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Tender

## **Delivery Partner for Nature Restoration Fund & Related Grounds Projects**

Inverclyde Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Inverclyde Council

Procurement, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square

Greenock

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00168](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00168)

**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**

Delivery Partner for Nature Restoration Fund & Related Grounds Projects

Reference number

ENV0615

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

- 92533000 - Nature reserve services

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

Services

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

The Nature Restoration Fund supports projects which are designed to tackle both climate change and the loss of biodiversity, through projects that restore the local natural environment. Projects can include habitat and species restoration, coastal and marine protection, eradication, or replacement of non-invasive species and works that support these aims

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

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

Main site or place of performance

Inverclyde

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

For the purposes of this contract the Delivery Partner will be responsible for.

- Reviewing Inverclyde's geographical area and identifying suitable projects that will restore the local natural environment
- Assisting with bids for future Nature Restoration Funding
- Identifying additional relevant funding streams which meet the aims of the overall brief.
- Assisting in developing the specifications for procurement exercises that are identified in relation to agreed projects and selection of suitably qualified and competent contractors.
- Fully managing the identified projects which should include but is not limited to: -
  - the works undertaken by all contractors involved in the delivery of the projects ensuring that all works are completed on time, within budget and to the appropriate standard.
  - Ensuring that there are adequate management arrangements in place throughout the term of the project so that the works can be carried out as safely as possible.
  - The above will include but not be restricted to, all relevant Health & Safety compliance such as Work at Height, CDM co-ordination, and arrangements for suitable welfare facilities.
  - Identifying on behalf of the Council any potential partnership organisations that can assist and provide further additional benefits in this relation to this project at no additional cost.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Funding Expertise / Leverage Funding / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery Partner Role / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value Outcomes Menu / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value Supporting Methodology / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 60

### **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

The Contract period will be 36 months with an optional 2 x 12 month extension period. The extension period will be at the sole discretion of Inverclyde Council and subject to available budget.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

4B.1.2 Inverclyde Council will check the financial status of applicants by means of a Dun and Bradstreet assessment. In order to be considered, applicants must achieve one of the following:

(a) Where the tenderers Dun & Bradstreet risk indicator is 3, the annual contract value should also be less than 50% of the tenderers average turnover over the preceding 2

years (with audited accounts dated within 24 months of the date of the financial check).

OR

(b) Where the tenderers Dun & Bradstreet risk indicator is 2 or better, the annual contract value should also be less than 75% of the tenderers average turnover over the preceding 2 years (with audited accounts dated within 21 months of the date of the financial check).

PLEASE NOTE THE IMPORTANT GUIDANCE TO BIDDERS BELOW:

APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEY MEET THESE CRITERIA AS FAILURE OF THE FINANCIAL CHECK WILL MEAN THAT THEIR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FURTHER. APPLICANTS SHOULD ALSO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEIR DUN AND BRADSTREET RATINGS ARE CORRECT AND IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO RAISE ANY QUERIES WITH DUN AND BRADSTREET IF THEY FEEL A CORRECTION IS REQUIRED. THE COUNCIL WILL RELY ON THE RISK RATING IT OBTAINS AT THE TIME IT PERFORMS THE D&B FINANCIAL CHECK.

You must provide your average yearly turnover for the last 2 years.

Turnover must be provided from your audited accounts. Turnover from unaudited accounts or part year turnover will not be accepted.

If you are unable to provide the turnover information required due to being exempt from submission of full audited accounts, please provide an explanation on why you are exempt in response to this question.

If you have responded that you are exempt from submitting full audited accounts, please confirm that you will be prepared to submit alternative information and documentation on your financial position should this be required at any point. This information could be required at selection or in the event that the bidder is identified as the preferred bidder.

4B.5.1a/4B.5.1b/4B.5.2 It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5M GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 10M GBP

Professional Indemnity Insurance = 5M GBP / 6 Years

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.1.2 Bidders should provide a minimum of two (2) examples of contractual arrangements they have held over the past three (3) years which best demonstrates their relevant experience to deliver requirements within the Contract which were similar in regards to scope, scale, value and duration.

4C.10 Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

#### 4D.1 QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent),

OR

The bidder must have the following:

a. A documented policy regarding quality management. The policy must set out responsibilities for quality management demonstrating that the bidder has, and continues to implement, a quality management policy that is authorised by their Chief Executive, or equivalent, which is periodically reviewed at a senior management level. The policy must be relevant to the nature and scale of the work to be undertaken and set out responsibilities for quality management throughout the organisation.

#### 4D.1 HEALTH & SAFETY

The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent), accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001 (or equivalent) or have, within the last 12 months, successfully met the assessment requirements of a construction-related scheme in registered membership of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) forum OR hold the information contained in the supplier attachment area in PCS-T (file name "Contract Notice Additional Information")

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## **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

7 April 2026

Local time

12:00pm

**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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

7 April 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Tenders will be opened remotely using the PCS-T

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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: If the services are still required and budget is confirmed then a retender may be undertaken.

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 8 and 9 of the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016

Tenderers will be required to return with their submission a completed Data Protection Certificate, FOI Certificate, No Collusion Certification, S1 Equalities Questionnaire, S2 Equalities Declaration, Prompt Payment Certificate and Tender Declaration Certificate.

It will also be a condition of contract that Tenderers comply with Inverclyde Council's General Conditions of Contract, Specification & Contract Information for Tenderers.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 31167. For more information see:

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

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:

The Tenderer acknowledges that the Council will seek to achieve Social Values through the Tender process.

(SC Ref:825228)

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

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

Greenock Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Court House, 1 Nelson Street,

Greenock

PA15 1TR

Country

United Kingdom