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Tender

Larch Removal Benmore

RBGE - Benmore Botanic Garden

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-022442

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040d21

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11182

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Larch Removal Benmore

Reference number

RBGE-2023-627

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

RBGE has a legal requirement to comply with a Statutory plant health notice which has been issued by Scottish Forestry. The notice identifies that *Phytophthora ramorum* has spread to the larch trees at Benmore. (Appendix 7 STH22_0957a SPGN)

The notice requires the removal of Larch trees from Benmore Botanic Garden.

Due to the geographic topology and the requirement to protect the scientific plant collection of Benmore Botanic Garden, forestry style commercial harvesting will not be possible. The removal of trees will need to be undertaken by a combination of manual chainsaw operations and aerial arboriculture. Commercial harvesting equipment will have limited access.

Felled trees will need to be removed from site for sale or disposal subject to controls of the Statutory plant health notice.

The outcome of this piece of work will be removal of approximately 300 larch trees by July 2026 in compliance with the SPHN.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute
- UKM - Scotland
- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of
- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway
- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

Main site or place of performance

Benmore has the largest number of Larch which need to be removed. Other RBGE Sites may have future requirements

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

What we need

Felling of approximately 300 larch trees at Benmore Botanic Garden.

The trees to be felled are located in various parts of the garden, many of which have an understory of a valuable scientific plant collection. Damage to these plants must be avoided.

The larch range in size and age. The majority were planted circa 1900, some date back to 1820 and are of considerable size.

Where feasible, timber should be cut to commercial lengths to maximize commercial value.

Arisings are to be chipped on site at agreed locations. Chips are not to block water waterways or ditches.

Removal of felled timber to agreed stacking sites at Benmore, will have to be carried out with minimal ground damage and compaction.

Sale and movement of timber to commercial mills will be a requirement.

Compliance with all RBGE operational requirements, including the ecology survey and biosecurity measures will be necessary.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Duration in months

28

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-030791](#)

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

Date

19 August 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 August 2024

Local time

3:00pm

Place

Edinburgh Virtual

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Two Members of RBGE Staff

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=772823.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the

Postbox facility. A user guide is available at
https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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 supplier is expected to delivery community benefits as part of the contract. These may include but limited to Supply Chain Initiatives, Apprenticeships, Work placements etc.

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Download the ESPD document here:
https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=772823

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH11LB

Country

United Kingdom