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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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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

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## **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)

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## **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

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**Award criteria**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
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

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## Contracting authority

### Bedford Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLCV-4616-VTHL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government