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## **Plant Supply (including Cell-Grown)**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371)

### **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

### **I.3) Communication**

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

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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### **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**

Plant Supply (including Cell-Grown)

Reference number

C0225

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

- 03121000 - Horticultural products

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

Supplies

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

Forestry and Land Scotland has a requirement to appoint suitably qualified suppliers for the provision of Plant Supply (including Cell-Grown).

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

Value excluding VAT: £72,255,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

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

Bare-Root Broadleaves (40% Volume)

Lot No

1

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 40% of the total annual allocation (approx. 372,000 plants per annum).

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Broadleaves (30% Volume)

Lot No

2

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 30% of the total annual allocation (approx. 279,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Broadleaves (20% Volume)

Lot No

3

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 20% of the total annual allocation (approx. 186,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Broadleaves (10% Volume)

Lot No

4

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 10% of the total annual allocation (approx. 93,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Conifers (30% Volume)

Lot No

5

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products

- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 30% of the total annual allocation (approx. 3,915,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Conifers (25% Volume)

Lot No

6

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 25% of the total annual allocation (approx. 3,263,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Conifers (20% Volume)

Lot No

7

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products

- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 20% of the total annual allocation (approx. 2,610,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Conifers (15% Volume)

Lot No

8

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 15% of the total annual allocation (approx. 1,958,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Bare-Root Conifers (10% Volume)

Lot No

9

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of bare-root conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 10% of the total annual allocation (approx. 1,305,000 plants per annum).

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Cell Grown Broadleaves (50% Volume)

Lot No

10

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of cell-grown broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 50% of the total annual allocation (approx. 250,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Cell-Grown Broadleaves (30% Volume)

Lot No

11

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of cell-grown broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 30% of the total annual allocation (approx. 150,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Cell-Grown Broadleaves (20% Volume)

Lot No

12

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of cell-grown broadleaves, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 20% of the total annual allocation (approx. 100,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Cell-Grown Conifers (50% Volume)

Lot No

13

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of cell-grown conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 50% of the total annual allocation (approx. 300,000 plants per annum).

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Cell-Grown Conifers (30% Volume)

Lot No

14

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of cell-grown conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 30% of the total annual allocation (approx. 180,000 plants per annum).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Cell-Grown Conifers (20% Volume)

Lot No

15

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The requirement provides for the supply and delivery of cell-grown conifers, to locations across Scotland. The requirement is divided into core and non-core species and class sizes of 18-30cm and 31-50cm. The requirement also provides for plant protection (as necessary) and the option for plastic-free containers or equivalent. This Lot covers 20% of the total annual allocation (approx. 120,000 plants per annum).

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

108

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 72 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 108 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**

Tree Seedling Supply, Transplanting and Maintenance

Lot No

16

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

- 03452000 - Trees
- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products
- 03121000 - Horticultural products
- 03451000 - Plants

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland
- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Newton Nursery, Nairn.

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

The requirement provides to the supply of seedlings, sown into an appropriate compost filled cell, transplanting and maintenance at Newton Nursery in North East Scotland. Transplanting and maintenance shall include the supply, installation, maintenance and removal of a drip irrigation system. The Purchaser will provide sufficient quantities of seed to the Supplier for sowing

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be awarded on an initial basis of 60 months with the option to extend by a further 36 months, solely at the discretion of the Purchaser. The contract shall not exceed 96 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 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

It is a requirement of this Contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of the Contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5,000,000 GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 5,000,000 GBP

Product Liability Insurance = 2,000,000 GBP

Goods in Transit Insurance = 2,000,000 GBP

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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

A suite of Key Performance indications, for Lots 1-15 and Lot 16, are contained within the procurement documents.

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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: [2021/S 000-014836](#)

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

Date

2 October 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

2 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

The tender will be opened via PCS-Tender by an FLS Procurement Officer, providing a complete audit trail.

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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: August 2032

## **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**

Bidders should note that although the value of the contracts has been estimated at 72,255,000 GBP excluding VAT over the maximum 108 months of the contract (108 months for Lots 1-15, and 96 months for Lot 16), the Purchaser reserves the right to modify the contract - irrespective of the monetary value of modifications – within the scope permitted under Regulation 72 (1) of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, should operational reasons require it.

Please refer to the ITT Document; Clause 1.42 contained within the Tender Pack on PCS-T for a list of operational

reasons for modifications.

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

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24944. For more information see:

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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 PIN responses stated that sub-contracting will not be required to fulfil the requirement. However, where appropriate it will be encouraged for suppliers to advertise any sub-contracting opportunities via PCS, however it will not be mandated. The use of PCS to advertise sub-contracting opportunities is not intended to cut across supply chain

arrangements that the supplier may already have in place.

Where a Bidder relies on the capacities of other entities (i.e., subcontractors and/or consortium members) in order to meet the selection criteria, they must provide a separate SPD for each sub-contractor and/or consortium member.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

The Purchaser has considered the Community Benefits requirement of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, and has concluded that these shall not apply to this procurement.

However, the Purchaser is dedicated to the exploitation of Community Benefit opportunities when they arise. Accordingly, should the Bidder offer community benefits on a voluntary basis, they will be required to discuss the content of their community benefit proposal and agree a plan for the delivery of the agreed community benefits which will become a condition of the contract.

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

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

The 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.

