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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-059c81

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

SCIO

I.5) Main activity

Environment

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

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

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

Date

20 October 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

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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