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Contract

## **Hoads Wood Waste Clearance**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Hoads Wood Waste Clearance

Reference number

C26880

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

- 45222110 - Waste disposal site construction work

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

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

To undertake the removal and disposal of approximately 30,000T of illegally deposited waste from Hoad's Wood, Ashford, Kent.

#### **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: £15,000,000

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

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

- 90520000 - Radioactive-, toxic-, medical- and hazardous waste services
- 90500000 - Refuse and waste related services
- 90513000 - Non-hazardous refuse and waste treatment and disposal services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Hoad's Wood is 199 acres of designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is located between Hothfield and Bethersden, Kent. The wood is in private ownership and is divided into hundreds of small individually owned plots, some of which change ownership frequently. Since 2020 the site has been subject to periods of illegal waste disposal which has destroyed an area of ancient oak woodland which was of the oldest examples in England. The first instance commercial waste disposal started in 2020 and was stopped by a planning injunction. None of the waste disposed at this time was removed. In August 2023 the Environment Agency (EA) started receiving complaints that commercial waste was being deposited again in the same area of woodland, but this time on much larger scale.

The site is currently part on an ongoing enforcement investigation by the EA as a regulatory authority.

The area of deposited waste covers approximately 16 no. small parcels of separately owned pieces of land covering approximately two acres. The area of deposited waste measures approximately 100m long, 60m wide and 2-4m deep and consists of various types of waste such as plastics, hydrocarbons, processed waste, soil and aggregate. The total volume of waste deposited during the periods of tipping is approximately 30,000 tonnes. There is a risk of further damage to the underlying soil and the surrounding water environment caused by surface water run-off and continuing decomposition of the waste.

The Contractor shall:

Prepare all necessary documentation for undertaking the works and review and update these as appropriate,

Establish, maintain and remove site facilities to accommodate the works, and Test, remove and dispose of all waste material from Hoad's Wood to appropriately permitted facilities, including supply of all waste transfer documentation.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology and Approach / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Health and Safety / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Community Engagement / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Organisation, Staff, Experience and capability (including

subcontractors) / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract's initial term will be the first Accepted Programme as per Clause 31.2 of the ECC as agreed with the successful tenderer. The Authority may extend the contract for up to a maximum of 60 months to enable completion of the contract should this become necessary.

Possible reasons for compensation events are listed in Clause 60.1 of the ECC. They are wide ranging and cover many scenarios which could result in a change to the contract's Target Price (ECC Option C) or Completion Date (which may result in an extension being required). Therefore, due to the ECC Conditions of the Contract the total contract term and or contract price cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to modification.

£7,454,564.13 (Target Price)

£15,000,000.00 (Total budget allocated to account for potential compensation events)

### **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

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The state of urgency that makes the normal timescale impractical is to ensure that the works happen as quickly as possible. Also to ensure there is no further impact to the environment in the SSSI and the EA carry out their obligations.

#### 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 000-029550](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

28 October 2024

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

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

Acumen Waste Services Limited

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

2916087

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: £15,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

#### VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom



Internet address

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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