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Contract

## **Larch Removal Benmore**

RBGE - Benmore Botanic Garden

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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

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#### **Country**

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

RBGE has a legal requirement to comply with a Statutory plant health notice which has been issued by Scottish Forestry. The notice identifies that *Phytophthora ramorum* has spread to the larch trees at Benmore. (Appendix 7 STH22\_0957a SPGN)

The notice requires the removal of Larch trees from Benmore Botanic Garden.

Due to the geographic topology and the requirement to protect the scientific plant collection of Benmore Botanic Garden, forestry style commercial harvesting will not be possible. The removal of trees will need to be undertaken by a combination of manual chainsaw operations and aerial arboriculture. Commercial harvesting equipment will have limited access.

Felled trees will need to be removed from site for sale or disposal subject to controls of the Statutory plant health notice.

The outcome of this piece of work will be removal of approximately 300 larch trees by July 2026 in compliance with the SPHN.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £210,776

## **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**

What we need

Felling of approximately 300 larch trees at Benmore Botanic Garden.

The trees to be felled are located in various parts of the garden, many of which have an understory of a valuable scientific plant collection. Damage to these plants must be avoided.

The larch range in size and age. The majority were planted circa 1900, some date back to 1820 and are of considerable size.

Where feasible, timber should be cut to commercial lengths to maximize commercial value.

Arisings are to be chipped on site at agreed locations. Chips are not to block water waterways or ditches.

Removal of felled timber to agreed stacking sites at Benmore, will have to be carried out with minimal ground damage and compaction.

Sale and movement of timber to commercial mills will be a requirement.

Compliance with all RBGE operational requirements, including the ecology survey and biosecurity measures will be necessary.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **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

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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 000-022442](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

RGBE 2023 627 Larch Tree Felling Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

7 October 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £210,776

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:781693)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH11LB

Country

United Kingdom