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## **SCC - MS - Surrey Biodiversity Net Gain Habitat Banking Study**

Surrey County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Surrey County Council

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RH2 8EF

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ - South East (England)

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

### **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**

SCC - MS - Surrey Biodiversity Net Gain Habitat Banking Study

Reference number

DN1529

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

Surrey County Council and borough and district councils across Surrey, wish to:

- i. Understand the potential supply of Biodiversity units on public sector owned land, with the view to establishing a portfolio of Biodiversity gain sites (BNG habitat banks) and
- ii. Identify locations and measures that will deliver multiple environmental benefits, in particular restoring/enhancing habitats in combination with increasing carbon storage and/or in combination with natural flood management.

Surrey County Council wishes to appoint a consultant to undertake an assessment of the baseline biodiversity units, at a range of public sector owned sites, and an appraisal of potential biodiversity unit gains (by enhancing, restoring or creating habitats). The opportunity for BNG uplift should take into account the current / future land use of the site and be realistic to achieve. The uplifts should also be based on ecological best practice and take account of existing local biodiversity policies, principally including Surrey Nature Partnership's Biodiversity Opportunity Area (BOA) Policy statements (where relevant) and the National Character Area profiles for sites outside of BOA boundaries. In addition, the County Council places significant importance on landscape-appropriate local carbon sequestration, tree planting and natural flood management (NFM) opportunities. In particular, the county council has set a target to plant 1 million trees by 2030 and as Lead Local Flood Authority, has identified priority areas for catchment approaches to managing flood risk.

The County Council has recently completed a desk top exercise to provide a 'best guess' of habitat type across Surrey (OS master map feature). This data set will be available to the successful consultant, as a potential starting point for baseline surveys. In addition, previous ecology survey reports (such as Phase 1 habitat surveys, management plans) will also be made available for the site (where existing ecological data exists).

### **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

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

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

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An initial shortlist of sites to be surveyed is provided in Appendix 1 of the specification. This list is not exhaustive, considering the potential contract extension period, of up to a further 2 years. Surrey County Council and the districts and boroughs, require that as many sites are surveyed in 2023 as possible. However, it is acknowledged that there is an optimum survey window and as such, site surveys will roll over into the 2024 survey season. As such, for 2023, an equal split of sites between the various landowners will be required to be surveyed. A pre-commencement meeting will be held with the successful consultant to discuss the prioritisation of sites to be surveyed in 2023.

Upon contract award, a project start up meeting will be held with successful consultant and the relevant officers. This meeting will discuss the prioritisation of sites to be surveyed in 2023. It is anticipated that this would be held via Microsoft teams. In addition to the project start up meeting, a further three meetings as well as a project close out meeting will be held (5 meetings in total).

### **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**

Start date

18 September 2023

End date

17 September 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **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 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

28 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

27 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court of Justic

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom