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Tender

MFF163 2025-2031 open Framework for the supply and delivery of moorland plug plants

Peak District National Park Authority

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Total value of procurement is £3,663,000 (including VAT). Original published figure of £36,636,000 is incorrect.

Scope

Reference

MFF163 2025-2031 Open Framework for the supply and delivery of moorland plug plants

Description

This Open Framework ('OFW') Invitation for Tender is to Supply & Delivery of Moorland Plug Plants to delivery sites within the Peak District National Park and South Pennines SAC.

2. The OFW period shall be 15 September 2025 to 14 September 2031, subject to more than one provider being appointed to each Framework in the scheme of Frameworks ("the OFW Period"). .

3. The Material for the purposes of this OFW shall consist of moorland plug plants ("Plug Plants")

4. This OFW is divided into 2 Lots, bidders may bid for all or any of the following Lots:

4.1. Lot 1 - A quantity of up to 4,000,000 Plug Plants over 6 years (up to 600,000 per year)- over the OFW Period. It is anticipated that the requirement each year will be no less than 50,000 Plug Plants.

4.2. Lot 2 - A quantity of up to 300,000 Plug Plants over 6 years (up to 50,000 per year)- over the OFW Period. It is anticipated that the requirement each year will be no less than 5,000 Plug Plants.

5. The terms of the OFW are set out in Section 2 of the Invitation to Tender.

6. This Open Framework includes an immediate Call-Off competition ("Further Competition") for the supply of Plug Plants for MFF 163 01a Lot 1 (Years 1 and 2) and MFF 163 01b Lot2 (Years 1 and 2) as defined below;

6.1. MFF163 01a Lot 1 up to 1,200,000 Plug Plants in Years 1 and 2

6.2. MFF 163 01b Lot 2 up to 100,000 Plug Plants in Years 1 and 2.

Plug plant specification

The following species are required:

a. Common cotton grass (*Eriophorum angustifolium*)

b. Hares-tail cotton grass (*Eriophorum vaginatum*)

- c. Crowberry (*Empetrum nigrum*)
- c. Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*)
- e. Cloudberry (*Rubus chamaemorus*)
- f. Cross-leaved heath (*Erica tetralix*)

Please see the Invitation to Tender for further details

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,663,600 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 September 2025 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 6 months, 16 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 03120000 - Horticultural and nursery products

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
 - UKD - North West (England)
 - UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
 - UKF - East Midlands (England)
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Lot 1. Lot 1

Description

Lot 1 - A quantity of up to 4,000,000 plug plants over 6 years (up to 600,000 plug plants per year)- over the OFW Period. It is anticipated that the requirement each year will be no less than 50,000 plugs plants.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,840,000 excluding VAT
- £3,408,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2

Description

Lot 2 - A quantity of up to 300,000 plug plants over 6 years (up to 50,000 plug plants per year)- over the OFW Period. It is anticipated that the requirement each year will be no less than 5,000 plugs plants.

Please see Invitation to Tender for delivery details

Lot value (estimated)

- £213,000 excluding VAT
- £255,600 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

14 September 2031

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

No fees payable

Framework operation description

1. Framework Evaluation:

1.1. Tenders will be evaluated against the Tender Questionnaire which will be scored on a pass/fail basis. Any Tender that scores "Fail" against any of these requirements may be deemed non-compliant and rejected without further evaluation.

1.2. Framework Suppliers will be selected based on an evaluation using the criteria set out below :

1.2.1 Price (30% of the total score value);

- $30 \times (\text{Lowest Tender Price}) \div (\text{Supplier X's Price})$

1.2.2. Quality criteria (70% of the total score value):

- Quality Criteria 1 - 40%

Experience, past Performance and ability to supply Materials to meet the contract

objectives and specifications

- o Provision of evidence detailing previous relevant experience of supplying plug plants at scale as set out in Framework Objectives
- o Provision of references for above works
- Quality Criteria 2 - 29%

Technical and Delivery Capability

- o Provision of methodology and production schedule detailing how you will meet the Framework Objectives and Specification
- o Provision of methodology to provide an innovative means of packaging plug plants to maximise storage space and efficient transportation.
- Quality Criteria 3 - 1%

Social Value - Explanation as to how the supply of plug plants is actively working to tackle environmental impacts.

2. Evaluation for Call-Offs for Years 1 and 2 of the OFW (including the immediate call off as set out in the Invitation to Tender):

2.1. Contracts awarded under the OFW for Years 1 and 2 of the Framework Lot 1 and lot 2 will be awarded based on an evaluation using the criteria set out below:

2.2 Price (30% of the total score value);

- $30 \times (\text{Lowest Tender Price as set out in the Itemised Costs at Appendix 1}) \div (\text{Supplier X's Price})$

2.2 Quality criteria (70% of the total score value):

- Quality Criteria 1 - 40%

Experience, past performance and ability to supply Materials to meet the contract objectives and specifications

- o Provision of evidence detailing previous relevant experience of supplying plug plants at scale as set out in Lots 1 and 2
- o Provision of references for above works

- Quality Criteria 2 - 29%

Technical and Delivery Capability

- o Capacity of the Supplier to supply the Materials in a time critical manner as detailed by the provision of a delivery schedule
- o Provision of methodology to provide an innovative means of packaging plug plants to maximise storage space and efficient transportation.

Quality Criteria 3 - 1%

Social Value - Explanation as to how the supply of plug plants is actively working to tackle environmental impacts

3. Setting the evaluation for Further Competitions:

3.1. The Authority will be able to refine, but not fundamentally alter, the criteria specified below. The Authority user will be able to decide what percentage of marks it wants to allocate to each of the evaluation criteria, within the maximum and minimum amounts allowed.

3.2 The criteria for Further Competitions:

Evaluation Criteria (100%)

3.2.1 Price:

- Minimum and maximum%: 10-90%
- Sub-criteria: N/A
- Sub-criteria % of overall score: To be determined at further competition

3.2.2 Quality:

- Minimum and maximum%: 10-90%
- Sub-criteria:
 - o Q1 Experience, past performance and ability to deliver work to meet the contract objectives and specifications
 - o Q2 Technical and delivery capability such as method statements, resources, equipment

and schedules

- Sub-criteria % of overall score: To be determined at further competition

3.2.3 Social Value, climate change and carbon reduction (if required):

- Minimum and maximum%: 0-10%
- Sub-criteria: N/A
- Sub-criteria % of overall score: To be determined at further competition

Please see Invitation to Tender for further details

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Lot 1

Lot 2. Lot 2

No lots have conditions of participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1

Lot 2. Lot 2

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

22 August 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

22 August 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Submission

Tenders must be submitted by e mail to Tenders@peakdistrict.gov.uk

By 17.00pm 22 August 2025

The following, and only the following, must be used in the subject line:

REF: MFF 163 2025-31 Supply and delivery of Moorland Plug Plants

Please see link to the Tender Notice at

<https://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/tenders>

a link is also provided at

- <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/about-us/open-government/tenders>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality criterion 1	Experience, past Performance and ability to supply Materials to meet the contract objectives and specifications o Provision of evidence detailing previous relevant experience of supplying plug plants at scale as set out in Framework Objectives o Provision of references for above works	Quality	40%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	Price per plug plant based on the following call-offs (estimate) Lot 1 - 600,000 (100,000 of each species) Plug Plants per year shall be used for evaluation purposes. Lot 2 - 30,000 (5,000 of each species) Plug Plants per year shall be used for evaluation purposes. Please see the Invitation to Tender for further details	Price	30%
Quality criterion 2	Technical and Delivery Quality Capability o Provision of methodology and production schedule detailing how you will meet the Framework Objectives and Specification o Provision of methodology to provide an innovative means of packaging plug plants to maximise storage space and efficient transportation.		29%
Quality Criterion 3	Social Value - Explanation as to how the supply of plug plants is actively working to tackle environmental impacts	Quality	1%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Peak District National Park Authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

