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## **Mechanised Ground Preparation Operations**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Mechanised Ground Preparation Operations

Reference number

FLS-0036-C

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

Services

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £22,819,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
3

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

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

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

Fife, West Calder

Lot No

2

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - Central

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £574,440

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Aberfoyle & Crainlaraich

Lot No

1

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - Central

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,060,635

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Glasgow

Lot No

3

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - Central

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,909,614

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

Duration in months

60

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

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Cowal

Lot No

4

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - Central

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,069,487

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Moray & Aberdeenshire West

Lot No

5

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - East

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,473,548

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Tay

Lot No

7

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - East

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,190,164

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Disc Scarification & Continuous Mounding - East Region

Lot No

8

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - East

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the

volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £334,211

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Caithness, Lairg, Dornoch & Sutherland

Lot No

9

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - North

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,367,320

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Easter Ross & Strathgarve

Lot No

10

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - North

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,152,115

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Strathspey & Inverness

Lot No

11

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - North

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £533,212

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Glen Urquhart, Glen Affric & Loch Ness

Lot No

12

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - North

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £983,684

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Wester Ross & Skye

Lot No

13

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - North

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £405,756

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Disc Scarification & Continuous Mounding - North Region

Lot No

14

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - North

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £375,089

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lochaber North

Lot No

15

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - West

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,250,568

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lochaber South

Lot No

16

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - West

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,221,610

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Kintyre

Lot No

20

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - West

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,269,311

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Aberdeenshire

Lot No

6

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - East

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,370,261

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

Mull

Lot No

17

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - West

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £755,274

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

Duration in months

60

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

East & West Lorne

Lot No

18

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - West

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,192,652

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

Duration in months

60

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

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

East & West Loch Awe/Knapdale

Lot No

19

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region - West

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

Forestry & Land Scotland (THE PURCHASER) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,329,664

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

Duration in months

60

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

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please see attached SPD Statements at Annex B of the FLS-0036-C ITT document which is one of the document attachments making up the Tender Pack within PCS-Tender.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please see attached SPD Statements at Annex B of the FLS-0036-C ITT document which is one of the document attachments making up the Tender Pack within PCS-Tender.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Key performance Indicators are detailed in Schedule 1, Part B of the FLS-0036-C Long Form TandCs document which is one of the document attachments making up the Tender Pack within PCS-Tender.

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-002084](#)

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

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

**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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

1:00pm

Place

This will be done at a private residence with no public access

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Opening of tenders is through PCS-T by an FLS category Manager or Procurement Specialist, and a full audit trail is maintained

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Summer to Autumn 2028

### **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**

Scoring Methodology Technical:

0-Unacceptable-Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

25-Poor-Response is partially relevant and poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited

detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

50-Acceptable-Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details

on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

75-Good-Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on

how the requirements will be fulfilled.

100-Excellent-Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a

thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Any bidder that receives a Fail for one or more Pass/Fail Technical Questions will be excluded from the tender.

Any Bidder that receives a score of Zero or One for any of the SCORED Technical Questions will be excluded from the tender:

Any Bidder that receives an Overall Technical Score below 50% out of 100% will be excluded from the tender.

Tenderers should note that although the maximum value of the contract in total has been estimated at 22,819,000 million GBP THE PURCHASER may modify the contracts, irrespective of the monetary value of those modifications, within the scope permitted under Regulation 72(1) of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, should Operational reasons require it.

Please refer to Section 4.18 of the FLS-0036-C ITT document which is one of the documents making up the tender pack within PCS-T for a full list of operational reasons for modification.

Scottish Government Supplier Journey: <https://www.supplierjourney.scot/>

Buyer Help and Guidance on PCS-Tender here:

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/web/buyerhelp.html>

Supplier Developer Programme <https://www.sdpsscotland.co.uk/region/public-bodies-forestry-commission/>

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24301. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

The lotting structure is aimed to encourage SME participation, but as well as encouraging SMEs to bid directly we are also welcoming sub-contracting opportunities, albeit these may be fewer due to the reduced lot sizes.

The smaller lots are designed to encourage SME's many of whom do sub-contract. The subcontracting opportunities tend to be low value, and most suppliers already have long standing arrangements with local existing sub-contractors.

Therefore, we will not be including the Subcontractor Clause.

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 PURCHASER is looking for a supplier who, in carrying out their obligations under this contract, will bring benefit to the local and broader Scottish community in compliance with THE PURCHASER Requirement. Therefore, delivery of Community Benefits is mandatory within this Contract.

Please see Award Criteria section of the FLS-0036-C ITT document which is one of the attachments making up the Tender pack within PCS-T for full details of the Community Benefit requirement.

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

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

Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

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.

##### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Court of Session

Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

United Kingdom