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Cell Growing Machinery for Newton Nursery Redevelopment

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Cell Growing Machinery for Newton Nursery Redevelopment

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 16600000 - Specialist agricultural or forestry machinery

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

FLS is currently constructing a 12000square metre glasshouse, with the intention of growing up to 4 million cell grown trees per year.

To ensure delivery of this project we require the following items:

- Seed cleaning and gravity sorting equipment
- Root Growth Capacity analysis table
- Washing, Filling & Seeding Line
- Mini Plug Transplanting Line
- Packing Line
- semi-automated bare-root grading line
- BCC 360T, Mini plug trays. qty. 8000
- BCC 64 SS, Finished size growing tray. qty. 25000
- BCC 81 SS, Finished size growing tray qty. 34000
- Delivery and Installation of listed machinery and equipment
- 3 years servicing and maintenance of listed machinery and equipment
- Education / Training of approximately 15 personnel to use listed machinery safely.

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: £1,849,650

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 16600000 - Specialist agricultural or forestry machinery
- 16820000 - Parts of forestry machinery
- 03450000 - Tree-nursery products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

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:

Market research identified BCC AB as the only supplier capable of delivering all machinery, equipment and aftersales training services required by Newton Nursery in a single contract. Additionally, Forestry England have recently conducted an open tender activity for extremely similar equipment, and have provided confirmation that they only received one viable bid, which was from BCC.

The mini plug seed trays that are part of the suite of machinery were specifically designed by Forest Enterprise England for their cell growing needs and these are not available elsewhere.

Additional requirements:

The entire machinery contract must be purchased from the same supplier as multiple suppliers risk purchases having different technical characteristics, resulting in unacceptable risk of incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 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

Björkemar Construction & Consulting (BCC AB)

Profilgatan 15

Landskrona

261 35

Telephone

+46 705350962

Country

Sweden

NUTS code

- SE224 - Skåne län

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,849,650

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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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.

Court of Session

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Edinburgh

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