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Tender

Ground Maintenance Services at Properties in Care - Stirling Region

Historic Environment Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

http://historicenvironment.scot

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0016

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Built Environment, Conservation and Tourism

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Ground Maintenance Services at Properties in Care - Stirling Region

Reference number

HES/C/4230

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The general types of grounds maintenance that HES shall require is likely to include the following elements:

the mowing of all lawns, semi-coarse grasslands, slopes, ramparts

trimming of all lawn edges

strimming around the bases of walls, trees and signs

the application of approved herbicides as and when specified

weed control of all footpaths, car park, road gutters and gravel areas

gardening duties are to be carried out on landscaped areas and will include the weeding, forking, pruning and the application of fertilisers as specified in the contract documentation

leave and branch clearing duties may also be required.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77314000 Grounds maintenance services
- 77314100 Grassing services
- 77312000 Weed-clearance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Historic Environment Scotland are seeking a Supplier to provide grounds maintenance services for Stirling Castle and surrounding areas during the months of April to October. Work outside these months may also be required. The general types of grounds maintenance that HES shall require is likely to include the following elements:

the mowing of all lawns, semi-coarse grasslands, slopes, ramparts

trimming of all lawn edges

strimming around the bases of walls, trees and signs

the application of approved herbicides as and when specified

weed control of all footpaths, car park, road gutters and gravel areas

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There will be an option to extend for up to a further 24 months reviewed annually.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

HES use Scotbis, an independent provider of business credit reports, to assess the financial standing of tenderers. The overall aim of this assessment is to ensure, as far as possible, that any potential Supplier will not have financial difficulties that endanger their ability to perform the Contract. If financial information cannot be gained from that source Historic Environment Scotland will request that you provide full audited accounts for the last full financial year. If Suppliers cannot provide any of the assurances as detailed above, and it is determined by HES that your financial strength is not adequate, then your company may not pass the financial evaluation. If you can provide the assurances as detailed above, HES may explore these options with you before determining whether your company can be taken forward in this procurement exercise. Bank details may also be sought to support the above

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Employers (compulsory) Liability Insurance - GDP 5 million

Public Liability Insurance - GDP 10 million

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

21 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

21 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: If all extensions are used up then this will be advertised during 2028

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers must identify any clauses from the terms and conditions that may cause an issue when submitting your tender response. HES will not negotiate at contract award or post contract award.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=747600.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Bidders are expected to put forward community benefits that will be implemented during the life of the contract, such as apprenticeships, work experience, social value projects for the local communities. (SC Ref:747600)

Download the ESPD document here:

 $\underline{https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=747600}$

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of Peace Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom