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Award

Emergency Tree Works

Kent County Council

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-019237

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05cd31 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Reference

CN260458

Description

The contract covers the provision of emergency response specialist tree surgery teams, available at short notice on a 24/7 basis.

Required emergency response times include both a two-hour and a 24-hour requirement.

Suppliers must provide suitably qualified personnel and have access to the necessary specialist equipment to remove fallen trees and branches that obstruct the highway.

They must also be able to work safely at height, using appropriate methods to remove broken or hanging branches, or partially fallen trees that present a danger to the highway.

Other necessary arboricultural works may be required to ensure the safety of the highway.

Further details on the service requirements were set out in the procurement documents.

Lot 1. Lot 1 - West

Description

Dartford, Gravesham, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells,
*Medway West

Lot 2. Lot 2 - East

Description

Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Swale and Thanet, *Medway East

Contract 1. Lot 1 - West

Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1 - West

Supplier

- G. BRIDGLAND LIMITED

Contract value

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

3 March 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 March 2026

Standstill period

- End: 12 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

13 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

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There is an option to extend the service period either as a single extension of up to three (3) years or as multiple extensions, provided the total extension period does not exceed three (3) years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent
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Contract 2. Lot 2 - East

Lots

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- FERNS SURFACING LIMITED

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Information about tenders

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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [FERNS SURFACING LIMITED](#)
 - [NPC SPECIAL PROJECTS LIMITED](#)
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Lot 2. Lot 2 - East

- 3 tenders received
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [DIRECT ENVIRO SERVICES LIMITED](#)
 - [N.R.E. SERVICES LTD](#)
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Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Suppliers

DIRECT ENVIRO SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 08836688
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHMH-7851-NTLZ

Stanford Bridge Farm

Pluckley

TN27 0RU

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.directenviroservices.co.uk/>

Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

FERNS SURFACING LIMITED

- Companies House: 03193093
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWDJ-5393-PGYH

Tutsham Farm

Maidstone

ME15 0NE

United Kingdom

Email: headoffice@fernsgroup.co.uk

Website: <http://www.fernsgroup.co.uk>

Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

1: Ferns Group Limited (Companies House number 09415041); whose correspondence address is: Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom, ME15 0NE.

2: Anthony Butcher (DOB: January 1975); whose correspondence address is: Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom, ME15 0NE.

3: Harry Fern (DOB: October 1996); whose correspondence address is: Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom, ME15 0NE.

4: The director of Ferns Surfacing Ltd, Canvins Group Limited, and Ferns Traffic Management Ltd is Ian David Fern (DOB: April 1969), whose correspondence address is: Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom, ME15 0NE.

Associated people/organisations:

The following organisations were relied upon by the successful supplier to meet the conditions of participation:

1. Canvins Group Limited

Company Number: 12456921

PPON: PLVV?1956?BQRZ

Address: Tutsham Farm, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 0NE

Role: Primary arboricultural delivery partner

Condition of Participation: Technical ability - providing qualified arborists, specialist equipment, and demonstrable experience in emergency tree works.

Key Contact: James Clow, General Manager

2. Ferns Traffic Management (FTM)

Company Number: 14684397

PPON: PYHY?7328?TVHL

Address: Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom, ME15 0NE

Role: Traffic management provider

Condition of Participation: Technical ability - ensuring compliance with Chapter 8 and NRSWA requirements to maintain highway safety.

Key Contact: Luke Stavrinidis, Director of Traffic Management

Contract 2. Lot 2 - East

G. BRIDGLAND LIMITED

- Companies House: 05564035
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVM-4666-BCXR

Heathwood Timber Yard, Marden Road

Cranbrook

TN17 2LP

United Kingdom

Email: admin@g-bridglandltd.co.uk

Website: <http://www.g-bridglandltd.com>

Region: UKJ46 - West Kent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Director: BRIDGLAND, Gary Christopher Simon (DOB: October 1963)

Secretary: BRIDGLAND, Debora

Correspondence address for both: 3 Heathwood Cottages, Goudhurst Road, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 2PT

Associated people/organisations:

Traffic Management Subcontractor:

FERNS TM LIMITED

Company number 14684397

Registered office address

Tutsham Farm, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, United Kingdom, ME15 0NE

Contract 1. Lot 1 - West

N.R.E. SERVICES LTD

- Companies House: SC298651
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVY-2425-VXZX

126 West Regent Street

Glasgow

G2 2RQ

United Kingdom

Website: <https://nreservicesltd.co.uk/>

Region: UKM82 - Glasgow City

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

NPC SPECIAL PROJECTS LIMITED

- Companies House: 08219987

3 East Point, High Street Seal,

Sevenoaks, Kent

TN15 0EG

United Kingdom

Region: UKJ46 - West Kent

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Kent County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDL-8938-YGYW

County Hall

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

United Kingdom

Email: marie.lewzey@kent.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government