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Contract

Mechanised Ground Preparation Framework Agreement

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation Framework Agreement

Reference number

FLS-140-F

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) has established a framework agreement with external Contractors for the provision of Mechanised Ground Preparation services across Scotland's National Forests and Land (SNFL).

FLS requires the services on various sites following the completion of harvesting operations and on woodland creation sites where ground needs to be prepared for forest establishment.

FLS has existing contracts in place for the provision of these services. These existing contracts are FLS's primary route for the provision of the services across SNFL.

The framework agreement will provide a compliant route to market for FLS to procure services which are unable to be provided through existing contracts or to replace contracts which have terminated or expired.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £39,370,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation - North

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for the provision of services in North region.

The services under the scope of this lot are categorised into two types: Essential and Optional.

Tenderers on this lot must be able to provide all Essential services for the lot.

Tenderers are not required to be able to provide the Optional Services in the lot. However, FLS may procure Optional Services under the lot.

The Essential Services for this Lot are as follows:

Trench Mounding

Inverted Mounding

Hinge Mounding

V-Drains

V-Drains with Flat Tops

High/Low Spec Access Tracks

Excavator

The Optional Services for this lot are as follows:

Brash Rake & Windrowing

Linear and Patch Scrape/Screef

Shallow Trench/Trenchless/Forward Mounding/Borrow Pitting

Ripping/Subsoiling

Mechanical Respacing

Mulching – Excavator Head

Mulching – Skid Steer

Continuous Mounding

Base Machine with Grab

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Safety and Environmental Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Site Documentation / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Mechanised Ground Preparation - South

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for the provision of services in South region.

The services under the scope of this lot are categorised into two types: Essential and Optional.

Tenderers on this lot must be able to provide all Essential services for the lot.

Tenderers are not required to be able to provide the Optional Services in the lot. However, FLS may procure Optional Services under the lot.

The Essential Services for this Lot are as follows:

Trench Mounding

Inverted Mounding

Hinge Mounding

V-Drains

V-Drains with Flat Tops

High/Low Spec Access Tracks

Excavator

The Optional Services for this lot are as follows:

Brash Rake & Windrowing

Linear and Patch Scrape/Screef

Shallow Trench/Trenchless/Forward Mounding/Borrow Pitting

Ripping/Subsoiling

Mechanical Respacing

Mulching – Excavator Head

Mulching – Skid Steer

Continuous Mounding

Base Machine with Grab

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Safety and Environmental Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Site Documentation / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Mechanised Ground Preparation - Central

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for the provision of services in Central region.

The services under the scope of this lot are categorised into two types: Essential and Optional.

Tenderers on this lot must be able to provide all Essential services for the lot.

Tenderers are not required to be able to provide the Optional Services in the lot. However, FLS may procure Optional Services under the lot.

The Essential Services for this Lot are as follows:

Trench Mounding

Inverted Mounding

Hinge Mounding

V-Drains

V-Drains with Flat Tops

High/Low Spec Access Tracks

Excavator

The Optional Services for this lot are as follows:

Brash Rake & Windrowing

Linear and Patch Scrape/Screef

Shallow Trench/Trenchless/Forward Mounding/Borrow Pitting

Ripping/Subsoiling

Mechanical Respacing

Mulching – Excavator Head

Mulching – Skid Steer

Continuous Mounding

Base Machine with Grab

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Safety and Environmental Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Site Documentation / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Mechanised Ground Preparation - East

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for the provision of services in East region.

The services under the scope of this lot are categorised into two types: Essential and Optional.

Tenderers on this lot must be able to provide all Essential services for the lot.

Tenderers are not required to be able to provide the Optional Services in the lot. However, FLS may procure Optional Services under the lot.

The Essential Services for this Lot are as follows:

Trench Mounding

Inverted Mounding

Hinge Mounding

V-Drains

V-Drains with Flat Tops

High/Low Spec Access Tracks

Excavator

The Optional Services for this lot are as follows:

Brash Rake & Windrowing

Linear and Patch Scrape/Screef

Shallow Trench/Trenchless/Forward Mounding/Borrow Pitting

Ripping/Subsoiling

Mechanical Respacing

Mulching – Excavator Head

Mulching – Skid Steer

Continuous Mounding

Base Machine with Grab

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Safety and Environmental Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Site Documentation / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Mechanised Ground Preparation - West

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for the provision of services in West region.

The services under the scope of this lot are categorised into two types: Essential and Optional.

Tenderers on this lot must be able to provide all Essential services for the lot.

Tenderers are not required to be able to provide the Optional Services in the lot. However, FLS may procure Optional Services under the lot.

The Essential Services for this Lot are as follows:

Trench Mounding

Inverted Mounding

Hinge Mounding

V-Drains

V-Drains with Flat Tops

High/Low Spec Access Tracks

Excavator

The Optional Services for this lot are as follows:

Brash Rake & Windrowing

Linear and Patch Scrape/Screef

Shallow Trench/Trenchless/Forward Mounding/Borrow Pitting

Ripping/Subsoiling

Mechanical Respacing

Mulching – Excavator Head

Mulching – Skid Steer

Continuous Mounding

Base Machine with Grab

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for the provision of services in West region.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Safety and Environmental Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Site Documentation / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Disc Scarification - National

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS organises Scotland's National Forests and Land into five regions: North, South, East, West and Central. This lot is for Disc Scarification services across all regions of Scotland's National Forests and Land.

The services under the scope of this lot are categorised into two types: Essential and Optional.

Tenderers on this lot must be able to provide all Essential services for the lot.

Tenderers are not required to be able to provide the Optional Services in the lot. However, FLS may procure Optional Services under the lot.

The Essential Services for this Lot are as follows:

Disc Scarification

Base Machine with Grab

The Optional Services for this lot are as follows:

Continuous Mounding

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Safety and Environmental Management / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Site Documentation / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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 000-039418](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

6

Title

Disc Scarification - National

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation - North

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bruce Todd Ltd

Quarrycrook, 7 Hoy

Halkirk

KW12 6UU

Telephone

+44 7774113584

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Highland Stoneways

Craigston, Turriff

Aberdeenshire

AB53 8PX

Telephone

+44 1888551337

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Ardgay

IV24 3BT

Telephone

+44 7519171870

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Robertson Fencing LTD - t/a Taiga Upland

Upper Donavoured Farm, Donavoured

By Pitlochry

PH16 5JP

Telephone

+44 7808739027

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,200,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation - South

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Iain Russell & Co

Crouse Farm, Wigtown

Newton Stewart

DG8 9BG

Telephone

+44 7747845546

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Maxwell Plant LTD

North Lodge, Heronsford

Ballantrae

Ka26 0LN

Telephone

+44 7500970308

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Molplant Construction Ltd

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Dumfries

DG1 3RS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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PH16 5JP

Telephone

+44 7808739027

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation - Central

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Iain Russell & Co

Crouse Farm, Wigtown

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Telephone

+44 7747845546

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ICD Contracting Limited

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Kilberry road

PA29 6XX

Telephone

+44 7788816701

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

MAM Contracting

The Office, Templemill Farm

Crieff

PH7 4HL

Telephone

+44 7712529678

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Maxwell Plant LTD

North Lodge, Heronsford

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Ka26 0LN

Telephone

+44 7500970308

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Upper Donavoured Farm, Donavoured

By Pitlochry

PH16 5JP

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,010,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation - East

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bruce Todd Ltd

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Country

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NUTS code

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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PH7 4HL

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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PH16 5JP

Telephone

+44 7808739027

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,060,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

5

Title

Mechanised Ground Preparation - West

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Maxwell Plant LTD

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:797184)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

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Email

inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

Court of Session

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