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## **Bridge & Reservoir Inspections**

Forestry and Land Scotland

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Bridge & Reservoir Inspections

Reference number

FLS-1730

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

FLS owns and maintains structures across the estate it manages. FLS intends to award Contracts for provision of Bridge Inspection Services and Reservoir Inspection Services over the next 4-5 months. FLS currently has a single contract in place for Bridge Inspections covering all Scottish regions within FLS, which is due to expire at the end of March 2026. FLS is looking to outsource the Reservoir Inspections due to an impending retirement of a staff member in December 2025.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Bridge Inspection - South Scotland (Tay, Scottish Lowlands, Cowal & Trossachs, Dumfries & Borders, Galloway)

Lot No

2

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

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

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland
- UKM8 - West Central Scotland
- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

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

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) owns and maintains structures across the estate it manages. FLS intends to award Contracts for the provision of Bridge Inspection Services over the next 4-5 months. FLS requires inspections to be carried out for road-bridges, cycle-bridges, footbridges and a small number of rural recreational structures such as viewing platforms, towers and board walks (raised timber structure). The road-bridges are nearly all single lane, and used mainly by forest and construction traffic, as well as the public.

FLS operates an inspection regime for these structures to ensure that they remain safe to use. The PIN document (attached as additional information) provides further information on the requirements.

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Bridge Inspection - North Scotland (Moray & Aberdeenshire, North Highland, Inverness, Ross & Skye, Lochaber, West Argyll)

Lot No

1

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland
- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty
- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey
- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Reservoir Supervising Engineer - Scotland

Lot No

3

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures
- 71631460 - Dam-inspection services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Loch an Torr (West Argyll);

Lochan A Ghleannain (Cowal & Trossachs);

Glencoe Lochan (Lochaber);

Loch Sheilah (North Highlands);

Loch Horn (Tay);

Bruntis Loch (Galloway).

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

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) owns and manages 7 no. reservoirs that are registered with and regulated by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) under the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011. Annual statements are sent to SEPA for only the 6 reservoirs rated as high or medium risk, and 4 of these 6 also require a 10 yearly inspection by an All-Reservoirs Panel Engineer. For this contract we require a qualified Supervising Engineer or Engineers to be appointed for the 6 high and medium risk reservoirs to carry out the duties in accordance with section 50 of this Act. This includes carrying out annual inspections, giving notice to the reservoir manager (FLS) of things which might affect the safety of a reservoir, monitoring matters directed in any current Section 47 inspection or safety report and monitoring the compliance of the reservoir manager.

In case of emergencies. the Supervising Engineer, or a representative, must also be available to attend site to give advice etc. There may also be other occasions when the Supervising Engineer must provide advice or attend site outwith of the normal Section 50 process, and advice may also be needed for FLS's management of our smaller reservoirs.

FLS intends to award a Contract for the provision of a Reservoir Supervising Engineer over the next 4-5 months. The PIN document (attached as additional information) provides further information on the requirements.

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

5 September 2025

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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No information provided in response to this PIN will be used to form judgements regarding supplier performance, capacity or capability under any current or future procurement process. FLS are aware that your responses may contain commercially sensitive information pertaining to your business. All information submitted in response to this PIN may need to be disclosed and/or published by FLS. FLS may disclose information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2022 (the Act). Accordingly, if you consider that any of the information provided in your response is commercially confidential, please identify it and explain what harm might result from its disclosure and/or publication. It should be noted that, even where you have indicated that information is commercially sensitive, FLS may disclose this information in accordance with the provision of the Act or any other legal duty.

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