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Award

T2496 - Arboriculture Services

Belfast City Council

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Scope

Reference

T2496

Description

This ITT has been issued by the Council in connection with a competitive tendering procedure being conducted in accordance with the Act.

The Council invites Tenders from suitably qualified and experienced economic operators 'Bidders' for the provision of arboriculture services for Council Parks and DfI Street Trees.

This ITT sets out the information which is required by the Council to assess the suitability of Bidders' legal and financial capacity and technical ability 'Conditions of Participation' to meet the ITT requirement. In addition to this, quality, social value, and pricing proposals 'Award Criteria' will also be assessed before any contract award is made.

Lot 1. Lot 1 - BCC Park Trees

Description

Lot 1 - BCC Park Trees maintenance, covering all the Councils parks and open spaces, zoo and cemeteries etc.

Lot 2. Lot 2 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast North/Central

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Lot 2 - DFI Street Trees maintenance in the Belfast North/Central areas

Lot 3. Lot 3 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast South/East

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Lot 4. Lot 4 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast West/Lisburn/Castlereagh

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Contract 1. Arboriculture Services

Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1 - BCC Park Trees

Supplier

- Northern Tree Services Ltd

Contract value

- £1,100,000 excluding VAT
- £1,320,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

12 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 22 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

26 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council reserves the right to extend/renew the Contract up to a further 3 years (1+1+1). Any extension may be subject to further approval by Council Committee, availability of funding and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Council reserves the right to amend the Specification or re-negotiate the Contract Price during the Contract Period to cater for innovation or developments in the Service requirement e.g.

1. Larger/ more complex project work with a similar scope to the ranges of services under the Contract where completion of the service is a priority e.g.

- End of financial year spend from DfI;
- Council Physical Programmes department one off projects for tree surgery related requests;
- Dealing with serious pest and disease issues which may result in mass tree removals etc; such as ash dieback.

2. Introduce required changes associated with the Service to the Specification to accommodate changes to the Council's operational model and working practices e.g. functional re-structuring, new customer hub, etc;

3. Introduction of more efficient systems and processes e.g. improvements in data returns; introduction of new work management system etc;

4. In the event of a major incident (e.g. a storm resulting in large scale tree damage/felling) or in the event of continuous poor performance in a Lot(s); the Council may utilise other contractors to ensure service continuity to required standards e.g. a Contractor(s) from one Lot/area may be used in another Lot/ area and/or other contractors not appointed to the Contract may be utilised. If this is availed of due to poor performance Contract remedies may be used in accordance with the terms and conditions i.e. recovery of any additional costs.

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CPV classifications

- 77341000 - Tree pruning

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast
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Contract 2. Arboriculture Services

Lots

Lot 2. Lot 2 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast North/Central

Supplier

- McAuley Tree Landscaping Environmental

Contract value

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

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Contract 3. Arboriculture Services

Lots

Lot 3. Lot 3 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast South/East

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Contract 4. Arboriculture Services

Lots

Lot 4. Lot 4 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast West/Lisburn/Castlereagh

Supplier

- Northern Tree Services Ltd

Contract value

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Information about tenders

Lot 1. Lot 1 - BCC Park Trees

- 8 tenders received

- 8 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 7 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 7 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 2. Lot 2 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast North/Central

- 7 tenders received
 - 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 3. Lot 3 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast South/East

- 7 tenders received
 - 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 4. Lot 4 - DFI Street Trees maintenance Belfast West/Lisburn/Castlereagh

- 7 tenders received
- 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

McAuley Tree Landscaping Environmental

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRNN-8715-GLHY

14 Ballyholme Road

Coleraine

BT52 2LU

United Kingdom

Email: will@mcauleytreesurgery.co.uk

Region: UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Northern Tree Services Ltd

- Companies House: NI611282

51 Lurganure Road

Lisburn

BT282TS

United Kingdom

Email: derek@northerntreeservices.co.uk

Region: UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Arboriculture Services

Contract 4. Arboriculture Services

Contracting authority

Belfast City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQXY-5321-CGZM

9-21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

United Kingdom

Email: cps@belfastcity.gov.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland