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Tender

Arboricultural Framework

Bedford Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

BBC EN 03993

Description

This contract opportunity relates to supplying Bedford Borough Council (the Client) with a comprehensive range of arboricultural services.

Typically, this will be for trees associated with the Council's Clean, Safe and Green Services which is responsible for managing trees in the Borough's highways, parks and amenity open spaces, equating to approximately 30,000 trees.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,250,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2030
- Possible extension to 31 January 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

+ 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 03452000 - Trees
- 77211300 - Tree-clearing services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services

- 77211600 - Tree seeding
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

Contract locations

- UKH24 - Bedford
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Lot 1. Emergency (out of normal working hours) service

Description

Lot 1 - Emergency (out of normal working hours) service

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,250,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Tree Maintenance Service

Description

Lot 2: Tree Maintenance Service

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,250,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Tree Planting and establishment service

Description

Lot 3: Tree Planting and establishment service

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,250,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 January 2031

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

It is the Council's intention to award at a maximum 5 contracts per Lot to the most suitable suppliers in the market and to appoint them onto a Framework Agreement, of which we will call off services via either Direct Award or Mini Competitions. Bidders may bid for any number and all Lots and may be awarded a place on any and all Lots. Should you bid for multiple lots please ensure that you complete all parts of the submission requirements for each Lot.

To be considered for the framework bidders must achieve a minimum score of 65%

The 5 highest scoring bidders will be appointed to their respective Lot. If there are fewer than 5 suppliers that submit a bid, then all suppliers that meet the minimum score will be appointed to the framework Lot.

The Framework Agreement will comprise of Three separate Lots:

Lot 1: Emergency (out of normal working hours) service

Lot 2: Tree Maintenance Service

Lot 3: Tree Planting and establishment service

(more details on each Lot can be found in the specification)

Suppliers will be ranked on each lot based on their final bid score from this tender exercise. In the event of a direct award, we will offer to the highest scoring supplier in the first instance.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Emergency (out of normal working hours) service

Lot 2. Tree Maintenance Service

Lot 3. Tree Planting and establishment service

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

21 November 2025

Award criteria

Lot 1. Emergency (out of normal working hours) service

Name	Type	Weighting
A4 Price	Price	50%
A1 Emergency out of hours service - Method Statement	Quality	25%
A2 Staffing capacities and capabilities	Quality	20%
A3 Social Value	Quality	5%

Lot 2. Tree Maintenance Service

Name	Type	Weighting
B5 Price	Price	40%
B1 General Tree Maintenance - Method Statement	Quality	25%
B2 Staffing capacities and capabilities	Quality	20%
B3 Contract Management	Quality	10%
B4 Social Value	Quality	5%

Lot 3. Tree Planting and establishment service

Name	Type	Weighting
C5 Price	Price	40%
C1 Tree Planting and Establishment - Method Statement	Quality	25%
C2 Staffing capacities and capabilities	Quality	20%
C3 Contract Management	Quality	10%
C4 Social Value	Quality	5%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Bedford Borough Council

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