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Tender

C0203 Ground Preparation and Mechanised Establishment Operations

Forestry and Land Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

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See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

C0203 Ground Preparation and Mechanised Establishment Operations

Reference number

C0203

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

The aim of this contract is to provide ground preparation and mechanised establishment and tending services to a high quality, in a safe, sustainable and cost effective manner.

FLS also deliver a programme of Peatland restoration services. Small elements of peatland works on areas that are parts of coupes may be required over the contract term. Peatlands are found in both the lowlands and the uplands. The size and location of peatland varies according to geology, terrain and climate.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £32,362,343.30

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

6

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 6

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lots within regions will be approximately the same size and will only be combined if a Supplier is successfully awarded, and accepts, multiple contracts. This is intended to ease the internal administration burden only and will not be used as an opportunity to accept variant bids for combined lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3: Moray and Aberdeenshire West

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: East

Sub region: North

Lot Description: Moray and Aberdeenshire West

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: East

Sub region: North

Lot Description: Moray and Aberdeenshire West

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,714,056

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4: Moray and Aberdeenshire

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: East

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: Moray and Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: East

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: Moray and Aberdeenshire

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,714,056

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5: Tay

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: East

Sub region: South

Lot Description: Tay

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: East

Sub region: South

Lot Description: Tay

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,714,056

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 6: Caithness, Sutherland, Lairg, Dornoch and Easter Ross

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: North

Sub region: North

Lot Description: Caithness, Sutherland, Lairg, Dornoch and Easter Ross

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: North

Sub region: North

Lot Description: Caithness, Sutherland, Lairg, Dornoch and Easter Ross

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,145,382.20

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 7: Strathspey, Inverness and Strathgarve

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: North

Sub region: Central & East

Lot Description: Strathspey, Inverness and Strathgarve

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: North

Sub region: Central & East

Lot Description: Strathspey, Inverness and Strathgarve

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,145,382.20

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 8: Wester Ross, Glen Urquhart, Glen Affric and Loch Ness

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: North

Sub region: South & West

Lot Description: Wester Ross, Glen Urquhart, Glen Affric and Loch Ness

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: North

Sub region: South & West

Lot Description: Wester Ross, Glen Urquhart, Glen Affric and Loch Ness

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,145,382.20

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 9: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: South

Sub region: East

Lot Description: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: South

Sub region: East

Lot Description: Scottish Borders and East Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,030,668.67

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 10: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: South

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: South

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: Dumfries & Galloway, Ayrshire and Arran

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,030,668.67

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 11: West Dumfries & Galloway

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: South

Sub region: West

Lot Description: West Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: South

Sub region: West

Lot Description: West Dumfries & Galloway

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,030,668.67

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 12: Lochaber

Lot No

12

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: West

Sub region: North

Lot Description: Lochaber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National

Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: West

Sub region: North

Lot Description: Lochaber

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,659,512

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 13: West Loch Awe, Glen Orchy, Lorne and Mull

Lot No

13

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: West

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: West Loch Awe, Glen Orchy, Lorne and Mull

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: West

Sub region: Central

Lot Description: West Loch Awe, Glen Orchy, Lorne and Mull

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,659,512

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 14: Kintyre, Knapdale and East Loch Awe

Lot No

14

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: West

Sub region: South

Lot Description: Kintyre, Knapdale and East Loch Awe

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: West

Sub region: South

Lot Description: Kintyre, Knapdale and East Loch Awe

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,659,512

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

Duration in months

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Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1: Central belt, Fife and Stirling

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: Central

Sub region: East

Lot Description: Central belt, Fife and Stirling

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Region: Central

Sub region: East

Lot Description: Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,856,743.35

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2: Cowal, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park and Stirling

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Region: Central

Sub Region: West

Lot Description: Cowal, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park and Stirling

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) undertakes ground preparation on Scotland's National Forest and Land (SNFL) to establish new tree crops, maintaining the volume of timber brought to market and enabling woodland creation.

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Region: Central

Sub Region: South

Lot Description: Central belt, Fife and Stirling

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,856,743.35

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 3 years + 2 x 12 month optional extensions.

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

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5 Million GBP

Public Liability Insurance = 5 Million GBP

Please note it is a legal requirement that all bidders hold a minimum of 5 million GBP Employers (Compulsory) Liability Insurance except those companies which are exempt in specific circumstances. For further guidance see:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hse40.pdf>

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bidders will be required to provide 2 examples within the last 3 years that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services as described in part II.2.4 of this Contract Notice. Bidders should also describe their experience of incorporating social benefits into previous contracts, including details of any specific steps taken in the design of services to increase employment and training opportunities. Please see SPD Standard Statements attached within PCS-T for full details.

Bidders will be required to confirm the supply chain management policies and procedures they have in place, their process for identifying and managing subcontractors and how they ensure payment of valid invoices within 30 days. Please see SPD Standard Statements attached within PCS-T for full details.

Bidders will be required to confirm that they and/or the service provider have the educational and professional qualifications that are fully detailed in SPD Standard Statements, attached within PCS-T.

Bidders will be required to confirm that they will employ environmental management measures, as fully detailed in SPD Standard Statements, attached within PCS-T.

Bidders will be required to confirm their average annual manpower for the last three years, (including any sub-contractors).

Bidders will be required to confirm the number of managerial staff for the last three years, (including any sub-contractors).

Bidders will be required to demonstrate that they have (or have current access to) the minimum required tools, plant, technical equipment, traffic management equipment, welfare facilities and all appropriate PPE (including through current hiring or sub-contracting) to deliver the types of requirements detailed in this Contract Notice.

Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Quality Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent),

OR

2. A quality management policy authorised by their Chief Executive or equivalent. Please see SPD Standard Statements attached within PCS-T for full details.

Health & Safety Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent), accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with ISO 45001 (or equivalent) or have, within the last 12 months, successfully met the assessment requirements of a construction-related scheme in registered membership of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) forum,

OR,

2. A Health & Safety policy authorised by their Chief Executive or equivalent. Please see SPD Standard Statements attached within PCS-T for full details.

Environmental Management Systems

1. The Bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance with BS EN ISO 14001 (or equivalent) or a valid EMAS (or equivalent) certificate,

OR,

2. An Environmental management policy authorised by their Chief Executive or equivalent. Please see SPD Standard Statements attached within PCS-T for full details.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Key Performance Indicators are detailed within C0203 Specification, attached within PCS-T.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 121-298090](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

31 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

21 February 2022

Local time

9:00am

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 31 May 2022

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

31 January 2022

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: 2026

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

FLS may modify the contract, irrespective of the monetary value of those modifications, within the scope permitted under Regulation 72 (1) of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, should Operational reasons require it. Actual requirements can vary due to changes in:

Changes to Operational programmes due to:

identification of a protected species on site e.g. eagle nesting;

budget availability increasing or decreasing ground preparation requirements;

plant health implications resulting in an increase in felling operations which may prompt the requirement for additional ground preparation services;

Site availability;

Requirements to increase or decrease fallow periods;

Changes to Renewables Projects - planning permission for some Projects may not come to fruition – this would result in additional land bank that may require ground preparation services;

Policy Changes - The current drive from Scottish Government to reduce the organisation's land bank across the National Forest Estate may result in additional ground preparation work being required;

Developing climate change emergency initiatives to increase carbon capture opportunities such as developing innovative procedures and methods to deliver ground preparation services in a way that reduces the impact on the environment.

The FLS guide to PCS-T here:

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot/images/researchandresources/procurement/Procurement-Supplier-Guidance-for-PCS-Tender.pdf>

The Supplier Development Programme is available to assist Suppliers with public procurement including training events:

<https://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/region/public-bodies-forestry-commission/>

The Supplier Development Programme is holding a Bidder's day on 13th January 2022. Bidders are encouraged to attend. Details on this can be found here:

<https://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/events/talking-tenders-with-forestry-and-land-scotland-fls-1275/>

Bidders are encouraged to visit FLS sites to assist in submitting your tender. Please see the details on site visit in C0203 ITT Covering Letter, attached on PCS-T. The deadline for site visits is 19th January 2022.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 20235. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

It will be encouraged for prime contractors to advertise sub-contracting opportunities via PCS, however it will not be mandated as use of PCS to advertise sub-contracting opportunities is not intended to cut across supply chain arrangements that the prime contractor may already have in place. The PIN responses and sub-contracting pattern have evidenced an established sub-contracting network. Whilst it does represent best practice, use of PCS in this instance is unlikely to add any additional value and may delay mobilisation.

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:

Delivery of Community Benefits is mandatory for this contract. FLS is looking for a supplier who, in carrying out their obligations under this contract, will bring benefit to the local and broader Scottish community in compliance with FLS Requirement. The specific benefits which FLS expect through this contract are fully detailed in C0203 Evaluation and Award Criteria, uploaded within Supplier Attachments on PCS-T.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

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IV1 1AH

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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.

Court of Session

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