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## 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)

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

13 October 2025, 11:59pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

27 October 2025, 12:00pm

## Submission address and any special instructions

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

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## 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%)

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## Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

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## **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

[FEH\\_102025 QA 17 Oct 2025.pdf](#)

Q&A responses 17/10/25

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## Contracting authority

### THE NATIONAL FOREST COMPANY

- Companies House: 02991970
- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1166563
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTJB-5934-CHWW

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government