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Contract

C0203 Ground Preparation and Mechanised Establishment Operations

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03055e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

C0203 Ground Preparation and Mechanised Establishment Operations

Reference number

C0203

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 ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment

and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

FLS also deliver a programme of Peatland restoration services. Small elements of peatland works on areas that are parts of coupes may be required over the contract term. Peatlands are found in both the lowlands and the uplands. The size and location of peatland varies according to geology, terrain and climate.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £9,092,005.99

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 9: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: South

Sub region: East

Lot Description: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: South

Sub region: East

Lot Description: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 10: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: South

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: South

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 11: West Dumfries & Galloway

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: South

Sub region: West

Lot Description: West Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: South

Sub region: West

Lot Description: West Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

Open procedure

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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-032231](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

10

Title

Lot 10: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Molplant Construction Ltd

Downsway Industrial Estate, Tinwald Downs Road

Dumfries

DG1 3RS

Telephone

+44 1387253030

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,030,668.66

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

11

Title

Lot 11: West Dumfries & Galloway

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,030,668.66

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

9

Title

Lot 9: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,030,668.66

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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

Changes to Operational programmes due to:

identification of a protected species on site e.g. eagle nesting;

budget availability increasing or decreasing ground preparation requirements;

plant health implications resulting in an increase in felling operations which may prompt the requirement for additional ground preparation services;

Site availability;

Requirements to increase or decrease fallow periods;

Changes to Renewables Projects - planning permission for some Projects may not come to fruition – this would result in additional land bank that may require ground preparation services;

Policy Changes - The current drive from Scottish Government to reduce the organisation's land bank across the National Forest Estate may result in additional ground preparation work being required;

Developing climate change emergency initiatives to increase carbon capture opportunities such as developing innovative procedures and methods to deliver ground preparation services in a way that reduces the impact on the environment.

(SC Ref:700048)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

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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.

Court of Session

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