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Contract

## **SC22272 Arboricultural Works Term Contract**

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041b3e

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

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

Kent County Council

Invicta House

Maidstone

ME14 1XX

#### **Email**

[sccommercialteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:sccommercialteam@kent.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **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**

SC22272 Arboricultural Works Term Contract

Reference number

DN669286

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

Services

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

The arboriculture programmed works contract is required to ensure that KCC complies with

its Duty of Care' under the Highway Act 1980 and fulfils its obligations in Common Law as a land and tree owner.

The requirement is for the provision of highway tree works resulting from the Highway Soft Landscape Teams Tree Safety Audits.

The successful Contractor(s) will be required to facilitate both Tree Maintenance and Tree Planting for their awarded lot. A non-exclusive description of the works is provided below, but may cover other arboriculture works as required.

**Tree maintenance:** The service will provide for the removal of potentially hazardous trees and branches on both public and private property. The service will also facilitate removal of tree stumps and replacement tree planting. The service is provided primarily through programmed maintenance work with flexibility for additional ad-hoc provision. This service will include an additional provision for emergency tree clearance to supplement the primary 'Emergency Tree Works Contract' should extra resource be required during a declared emergency event.

**Tree planting:** The service will include tree planting within the highway environment. Tree planting will include provision for required regulatory replacement tree planting, and scheme/grant led planting including associated aftercare and young tree maintenance to ensure successful establishment. Tree size for highway planting is, typically, 'heavy standard' nursery stock ranging from 12-16cm girth and planting sites are a combination of both hard and soft surface environments.

This service will facilitate programmed and ad hoc tree maintenance works over a maximum eight-year period both on, and adjacent to the highway network, across the whole of the county.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Lowest offer: £9,848,512 / Highest offer: £14,403,806.29 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

East Kent

Lot No

1

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

- 45112000 - Excavating and earthmoving work

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Lot 1 East Kent

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The contract used will be NEC4 Term Service which incorporates a schedule of rates.

The total contract term is 96 months (8 years); which is made up of an initial term of 60 months (5 years) and an optional extension period of up to 36 months (3 years).

The Award Value is £9,848,512.00 (Lot 1 - £5,557,256.00 & Lot 2 - £4,291,256.00); however, the value has been expressed as a range due to the following considerations: Inflationary Changes, Compensation Events, Services levels and Budgetary Changes.

The Award Criteria was based on the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT). Successful tenderers were required to meet a minimum quality threshold.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated in the procurement documents. / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

### **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**

West Kent

Lot No

2

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

- 45112000 - Excavating and earthmoving work

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Lot 2 West Kent

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### 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: [2023/S 000-034250](#)

#### IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

SC22272/1

### Lot No

1

### Title

SC22272/1 Arboricultural Works Term Contract - East Lot

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes



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

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

2 August 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 5

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

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

Gristwood and Toms Ltd

Windlesham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £5,557,256 / Highest offer: £8,127,688.62 taken into consideration

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

### **Contract No**

SC22272/2

### **Lot No**

2

## **Title**

SC22272/2 Arboricultural Works Term Contract - West Lot

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 July 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 7

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

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

G Bridgland Ltd

Cranbrook

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £4,291,256 / Highest offer: £6,276,117.67 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom