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Contract

## **Ecological Surveys for Forestry and Land Scotland**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02ac29

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

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

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Inverness

IV3 8NW

#### **Email**

[Procurement@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:Procurement@forestryandland.gov.scot)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://forestryandland.gov.scot/>

Buyer's address

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

## **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**

Ecological Surveys for Forestry and Land Scotland

Reference number

C0202

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

- 79311000 - Survey services

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

Services

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

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) has a requirement to procure a number of ecological surveys as part of the process of managing the national forest estate. Surveys requirements are varied, with multiple survey types being required and survey provision to be carried over a wide range of locations throughout Scotland. The delivery of survey services are often in peak times during the Spring and Summer season however some are required year round.

The survey requirements were previously met by numerous suppliers through the following contractual relationships;

Framework Reference: FESH01- Open Habitat Surveys

Framework Reference: FW0015- Ecological Support on Forest Estate

Framework Reference: FW0016- Dothistroma Needle Blight and Tree health Surveys

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,505,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

North Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

Lot No

1

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland
- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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

This lot is for the North Region of FLS and includes monitoring and surveying of peatland, monitoring and surveying of new acquisition land, monitoring and surveying of non- wooded UK priority habitats, preoperational surveys, vascular plant surveys, terrestrial surveys, monitoring and surveying of Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW), monitoring and surveying of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites(PAWS), and Herbivore Impact Assessments (HIA).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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 Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

Lot No

2

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland
- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

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

This lot is for the East Region of FLS and includes monitoring and surveying of peatland, monitoring and surveying of new acquisition land, monitoring and surveying of non- wooded UK priority habitats, preoperational surveys, vascular plant surveys, terrestrial surveys, monitoring and surveying of Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW), monitoring and surveying of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites(PAWS), and Herbivore Impact Assessments (HIA).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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**

Central Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

Lot No

3

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

This lot is for the Central Region of FLS and includes monitoring and surveying of peatland, monitoring and surveying of new acquisition land, monitoring and surveying of non- wooded UK priority habitats, preoperational surveys, vascular plant surveys, terrestrial surveys, monitoring and surveying of Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW), monitoring and surveying of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites(PAWS), and Herbivore Impact Assessments (HIA).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

## **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**

West Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

Lot No

4

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

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

This lot is for the West Region of FLS and includes monitoring and surveying of peatland, monitoring and surveying of new acquisition land, monitoring and surveying of non- wooded UK priority habitats, preoperational surveys, vascular plant surveys, terrestrial surveys, monitoring and surveying of Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW), monitoring and



surveying of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites(PAWS), and Herbivore Impact Assessments (HIA).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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**

South Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

Lot No

5

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services

- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

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

This lot is for the South Region of FLS and includes monitoring and surveying of peatland, monitoring and surveying of new acquisition land, monitoring and surveying of non- wooded UK priority habitats, preoperational surveys, vascular plant surveys, terrestrial surveys, monitoring and surveying of Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW), monitoring and surveying of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites(PAWS), and Herbivore Impact Assessments (HIA).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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**

North Region- Tree Health Surveys

Lot No

6

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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

Tree Health, including Dothistroma Needle Blight (DNB), Surveys for the North Region of FLS

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **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 Region- Tree Health Surveys

Lot No

7

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland
- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland

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

Tree Health, including Dothistroma Needle Blight (DNB), Surveys for the East Region of FLS

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **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**

Central Region- Tree Health Surveys

Lot No

8

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Tree Health, including Dothistroma Needle Blight (DNB), Surveys for the Central Region of FLS

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **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**

West Region- Tree Health Surveys

Lot No

9

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services

- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

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

Tree Health, including Dothistroma Needle Blight (DNB), Surveys for the West Region of FLS

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

### **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**

South- Tree Health Surveys

Lot No

10

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79311200 - Survey conduction services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

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

Tree Health, including Dothistroma Needle Blight (DNB), Surveys for the South Region of FLS

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

## **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 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 000-009400](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Lot No

1

### Title

North Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 November 2021

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Environmental Consultancy Limited t/a RPS

Cathedral Buildings, Dean Street

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 1PJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £240,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

10

### **Title**

South- Tree Health Surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

East Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Caledonian Conservation Ltd

Office 2 and 3, Craigarnhall

Bridge of Allan

FK9 4NG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £185,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Central Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Environmental Consultancy Limited t/a RPS

Cathedral Buildings, Dean Street

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE11PJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £245,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 30 %

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

4

### **Title**

West Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Andy Acton Ecological Consultant & Lichenologist

Dailnamac

Taynuilt

PA35 1HZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £265,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 50 %



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## Section V. Award of contract

### Lot No

5

### Title

South Region- Preoperational, Terrestrial species and habitats, ASNW, PAWS, HIA, Vascular Plants, Monitoring and Surveying of Non-wooded Priority Habitats, New acquisition surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 November 2021

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Environmental Consultancy Limited t/a RPS

Cathedral Buildings, Dean Street

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 1PJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £265,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 30 %

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

6

#### **Title**

North Region- Tree Health Surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

David Mackay

c/o Fern House

Bonar Bridge

IV243EA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £100,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

7

### **Title**

East Region- Tree Health Surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Absolute forestry Llp

4 school brae place

Elgin

Iv30 6fh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £80,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

8

#### **Title**

Central Region- Tree Health Surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Forestry Contractors Scotland

15 Forestry Houses , Succoth

Arrochar

G83 7AW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £50,000

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 40 %

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

9

### **Title**

West Region- Tree Health Surveys

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Absolute forestry Llp

4 school brae place

Elgin

Iv30 6fh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £50,000



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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Section II.1.6) of this notice states that tenders may be submitted for 6 lots and one bidder awarded up to 6 lots. This also includes a restriction that one bidder can bid for and be awarded a maximum of 3 lots within lots 1-5 and maximum of 3 lots within lots 6-10 (6 lots total).

SPD evaluation will be scored as pass/fail. Technical Criteria and Weightings are included in the Evaluation and Award Criteria Document within PCS-T.

Where the bidder relies on the capacities of other entities in order to meet the selection criteria they must provide a separate SPD for each entity. Please read the instructions on the SPD section 2C.1 for full details.

If the bidder intends to subcontract any share of the contract, then the bidder will be required to submit a separate SPD (Part II A&B, and Part III A&B only) for each subcontractor.

FLS reserves the right to modify the Contract within the scope permitted under Regulation 72(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Operational reasons for modification may include, but are not limited to:

- Changes to operational programmes which may increase or decrease survey requirements, including but not limited to: timber sales, natural hazards and events outside human control, including weather events and natural disasters, and land acquisitions or sales by the Purchaser;
- Changes to in-house capacity resulting in the need to outsource additional survey work;
- Changes in the distribution or abundance of species of interest, or the reintroduction of species;
- Changes in the legal status of species of interest;
- Changes to regional land management plans in terms of the proportion of sensitive sites;
- A drive from the Scottish Government or a change in government policy/ priorities to reduce or increase the surveying of specific issue;
- Impact of pandemic or any other event or occurrence which is outside the reasonable control of the Purchaser ;

- Change to guidelines and industry standards;
- Unforeseen changes to budgets that may increase or decrease the availability of budgets for surveys;
- The introduction, identification, or increased prevalence of a tree pests or diseases;
- Tree disease levels being at volume where surveying is deemed to no longer be appropriate by the Purchaser;
- Establishment of new survey methods;

The Purchaser reserves the right to award a contract following a Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication under Regulation 33 (8) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 for additional services for reasons including:

- Impact of actions taken in response to the Climate Emergency;
- The discovery of an invasive non-native species;
- A drive and/or additional funding from the Government or a change to the Government policy or priorities which may increase surveying of specific issues;
- A new requirement for the Purchaser to support other organisations through carrying out priority habitat surveys on their land.

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

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

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### **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

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