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## **PIN Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Torvean Quarry, Inverness**

The Highland Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.highland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

PIN Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Torvean Quarry, Inverness

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

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy

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

Supplies

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

The Highland Council has identified a site for the development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The Highland Council has accepted a grid connection offer and intends to tender for a developer to design, build and operate the facility.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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

The Highland Council has identified the former Torvean Quarry (Inverness) for development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), which would support distribution network operations via connection to an existing (collocated) overhead 33kV line.

The Highland Council has accepted a grid connection offer provided by the Distribution Network Operator (Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution PLC), for a 9,900 kVA import / 9,900 kW export connection, with an estimated connection date of 31 October 2027 (note that this date is subject to change).

The Highland Council intends to tender (via open competition) for a developer to design, build and operate a BESS at the former Torvean Quarry. It is envisaged that the Highland Council would assign the accepted grid connection offer to the contracted party, and that the contracted party would undertake all required contestable distribution network works, in addition to the BESS build. The Highland Council would receive a standing lease payment for occupation of the site, plus an agreed revenue share, throughout the term of the lease (20-40 years). An Option to Lease fee would also be payable, from contract award, until the lease period begins.

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to communicate the Highland Council's intention to contract with a developer. The developer should have suitable experience and resources available to meet the full demands of the tender.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

12 June 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=799637](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=799637).

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