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Contract

East England Forest District Catering Concessions

Forestry England for and on behalf of The Forestry Commission

F25: Concession award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Forestry

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

East England Forest District Catering Concessions

Reference number

FEE/1119

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55300000 - Restaurant and food-serving services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Forestry England are seeking tender submissions for the provision of the catering concession Leases at Bedgebury National Pinetum and Jeskyns Community Woodland. Full details of the requirements are contained in the tender documentation, including the terms and conditions of the Leases.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £11,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £11,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Bedgebury National Pinetum

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55300000 - Restaurant and food-serving services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry England has an opportunity for the operation of the Bedgebury National Pinetum Café concession lease. Our intention is to award a 10-year lease that includes a mutual break clause at year 5 subject to 12 months' prior notice. A full copy of the draft lease is included in the tender documents. The total value of this lease opportunity will be in the region of £10million. The lease will start 11th January 2024.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria described below:

- Criterion: Food and Beverage Offer
- Criterion: Financial Offer
- Criterion: Fit-Out Design/Alterations
- Criterion: Environmental
- Criterion: Vision
- Criterion: Service and Customer Care

- Criterion: Partnerships / Innovation / Marketing

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

120

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

Jeskyns Community Woodland

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55300000 - Restaurant and food-serving services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forestry England has an opportunity for the operation of the Jeskyns Community Woodland Café concession lease. Our intention is to award a 10-year lease that includes a mutual break clause at the end of year 5 subject to 12 months' prior notice. A full copy of the draft lease is included in the tender documents. The total value of this lease opportunity will be in the region of £1.5million. The lease will start 1st April 2024.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria described below:

- Criterion: Food and Beverage Offer
- Criterion: Financial Offer
- Criterion: Environmental
- Criterion: Fit-Out Design/Alterations
- Criterion: Service and Customer Care
- Criterion: Criterion 6
- Criterion: Vision
- Criterion: Partnerships / Innovation / Marketing

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

120

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Award procedure with prior publication of a concession notice

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-022967](#)

Section V. Award of concession

Lot No

1

Title

Bedgebury Pinetum

A concession/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of concession

V.2.1) Date of concession award decision

24 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the concessionaire

Vertas Group Ltd

2 Friars Bridge Road

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

N/A

The concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of concession and main financing terms (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £10,000,000

Total value of the concession/lot: £10,000,000

Revenue from the payment of fees and fines by the users: £1,741,000

Section V. Award of concession

Lot No

2

Title

Jeskyns Community Woodland

A concession/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of concession

V.2.1) Date of concession award decision

24 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the concessionaire

Vertas Group Ltd

2 Friars Bridge Road

Ipswich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

N/A

The concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of concession and main financing terms (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,250,000

Total value of the concession/lot: £2,250,000

Revenue from the payment of fees and fines by the users: £427,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

