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## **SC22272 Arboricultural Works Term Contract**

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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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.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.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.

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 '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 (12 districts excluding Medway).

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **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 is expected to consist of the following districts:

Ashford, Swale, Canterbury, Thanet, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe

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

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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

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

96 month contract term broken down as follows:

-Initial Contract Term - 60 months (5 years). Expected start date 01 September 2024.

-Optional Contract Extensions - 36 months (3 years) \*\*\*

\*\*\*\* To be taken in any combination of months, up to a maximum period of 36 months.

#### **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**

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

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

Lot 2 West Kent is expected to consist of the following districts:

Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, Maidstone, Tonbridge Wells

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **IV.1.5) Information about negotiation**

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

#### **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

20 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

Kent County Council

Sessions House

Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

Country

United Kingdom