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Contract

Lifting & Storage Crates

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b237

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Forestry and Land Scotland

Great Glen House, Leachkin Road

Inverness

IV3 8NW

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Telephone

+44 3000676000

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.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

Lifting & Storage Crates

Reference number

FLS-150-F-4

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 03440000 - Forestry products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry and Land Scotland have appointed a Framework Agreement for the Supply of

galvanised storage & lifting crates for the transportation of tree seedlings following the redevelopment project at our Newton Nursery, Elgin.

Newton Nursery was established by the Forestry Commission in 1931, and it has not seen significant investment since the early 1980s, when the facilities were developed to service a growing programme of three (3) to four (4) million trees per year.

The annual requirement has doubled since then, and will need to double again in the coming years. The redevelopment project is seeking to utilise innovative technology alongside developing the physical estate to meet these needs, now and into the future.

Part of the redevelopment is the construction of a new state-of-the-art 12,000m² Glasshouse, which will be around the size of two (2) football pitches and capable of growing up to nineteen (19) million trees per year. This modern addition will revolutionise our approach by providing a controlled environment to nurture our seedlings. By shielding them from invasive weeds and curious critters, the Authority anticipate a significant boost in our germination success rate, aiming to achieve an impressive 80% germination rate for our seeds.

Now that the redevelopment is complete, Newton could have up to twenty-five (25) million trees growing on site in any one year, a significant increase from the seven (7) million trees FLS are currently able to produce.

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: £640,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 44619300 - Crates

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Newton Nursery, Elgin, IV30 8XR

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

No contract could be awarded following the competition in the contract notice:

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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-150-F-4

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 April 2025

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

Avatan Handling Equipment Ltd

Harrow Business Centre, Suite 305, 429-433 Pinner Road

North Harrow

HA1 4HN

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: £640,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracts will be for the period up to 31st March 2029. The end date is to align with the Framework Agreements let from tender FLS-150-F.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

Email

inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk

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

Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Email

supreme.courts@scotcourts.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom