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Tender

Short-Term Hire of Operated Plant

Falkirk Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050644

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Falkirk Council

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Email

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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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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