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## **Larch Removal Benmore**

RBGE - Benmore Botanic Garden

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040d21

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

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

RBGE - Benmore Botanic Garden

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PAS23 8QU

#### **Contact**

Peter Baxter

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.rbge.org.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11182](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11182)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Larch Removal Benmore

Reference number

RBGE-2023-627

**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 appointed contractor or contractors will have to have the ability to fell larch accurately and safely. Some of the trees will have to be dismantled and branch and stems lowered carefully, to minimize damage to the plant collection and garden infrastructure below and in the vicinity of the larch.

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

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77231000 - Forestry management services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute
- UKM - Scotland
- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of
- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway
- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

Main site or place of performance

Benmore has the largest number of Larch which need to be removed. Other RBGE Sites may have future requirements

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

Larch Removal Services – Suppliers.

RBGE-Benmore Garden are undertaking pre-market engagement to identify capacity

within the market to undertake the removal of Larch Trees from the Benmore Garden.

We wish to here from supplier/s will have to have the ability to fell larch accurately and safely. Some of the trees will have to be dismantled and branch and stems lowered carefully, to minimize damage to the plant collection and garden infrastructure below and in the vicinity of the larch.

Extraction of the felled material will have to be carried out in a manner to cause minimal damage to the Benmore ground flora. It is expected Benmore Botanic Garden staff and equipment will assist where appropriate, to forward the felled material to storage areas, in preparation for removal from site to designated mills.

Where possible, the felled material will be cut to specified commercial lengths to maximise the timber value.

It will be expected the supplier/s would arrange haulage from Benmore to appropriate mills or depots.

RBGE will be inviting suppliers to visit Benmore Garden for a discussion around what approach they would take and what services they can provide.

Area of consider for suppliers wish to work with RBGE – Benmore Garden include

Safe working practices including -

Have all necessary tickets and insurances in place prior to works commencing.

Benmore Botanic Garden is likely to be open to visitors whilst larch removal operations are taking place. The contractor would have to demarcate and maintain safe zones of operation.

Suppliers would have to follow instructions from Benmore Garden Operational Team

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

Please register your interest on PCS by the 30 October 2023. We will then contact suppliers from w/c 30th October to discussion your service offering and invites for a site visit.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

4 December 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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=747863](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=747863).

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