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## **SC230254 - Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Vegetation Clearance**

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

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#### **Region 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://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.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**

SC230254 - Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Vegetation Clearance

Reference number

DN733171

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

Services

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

Kent County Council (KCC) require a contract for a number of providers to undertake routine vegetation clearance on identified Public Rights of Way (PRoW); a statutory requirement. The contract will be split into 10 lots, combining an element of programmed work together with ad-hoc requirements including off road cycle paths.

Public Rights of Way consist of four different levels of access:

- Public Footpath (FP) for pedestrian use;
- Public Bridleway (BR) for equestrian, pedestrian and pedal cyclists use;
- Restricted Byway (RB) a carriageway for use by non-motorised vehicles, equestrians and pedestrians; and
- Byways Open to All Traffic (BW) a carriageway for use by all forms of traffic.

Kent County Council (on behalf of the Public Rights of Way and Access Service (PRoW)) is looking to put in place new Contracts to fulfill the statutory requirements of the PRoW team for the provision of vegetation clearance services on the Kent Public Rights of Way Network.

The previous contract commenced in April 2018 for an initial period of 5-years with two optional 12-months extensions. Both extensions have been taken with the current extension due to expire in April 2025.

It is anticipated that the planned Contracts will begin in April/June 2025.

The existing multiple contracts were procured to undertake routine vegetation clearance on identified Public Rights of Way; with the contract being split into 10 lots, combining an element of programmed work together with ad-hoc requirements including off road cycle paths, with a 30-day turnaround time. The breakdown of lots are as follows:

Lot 1 - Ashford and Folkestone & Hythe

Lot 2 - Canterbury and Thanet

Lot 3 – Dover

Lot 4 – Swale

Lot 5 - Dartford & Gravesham

Lot 6 - Maidstone

Lot 7 – Sevenoaks

Lot 8 – Tonbridge & Malling

Lot 9 – Tunbridge Wells

Lot 10 – North Downs Way

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
3

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

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

Lot 1 - Ashford and Folkestone & Hythe

Lot No

1

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 1 - Ashford (64.2km) and Folkestone & Hythe (48.51km) – 112.71km

#### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 2 - Canterbury and Thanet

Lot No

2

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 2 - Canterbury (97.04km) and Thanet (29.21km) - 126.25km

### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 3 – Dover

Lot No

3

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

- 900000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 3 – Dover – 114.29km

### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 4 – Swale

Lot No

4

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes



- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 4 – Swale – 89.32km

#### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 5 - Dartford & Gravesham

Lot No

5

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 5 - Dartford & Gravesham – 42.69km

### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 6 - Maidstone

Lot No

6

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

- 900000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 6 - Maidstone – 34.69km

### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 7 – Sevenoaks

Lot No

7

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 7 – Sevenoaks – 73.88km

#### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 8 – Tonbridge & Malling

Lot No

8

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 8 – Tonbridge & Malling – 111.2km

### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 9 – Tunbridge Wells

Lot No

9

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

- 900000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 9 – Tunbridge Wells – 17.23km

### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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**

Lot 10 – North Downs Way

Lot No

10

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

NUTS codes



- UKJ4 - Kent

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

The indicative meterage for one cut per each lot is as follows:

Lot 10 – North Downs Way (West Kent – 26.5km, East Kent 29.8km) – 56.43km

#### **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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 5-year contract term (60 months)

Optional 2-year extension (12 months + 12 months)

Total Contract Term, including all extensions (84 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

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-016185](#)

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

Date

19 August 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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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