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HCC - 12/24 - The Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029

Hertfordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

HCC - 12/24 - The Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029

Reference number

HCC2415892

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. Further information in regards to this opportunity can be found in II.2.4 and VI.3 below. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to "express interest" which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 3rd January 2025. Please allow sufficient time to make your return as late returns will not be permitted by the system. The estimated total value of all of the Contracts is stated in II.1.5 of this notice and is for initial term inclusive of the approximate value for extension

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

East Herts District (EHD)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and machinery they are intending to use e.g. compact tractors, ride-on mowers, push mowers, brush cutters/trimmers and chainsaws (this is an indicative list only). Please refer to the tender documents for full details. This procurement is an open process. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express an interest' and also 'opt in' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Tenderer you must complete and submit a Tender by the deadline of 12 noon on the 3rd January 2025. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Please ensure that where possible documents are uploaded as a PDF and that file names are succinct. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents, and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to

submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. To access this opportunity please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/HomePlease> Note: The value referred to in II.2.6 is for the Core Contract Period inclusive of any available extension.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £337,800

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years

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

Hertsmere Borough (HB)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and machinery they are intending to use e.g. compact tractors, ride-on mowers, push mowers, brush cutters/trimmers and chainsaws (this is an indicative list only). Please refer to the tender documents for full details. This procurement is an open process. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express an interest' and also 'opt in' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Tenderer you must complete and submit a Tender by the deadline of 12 noon on the 3rd January 2025. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Please ensure that where possible documents are uploaded as a PDF and that file names are succinct. Any

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £45,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is for four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years.

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

North Herts District (NHD)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and machinery they are intending to use e.g. compact tractors, ride-on mowers, push mowers, brush cutters/trimmers and chainsaws (this is an indicative list only). Please refer to the tender documents for full details. This procurement is an open process. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express an interest' and also 'opt in' which

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £269,400

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is for four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years

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

St Albans City & District (SACD)

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £126,600

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years

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

Stevenage Borough (SB)

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £10,800

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years

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

Three Rivers District (TRD)

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and machinery they are intending to use e.g. compact tractors, ride-on mowers, push mowers, brush cutters/trimmers and chainsaws (this is an indicative list only). Please refer to the tender documents for full details. This procurement is an open process. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express an interest' and also 'opt in' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Tenderer you must complete and submit a Tender by the deadline of 12 noon on the 3rd January 2025. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Please ensure that where possible documents are uploaded as a PDF and that file names are succinct. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents, and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. To access this opportunity please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home> Please Note: The value referred to in II.2.6 is for the Core Contract Period inclusive of any available extension.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £54,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is for four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years

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

Watford Borough (WB)

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and machinery they are intending to use e.g. compact tractors, ride-on mowers, push mowers, brush cutters/trimmers and chainsaws (this is an indicative list only). Please refer to the tender documents for full details. This procurement is an open process. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express an interest' and also 'opt in' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Tenderer you must complete and submit a Tender by the deadline of 12 noon on the 3rd January 2025. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Please ensure that where possible documents are uploaded as a PDF and that file names are succinct. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents, and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. To access this opportunity please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home> Please Note: The value referred to in II.2.6 is for the Core Contract Period inclusive of any available extension.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is for four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) years

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

Welwyn Hatfield Borough (WHB)

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire County Council is currently out to procurement for the Provision of Hertfordshire Public Rights of Way Vegetation Management 2025-2029. The objective of this Contract is to manage vegetation on rights of way to keep the network in a condition suitable for use by pedestrians, cyclist, horse riders, non-motorised and motorised vehicles where these are legitimate users. This includes footpaths, bridleways and byways. The areas of the county included in this contract will be divided into Lots following the Borough and District Council boundaries. Tenderers' operators must hold current certificates for the tools and machinery they are intending to use e.g. compact tractors, ride-on mowers, push mowers, brush cutters/trimmers and chainsaws (this is an indicative list only). Please refer to the tender documents for full details. This procurement is an open process. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express an interest' and also 'opt in' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Tenderer you must complete and submit a Tender by the deadline of 12 noon on the 3rd January 2025. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Please ensure that where possible documents are uploaded as a PDF and that file names are succinct. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents, and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. To access this opportunity please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/HomePlease> Note: The value referred to in II.2.6 is for the Core Contract Period inclusive of any available extension.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £55,200

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Contract Period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Core Contract Period is for four (4) years with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please refer to Schedule 2 of the Contract document

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

3 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Please note Hertfordshire County Council has worked closely with its districts and partners to create a joint procurement portal called supply Hertfordshire. This portal provides an e-Tendering system which is run by In-Tend. To access this procurement opportunity please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home> and follow the on-screen guidance. In accordance with Regulation 53 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Council's procurement documents are available within the e-Tendering system. This is a one stage procurement process. Therefore, if you wish to be considered as a tenderer you must complete and submit a tender by the specified closing date and time. Tender submissions cannot be uploaded after this return deadline. Any clarifications regarding this opportunity must be raised through Correspondence area in the eTendering system. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: support@in-tend.co.uk or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00. The Council reserves the right at any time to cease the procurement process and not award a Contract or to award only part of the opportunity described in this notice. If the Council takes up this right, then they will not be responsible for or pay the expenses or losses, which may be incurred by any organisation or tenderer as a result. The Council undertakes to hold confidential any information provided in the proposal submitted, subject to the Council's obligations under the law including the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If the organisation considers that any of the information submitted in the proposal should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity then this should be stated with the reason for considering it sensitive. The Council will then endeavour to consult with the applicant about such sensitive information when considering any request received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 before replying to such a request. The Council reserves the right to carry out additional financial checks on all organisations bidding for this opportunity at any time during the procurement process. This is to ensure that they continue to meet the Council's requirements and remain financially viable to fulfil the requirements under the Contract. Organisations should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Organisations

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Courts of Justice,

The Strand

London

WC24 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC24 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day (when using electronic means) standstill period at the point information on the award of the Contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision to award a Contract before a Contract is executed/signed (as appropriate). The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court

(England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly and within the time limits as defined in the above regulations. Where a Contract has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the Contract has been entered into the court has the options to award damages and/or to shorten or order the Contract ineffective.

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

High Court Royal Courts of Justice,

The Strand

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WC24 2LL

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