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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): ocds-h6vhtk-02ac29

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Forestry and Land Scotland

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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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

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.

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](#)

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

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

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

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

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: £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 %

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 %

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 %

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

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

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 %

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

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.

(SC Ref:674462)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

Email

inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1463230782

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.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Court of Session

Parliament House

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Email

supreme.courts@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1312252595

Country

United Kingdom