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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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RH28EF

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

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

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

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