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Tender

## **(FLS-116-C) Tree & Seed Haulage**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044b08

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

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

Forestry and Land Scotland

Great Glen House, Leachkin Road

Inverness

IV3 8NW

#### **Contact**

Holly Thomson

#### **Email**

[flexibleprocurement@scotland-excel.org.uk](mailto:flexibleprocurement@scotland-excel.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html?VISITORID=2f4d4fce-2c2e-4729-9af7-eb7fa74ef8e9&\\_ncp=1729588085407.494461-1](https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html?VISITORID=2f4d4fce-2c2e-4729-9af7-eb7fa74ef8e9&_ncp=1729588085407.494461-1)

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/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html?VISITORID=2f4d4fce-2c2e-4729-9af7-eb7fa74ef8e9&\\_ncp=1729588085407.494461-1](https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html?VISITORID=2f4d4fce-2c2e-4729-9af7-eb7fa74ef8e9&_ncp=1729588085407.494461-1)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

(FLS-116-C) Tree & Seed Haulage

Reference number

FLS-116-C

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

- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver

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

Services

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

The purpose of this requirement is to provide Tree and Seed haulage services across Scotland, and to and from some locations in England

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,742,951.73

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

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

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

National Haulage of Tree Seedlings (excluding West Argyll)

Lot No

1

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

- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

National service, with main collection point of Forestry & Land Scotland, Newton Nursery, B9013, Newton, Elgin, IV30 8XR.

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

National haulage service with delivery to multiple location points (Forest Blocks) throughout multiple Scottish forestry district sites.

The requirement for this lot is the delivery of live planting stock grown from the authority's site at Newton Nursery to various delivery points across Scotland. This contract covers deliveries throughout the whole of Scotland, although deliveries may also be required to England on occasion.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Prompt Payment in the Supply Chain / Weighting: PASS/FAIL

Quality criterion - Name: Living Wage / Weighting: PASS/FAIL

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability and Net Zero / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Community Benefits / Weighting: Information Only

Quality criterion - Name: Q1 Sat nav and Postcode Issues / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Q2 Live Plant Handling and Biosecurity Protocols / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Q3 Communications / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Q4 Multi Drop / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Q5 Urgent Requirements / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Q6 Fleet Management and Contingency / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Q7 Innovation / Added Value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Q8 Forest Road Conditions / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

### **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

The Contract will initially be awarded for a three-year period, followed by the option to extend for an additional two-years (3+2) up to 23rd February 2030. The decision on whether to use the extension options available will be at the sole discretion of FLS and will be based upon contract performance, measured against the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) set out as a requirement of the contract.

### **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.2.14) 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**

Haulage of Tree Seedlings to West Argyll

Lot No

2

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

- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Forestry & Land Scotland, Newton Nursery, B9013, Newton, Elgin, IV30 8XR and  
Forestry & Land Scotland, West Argyll Forestry District, Cairnbaan Cold Store,  
Cairnbaan, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RS.

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

Haulage service of tree & seeds for relevant forestry district sites.

This requirement is for the uplift of stock from Newton Nursery for onward delivery to Cairnbaan cold store in West Argyll.

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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **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: [2024/S 000-009114](#)

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

Date

22 November 2024

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

22 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Autumn 2029

### **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**

Question Scoring Methodology for Technical Criteria:

0 - Unacceptable - Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 - Poor - Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 - Acceptable - Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 - Good - Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 - Excellent - Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

Any tenderer that receives a score of ONE or LESS than for one or more Technical Questions within the 'Lot Specific ITT' WILL be excluded from the tender. (This is not applicable for the Master ITT Questions).

Any tenderer receiving an overall Technical score below 50% out of 100% will be excluded from the tender, and their commercial submissions will not be evaluated.

Please refer to the Contract Terms & Conditions document within the tender pack for a full list of operation reasons for modification.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 26502. For more information see:

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

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:

Award criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

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[inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:inverness@scotcourts.gov.uk)

Telephone

+44 1463230782

Country

United Kingdom

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

Court of Session Parliament House

Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Email

[supreme.courts@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:supreme.courts@scotcourts.gov.uk)

Telephone

+44 1312252595

Country

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