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Tender

Feasibility for a Forest Enterprise Hub

THE NATIONAL FOREST COMPANY

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Scope

Reference

FEH102025

Description

The NFC is seeking to appoint consultants to undertake feasibility work for a new Forest Enterprise Hub (FEH) in the Heart of the National Forest. The work will be delivered in two distinct phases, with phase two dependent on the outcome of phase one, as follows:

Phase 1 - Development of the strategic rationale, based upon need, demand and ambition, to inform a robust and innovative concept for the FEH. The outcome of this phase will inform and shape the scope for Phase 2.

Phase 2 - Development of an Outline Business Case (OBC) which will include core function/s and facilities (both indoor and outdoor), commercial activities, income generation opportunities, financial appraisal, recommendations for sustainability features,

and site design options.

Total value (estimated)

- £65,000 excluding VAT
- £78,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 4 months, 21 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71241000 Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 72224000 Project management consultancy services
- 79411100 Business development consultancy services
- 79421000 Project-management services other than for construction work

Contract locations

• UKC - North East (England)

- UKD North West (England)
- UKE Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF East Midlands (England)
- UKG West Midlands (England)
- UKH East of England
- UKI London
- UKJ South East (England)
- UKK South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 October 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

27 October 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

An electronic copy of the completed proposal must be emailed to shadfield@nationalforest.org by Monday, 27th October 2025 by 12 noon. Please quote Tender Reference: FEH/102025. www.nationalforest.org

The Declaration by Tenderer (Annex B) must be completed, signed and dated by a duly authorised representative on behalf of the tenderer and returned with the proposal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Evaluation criteria

Understanding of the brief and the opportunity.(10%)

Clarity and robustness of the methodology, allowing flexibility for new ideas and innovation. (30%)

Professional and technical ability and relevant experience and expertise. (30%)

Suppliers fit with the ethos and values of the National Forest (10%)

Value for Money (20%)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition
Documents
Associated tender documents
FEH - Invitation to Tender.pdf
Invitation to tender - feasibility for a new Forest Enterprise Hub in the National Forest.
FEH_102025 QA 9 Oct 2025.pdf Q&A responses 09/10/25
Tender submission and evaluation (1).pdf
Evaluation clarification
Standard Terms Conditions for Services.pdf Standard terms and conditions

Contracting authority

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• Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1166563

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTJB-5934-CHWW

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government