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Tender

## **FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority**

Education Authority NI  
Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment  
Armagh Observatory  
Armagh Planetarium  
Libraries NI  
Middletown Centre for Autism

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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

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**I.1) Name and addresses**

Libraries NI

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BT28 1FJ

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

Middletown Centre for Autism

35 Rathtrillick Park

Middletown

BT60 4HZ

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

The contract involves joint procurement

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

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

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

- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services

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

Services

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

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
2

## **II.2) Description**

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

Section 1 - Lots 1 to 11 Tree Surgery

Lot No

1

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

- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 03400000 - Forestry and logging products
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77341000 - Tree pruning
- 77342000 - Hedge trimming

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Various locations throughout Northern Ireland

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

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

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

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Services - Tree Surgery Lots 1 to 11 / Weighting: 19.8

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 70

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,500,000

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

Education Authority for Northern Ireland invites tenders for the following competition – a Framework Agreement for the provision of Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying Services throughout Northern Ireland. This framework Agreement will be established on behalf of EA, Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery. School for NI (both controlled and Catholic Maintained), school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth

Centres. <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus> Further Education Colleges in NI. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges> Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI. <https://www.nicie.org/parents/schoolfinder/.IndependentSchoolinNI> <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northernireland/.LibrariesNI> <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/> EA Teachers' and Educational Centres Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI (CCEA), Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. Middletown Centre for Autism. Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC). Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education. (NICIE) who may also use this Framework. The value shown in II.2.6 is the highest value estimated in the following range for all Tree Surgery lots (lots 1 to 11): £1,100,000 and £5,500,000 excluding VAT (Total value of all lots 1 to 11 £6,600,000 including VAT) GBP which has been calculated on the basis of a maximum value of £500,000 for each of the 11 lots (excluding vat), the 4 year framework period and contingency for higher demand during the Framework Period for all Clients. There is no commitment as to the usage volume or value of orders required under this Framework Agreement. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any Framework as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; (III) to award (a) Framework(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and (IV) to award Framework(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates. In exceptional circumstances, if the successful contractor is unable to carry out work, the Education Authority reserves the right, at their discretion, to engage another successful contractor from another Lot. . . .

## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Section 2 - Lots 12 to 14 Tree Surveying

Lot No

2

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

- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 03400000 - Forestry and logging products
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77341000 - Tree pruning
- 77342000 - Hedge trimming

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Various sites throughout Northern Ireland

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

FMM-21-008 Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying for the Education Authority

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

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Services - Tree Surveying Lots 12, 13 and 14 /  
Weighting: 19.8

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery of Social Value / Weighting: 10.2

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 70

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

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

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

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<https://www.nicie.org/parents/schoolfinder/IndependentSchoolinNI>

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northernireland/LibrariesNI>

<https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/> EA Teachers' and Educational Centres Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI (CCEA), Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. Middletown Centre for Autism. Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC). Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education. (NICIE) who may also use this Framework. The value shown in II.2.6 is the highest value estimated in the following range for all Tree Surveying lots (lots 12, 13 and 14): £150,000 and £900,000 excluding VAT (Total value for lots 12 to 14 £1,080,000 including VAT) GBP which has been calculated on the basis of a maximum value of £300,000 for each of the 3 Tree Survey lots (excluding vat), the 4 year framework period and contingency for higher demand during the Framework Period for all Clients. There is no commitment as to the usage volume or value of orders required under this Framework Agreement. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any Framework as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; (III) to award (a) Framework(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and (IV) to award Framework(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates. In exceptional circumstances, if the successful contractor is unable to carry out work, the Education Authority reserves the right, at their discretion, to engage another successful contractor from another Lot.

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

As detailed in the tender documents

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## **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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 28

#### **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

3 November 2022

Local time

3:00pm

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 1 February 2023

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

Date

3 November 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only EA Procurement staff with access to the project on eTendersNI

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

The new framework will be delivered across 14 Lots. The Lots for Tree Surveying will be based on EA's three geographical locality splits across Northern Ireland as detailed in Annex A the document FMM-21-008 General Information and Instructions and the Lots for Tree Surgery will be based across eleven geographical lots based on council areas across Northern Ireland as detailed in Annex B of the General Information and Instructions. The fourteen Lots contained within this tender will be awarded on the basis of the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT). Each Lot will be evaluated and awarded independently. Tenderers may bid for one or more Lots, however, to ensure independency of reporting on health of trees Lot 12, 13 and 14 will be awarded first. Any contractor awarded a Tree Surveying Lot cannot be awarded a Tree Surgery Lot within the same council area covered within the Tree Surveying Lot. Contract Monitoring: The Successful Contractor's performance on this Framework will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 - Contract Management - Procedures and Principles). Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in EA for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and this Framework may be terminated. Any contractor in receipt of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Notice. It may also result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by the EA. Education Authority Northern Ireland (EA) are committed to the promotion of social inclusion and equal opportunities, as well as the responsible use and protection of natural resources and reducing our carbon footprint as key objectives in the Sustainable Development Strategy for Northern Ireland. The Authority has included with the Framework documents Schedule 8 - Social Considerations Schedule, to help achieve the EA's objectives and address the strategic aims, it is required that the successful Contractor, as a condition of contract, deliver measurable social value outcomes as set within this Social Considerations Schedule. The Authority cannot give any commitment as to the usage, volume, or value of products required under this Framework. Any levels, or aggregate values of goods, referred to are indicative only and shall not be binding on the

Client. The Authority reserves the right not to award all or part of this Framework. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any Framework as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; (III) to award (a) Framework(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and (IV) to award Framework(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates. Mini-Competitions: Further competitions may be commissioned during the framework term for additional Tree Surgery and Tree Surveying Services. Such competitions will be run with all Contractors appointed to the framework, irrespective of the Lot they were awarded (unless otherwise excluded through poor performance). At the time of any mini-competition, the Clients will decide the Contract term, which shall be no longer than a period of four years.

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

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

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015

Belfast

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