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Contract

## **Contract to provide Arboriculture Services to Swale Borough Council as required - A756**

Swale Borough Council

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b5c5

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

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

Swale Borough Council

Swale House, East Street

SITTINGBOURNE

ME10 3HT

#### **Email**

[procurement@swale.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@swale.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

## **Dun & Bradstreet**

239842768

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

Main address

<https://swale.gov.uk/>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Contract to provide Arboriculture Services to Swale Borough Council as required - A756

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Swale

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Provision of Arboriculture Services across Swale Borough Council areas.

The Arboriculture Contractor will provide a suitably resourced team who will be qualified for the tasks they will carry out with van, chipper, saws etc. to carry out an estimated minimum of one day per week with a climbing team and ground works team.

Swale Borough Council will provide the Contractor with a list of works for this team and prioritise their workload. This work is to be tracked via an agreed management system.

The contract will commence on 15 January 2022 and terminate on 14 January 2027.

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

60

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-030731](#)

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

### **Contract No**

A756

### **Title**

Contract to provide Arboriculture Services to Swale Borough Council as required

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

12 October 2021

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

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

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

Elite Arborists

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

09486869

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £218,400

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

Provision of Arboriculture Services across Swale Borough Council areas.

The Arboriculture Contractor will provide a suitably resourced team who will be qualified for the tasks they will carry out with van, chipper, saws etc. to carry out an estimated minimum of one day per week with a climbing team and ground works team. Swale Borough Council will provide the Contractor with a list of works for this team and prioritise their workload. This work is to be tracked via an agreed management system.

The contract will commence on 15 January 2022 and terminate on 14 January 2027

**VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

60

**VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£218,400

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Elite Arborists

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

09486869

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.2) Information about modifications**

**VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

CPI, unplanned works, emergency works due to storms

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Higher than predicted inflation - 11.1% CPI in 2023 - increase of £3463.20.

Significantly higher severe weather events in 2023-24 compared to previous years requiring emergency works. Not feasible to undertake a procurement process and due diligence checks for emergency works that cause a health and safety risk requiring an urgent response.

Additional funding received from The Forestry Commission Local Authority Tree Fund - £31,504.60 to plant 10,798 trees.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £218,400

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £327,000