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Tender

## **Steep Ground Rhododendron ponticum control on steep ground sites requiring roped access**

Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**27 October 2025, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)

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[www.act-now.org.uk](http://www.act-now.org.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA28363](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA28363)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Other type

SCIO

## **I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Steep Ground Rhododendron ponticum control on steep ground sites requiring roped access

Reference number

ACT / 027a

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 77200000 - Forestry services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Rhododendron ponticum control on steep ground sites requiring roped access

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

Main site or place of performance

North Knapdale, near Tayvallich

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

A quality contractor is sought to delivery effective removal of Rhododendron ponticum from steep ground sites which require roped access to undertake the work safely. We are looking for high standard of health and safety management and high quality control of Rhododendron ponticum.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality information provided in procurement documents /  
Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Start date

4 November 2025

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **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

We require IRATA qualified, competent contractors to undertake Rhododendron ponticum control on steep ground sites in North Knapdale.

#### **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**

Qualified and competent contractors for steep ground access and effective Rhododendron control demonstrating their ability to meet industry best practice throughout the fulfilment of the contract.

Milestone 1 Site meeting prior to commencement of works

Milestone 2 Full exchange of paperwork prior to commencement of works to an agreed standard

Milestone 3 Successful treatment of 50% of the area by 14th Feb 2026

Milestone 4 Successful treatment of 100% of the site and submission of final invoice by 31st March 2026

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Originally published as:

Date

20 October 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

27 October 2025

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 31 March 2026

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 October 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Deb Baker, Philippa McKee, Julie Young

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### **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**

All information is contained within the Statement of Requirements and appendices. Questions can be directed through the PCS portal.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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