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Tender

## **Provision of Rural Verge Cutting**

Fife Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-050e9c

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**12 June 2025, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Fife Council

Fife House, North Street

Glenrothes

KY7 5LT

### **Contact**

Yahia Reggab

### **Email**

[yahia.reggab@fife.gov.uk](mailto:yahia.reggab@fife.gov.uk)

**Telephone**

+44 3451550000

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.fife.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187)

**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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Rural Verge Cutting

Reference number

TW0027

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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In addition, this Framework will contract also include Hedge Cutting (both Roadside Hedges and Amenity Hedges), Roadside Vegetation Cutting, and Vegetation Cutting in Meadow Cutting (i.e. Wild-Flower Areas), and Vegetation Cutting in Daffodil-Bulb Growing Areas.

The Framework will involve an element of 'scavenging' (i.e. litter picking) required in support of the cutting activities.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £560,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77342000 - Hedge trimming

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Main site or place of performance

Fife

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £560,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 months extension

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Fife Council may require additional purchases under this contract which have not been specifically detailed in the "specification" however any additional purchases will be in full accordance with the requirements of Regulation 72 of the Public Contract (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

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Bidders should refer to the requirements stated in the Qualification envelope within PCS-Tender.

Financial Analysis of ratios/accounts – The ratio to be used will be the ‘Current Ratio’ calculation based on Current Liabilities as a

percentage of Current Assets. If the resultant ratio is 1 or greater then no further analysis by Finance is required. Where a Tenderer does not

meet this requirement, the tenderer will be asked to provide further details to confirm why they don’t meet this requirement and the Council

may undertake additional financial checks and a qualitative judgement shall be made as to the financial capacity of the tenderer.

Insurance - GBP10M Employers Liability, GBP5.0M Public Liability and GBP0.25M Professional Indemnity and GBP2.5M Product

Liability

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### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

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Bidders should refer to the requirements stated in the Qualification envelope within PCS-Tender.Criteria for evaluation – SPD (Scotland)

will be used for the Selection Criteria.

Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 will be included. The following questions will be used in Part 4;

Section B – Economic & Financial Standing – 4B.5.1, 4B.5.2, 4B.5.3 and 4B.6

Section C – Technical & Professional Ability – 4C.1.2 & 4C.6

Section D - Quality Assurance Schemes and Environmental Management Standards – 4D.1, 4D.1.1 & 4D.1.2 AND 4D.2, 4D2.1 & 4D2.2.2

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## **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: 2

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

4 years

#### **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**

Originally published as:

Date

9 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

12 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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

9 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Fife

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Yahia Reggab

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 2028

### 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

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is . For more information see: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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:

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Tenderers shall provide a Community Benefits delivery plan/ methodology as part of their tender submission, fully describing how they

would intend to deliver these benefits. For more details see the tender documents.

Fair Work First is included in this requirement. For more information see the TN2 document.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 29116. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Sheriff Court

Courthouse Whyescauseway

Kirkcaldy

KY1 1XQ

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