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Planning

Bridge Inspections

Forestry and Land Scotland

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM - Scotland

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Bridge Inspections

Reference number

FLS-1730

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

FLS owns and maintains structures across the estate it manages. FLS intends to award Contracts for provision of Bridge Inspection Services over the next 4-5 months. FLS currently has a single contract in place for Bridge Inspections covering all Scottish regions within FLS, which is due to expire at the end of March 2026.

Further to our previous PIN notice issued on 16th July 2025 (Ref: 804585), FLS is proposing an alternative lot structure for Bridge Inspections.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,712,567.40

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Inspection - North

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty
- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey
- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FLS owns and maintains structures across the estate it manages. FLS intends to award Contracts for provision of Bridge Inspection Services over the next 4-5 months. FLS requires inspections to be carried out for road-bridges, cycle-bridges, footbridges and a small number of rural recreational structures such as viewing platforms, towers and board walks (raised timber structure). The road-bridges are nearly all single lane, and used mainly by forest and construction traffic, as well as the public.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Inspection - East

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM5 - North Eastern Scotland
- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey
- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Inspection - West

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute
- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Inspection - Central

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland
- UKM8 - West Central Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Inspection - South

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM9 - Southern Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Principal Inspection Scotland

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

13 November 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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