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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

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-036739

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03edad

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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Bristol

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.forestryengland.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/>

**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

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## **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](#)

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## **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

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**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

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N/A

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**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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

To view this notice, please click here:

<https://forestryengland.delta-esourcing.com/delta/viewNotice.html?noticeId=829219640>

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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