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Tender

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Torvean Quarry, Inverness

The Highland Council

F24: Concession notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://www.highland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00045

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Applications or, where applicable, tenders must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Torvean Quarry, Inverness

Reference number

HC/CPL/BES/2025

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Highland Council has identified a site for the development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The Highland Council has accepted a grid connection offer and intends to tender for a developer to design, build and operate the facility.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Inverness, Highlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Highland Council has identified the former Torvean Quarry (Inverness) for development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), which would support distribution network operations via connection to an existing (collocated) overhead 33kV line.

The Highland Council has accepted a grid connection offer provided by the Distribution Network Operator (Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution PLC), for a 9,900 kVA import / 9,900 kW export connection, with an estimated connection date of 31 October 2027 (note that this date is subject to change).

The Highland Council intends to tender (via open competition) for a developer to design, build and operate a BESS at the former Torvean Quarry. It is envisaged that the Highland Council would assign the accepted grid connection offer to the contracted party, and that the contracted party would undertake all required contestable distribution network works, in addition to the BESS build. The Highland Council would receive a standing lease payment for occupation of the site, plus an agreed revenue share, throughout the term of the lease (20 years). An Option to Lease fee would also be payable, from contract award, until the lease period begins.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria stated in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

240

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.1.2) 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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of applications or receipt of tenders

Date

11 September 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

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Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

See procurement documents

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=801350

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sherriff Court

Inverness

Country

United Kingdom

