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Contract

## **Forestry and Arboricultural Works Framework**

The City of Edinburgh Council

Midlothian Council

West Lothian Council

East Lothian Council

Fife Council

Scottish Borders Council

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

Falkirk Council

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

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

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**Country**

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**NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Midlothian Council

Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street

Dalkeith

EH22 1DN

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.midlothian.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00336](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00336)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

West Lothian Council

West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road

Livingston

EH54 6FF

**Email**

[cpu@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:cpu@westlothian.gov.uk)

**Telephone**

+44 1506281814

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+44 1506281325

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM78 - West Lothian

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/44070/Corporate-Procurement-Unit>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00140](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00140)

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

East Lothian Council

John Muir House

Haddington, East Lothian

EH41 3HA

### **Email**

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+44 1620827827

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+44 1506281325

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00181](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00181)

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

Fife Council

Fife House, North Street

Glenrothes

KY7 5LT

#### **Email**

[enquiry.procurement@fife.gov.uk](mailto:enquiry.procurement@fife.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3451550000

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+44 1506281325

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.fife.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187)

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

Scottish Borders Council

Council Headquarters

Newtown St Boswells

TD6 0SA

### **Email**

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+44 1835824000

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+44 1506281325

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKM91 - Scottish Borders

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.scotborders.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00394](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00394)

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services

Scotland) (NSS)

The Jack Copland Centre,, 52 Research Avenue North, Heriot-Watt Research Park

Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

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+44 1506281325

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Falkirk Council

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM76 - Falkirk

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00184)

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

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

East Lothian Council

West Lothian Council

Mid Lothian Council

Fife Council

Scottish Borders Council

NHS Lothian

Falkirk Council

#### **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**

Forestry and Arboricultural Works Framework

Reference number

CT1296

#### **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 City of Edinburgh Council and Participating Sector Partners (PSP's) and their Arm's Length Organisations, wish to appoint specialist and experienced contractors to a Framework Agreement to carry out tree works at a variety of locations over the next four

years.

To carry out Forestry and Arboricultural Works as determined by the awarding Councils.

To work alongside the Councils inhouse team

To respond to and complete works requested within specified timescales

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £96,300 / Highest offer: £310,037 taken into consideration

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

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 16100000 - Agricultural and forestry machinery for soil preparation or cultivation
- 16600000 - Specialist agricultural or forestry machinery
- 71421000 - Landscape gardening services
- 03452000 - Trees

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh, Lothians, Borders.

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

#### **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**

Breakdown Figures provided are indicative

Edinburgh Council 190,000 GBP per annum East Lothian Council 50,000 GBP per annum, West Lothian Council 60,000 GBP per annum, Midlothian Council 25,000 GBP per annum

Fife Council and Borders Council - a specific budget is not currently identified , NHS Lothian 42,000 GBP Per annum

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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 000-018985](#)

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

### **Contract No**

CT1296

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

12 November 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Taylor Trees Limited

Little Overton, Denny

Falkirk

FK6 5JE

Telephone

+44 7803591153

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM76 - Falkirk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Euroforest

Unit 2 Arlot's Barn , Elvetham Lane

Hartley Wintney

RG27 8AJ

Telephone

+44 1483920992

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

TD Tree & Land Services Ltd

Platform 1, Station Rd Industrial Estate

DUNS

TD11 3HS

Telephone

+44 7435752341

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Rural Skills Scotland Ltd.

East Lodge, Ravenscraig Park

Kirkcaldy

KY1 2TA

Telephone

+44 7934628329

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Inex Works Group Ltd

3 Mid Road, Blairlinn Industrial Estate

Cumbernauld

G67 2TT

Telephone

+44 1236829897

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

LJX Ltd

Mid Glen Farm, West Glen Road

Langbank

PA6 7NN

Telephone

+44 1505873347

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM8 - West Central Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance Ltd

2 Great North Road

Welwyn

AL6 0PL

Telephone

+44 1438717175

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Ayrshire Tree Surgeons Ltd

North Hourat Farm, Largs rd

Kilbirnie

KA25 7LJ

Telephone

+44 1505681898

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

Lowest offer: £385,200 / Highest offer: £1,240,000 taken into consideration

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

is a mandatory requirement of this Framework Agreement that a prompt payment clause is present in all Contracts used in the delivery of the requirements. This ensures payment of sub-contractors at all stages of the supply chain within 30 days and includes an obligation to provide a point of contact for sub-contractors to refer to in the case of payment difficulties. This will require active monitoring of payment performance as well as the provision of evidence and reports to the Council on request or as contractually scheduled.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site

at [https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=767683](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=767683).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Post box facility. A user guide is available

at [https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

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:

The Service Provider is encouraged to secure positive outcomes that will benefit the community in which they operate. The Service Provider must

assist the Council in the delivery of community benefits. The Council reserves the right to introduce monitoring of the delivery of

community benefits during the Framework Agreement term.

Download the copy of the online SPD document here (to be completed online through post box submission):

(SC Ref:783109)

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

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

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers or risks suffering loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the Find a Tender Service or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.