falkirk Council's Employment and Training Unit to discuss implementation prior to contract start and then within 2 weeks after reaching the financial thresholds as detailed within the ITT document (Schedule 6 - Community Benefits Information).

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Download the ESPD document here:

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=796697](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=796697)

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

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

Falkirk Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace

Sheriff Court House Main Street Camelon

Falkirk

FK1 4AR

Country

United Kingdom