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## **Ground Preparation Services Framework**

Natural Resources Wales

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110)

**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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Other type

Government Sponsored Body

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Ground Preparation Services Framework

Reference number

NRW50899

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this framework is to provide All Wales NRW Forestry Operations teams with the resource to manage the Ground preparation programme of works predominantly within the Welsh Government Woodland Estate (WGWE). This framework could also be used for NRW funded projects if appropriate.

NRW is responsible for the management of the WGWE and has an annual restocking and new planting programme of around 1600 ha's, requiring some four million trees. NRW manages the WGWE sustainably and is certified by both the Forest Stewardship Council and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, to meet the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.

#### **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**

Ground Preparation using a Tracked Excavator

Lot No

1

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

- 43262100 - Mechanical excavators
- 16100000 - Agricultural and forestry machinery for soil preparation or cultivation
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

7 different areas within wales

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

This framework is being developed to provide a flexible contractor base to carry out all aspects of Ground Preparation services using a tracked excavator, which all restocked areas must conform to our NRW's OGN4 guidance relating to sustainable forest management. The service is to cover category A work such as Brash Raking & Hinge Mounding, Brash Raking & Inverted Mounding, Brash Raking & Screef, Brash Raking only, mulching, construction of ATV Tracks and maintenance of drains.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

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) Description**

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

Ground Preparation using a Walking Excavator

Lot No

2

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

- 43262100 - Mechanical excavators
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

7 areas within Wales

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

The Ground Preparation services using a walking excavator is required to give a structure to restocking the felled areas and has silvicultural benefits such as increased growth rates, reduction in plant losses and can reduce the need to chemically treat areas in line with NRW'S Integrated Pest Management Strategy.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

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) Description**

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

Ground Preparation by Scarification

Lot No

3

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

- 16600000 - Specialist agricultural or forestry machinery
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

2 areas within Wales

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

Ground preparation by scarification will be required as a key component of restocking and new planting, helping NRW to achieve the successful establishment of trees on a clearfelled areas or woodland creation sites. Ground preparation is usually required to provide beneficial planting positions, that may offer improved soil aeration, reduced weed competition, accessibility to tree planters, as well as providing a structure for tree spacing and stocking density.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **Section 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

Framework agreement with several operators

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

Date

7 November 2022

Local time

1:00pm

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

English, Welsh

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

Date

7 November 2022

Local time

1:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST/COMPLETING THE ITT.

1. Tenderers should register on the eTendering portal  
<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>
2. Once registered, suppliers must express their interest as follows:
  - a. Login to the etendering portal.
  - b. Select ITT\_97753
  - c. Select ITT's Open to all suppliers
  - d. Access the listing relating to the contract ITT: itt\_97753 and view details.
  - e. Click on 'Express Interest' button in the 'Actions' box on the left hand side of the page.
3. Once you have expressed your interest, the ITT will move to 'My ITTs', where you can download and where you can construct your reply as instructed.
4. For any support in submitting your expression of interest, please contact the eTendering helpdesk on 08003684852 or at [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk)

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NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at [https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search\\_switch.aspx?ID=124963](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=124963)

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

For a compliant bid the successful supplier(s) will be expected to present a community benefit proposal with their tender detailing how, in the event that they should be successful in winning a place on the framework, they will address Community Benefits.

This is non core, it will not be evaluated as part of the award stage, but the CB proposal will detail how, in the event that they should be successful in winning a place on the framework, they will address the Community Benefit themes.

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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