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## **SC21008 - Rural Swathe, Visibility & Hedge Cutting**

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/View?advertId=b00d8440-1d04-ec11-810d-005056b64545&fromAdvertEvent=True>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/View?advertId=b00d8440-1d04-ec11-810d-005056b64545&fromAdvertEvent=True>

**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**

SC21008 - Rural Swathe, Visibility & Hedge Cutting

Reference number

DN565197

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

Services

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

The Contractor will be responsible for programmed works and additional ad-hoc provision. The main service areas comprise of rural swathe, visibility and rural hedge cutting to contribute to keep roads and pavements clear of vegetation for safe passage of highway users.

The main activities required under this contract consist of the following:

- The swathe cutting of rural verges, visibility splays, and roundabouts,
- The cutting of rural hedges,
- Conservation verge and wildflower programmed maintenance visits,
- Other programmed activities,
- Ad-hoc works.

Contractors are expected to have local knowledge and experience to carry out programmed swathe, visibility and hedge cutting on predominately rural roads to the time periods set out in this Contract.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

The Authority will award the lots to individual suppliers based on the most economically advantageous tender. Tenderers are invited to bid for any or all of the Lots and will be awarded a maximum of two based on which combination of awardees comprises the most economically advantageous outcome for the council overall.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

West - Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells

Lot No

1

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

- 77310000 - Planting and maintenance services of green areas
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will commence in April 2022 for an initial period of 60 months, with potential extension periods up to a total of 36 months.

#### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Mid - Maidstone and Ashford

Lot No

2

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

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- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

East - Swale, Canterbury, Thanet and Dover

Lot No

3

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

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- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **IV.1.5) Information about negotiation**

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

#### **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

21 September 2021

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom