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Tender

ID 5871816 - DfC - Historic Environment Division (HED) Provision of Grounds Maintenance Services at NI State Care Monuments - Northeast, Northwest and Southeast

Department for Communities

UK4: Tender notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Scope

Reference

ID 5871816

Description

Historic Environment Division (HED) is part of the Department for Communities (DfC). The remit of HED includes the conservation and protection of the historic built heritage. A key part of the historic built heritage of Northern Ireland are monuments in State Care, which are in the direct ownership or guardianship of the state. In order to ensure that State Care Monuments owned or managed by DfC are maintained effectively and to a high standard, DfC is seeking to appoint suitably experienced Supplier(s) for the provision of grounds maintenance at a number of sites under their management. The grounds maintenance will take place at archaeologically sensitive sites and the Supplier(s) will need to adhere with statutory protections and best practice guidance in their approach to grounds maintenance at these sites.

Suppliers should refer to the CfT documents on eTendersNI for full details of the requirements of this contract.

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2029
- Possible extension to 31 January 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension options of 2 further individual periods of 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Lot 1. Northeast

Description

Services in Northeast area. Please see Tender documentation for map boundaries.

Lot value (estimated)

- £270,000 excluding VAT
- £324,000 including VAT

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. Northwest

Description

Services in Northwest area. Please see Tender documentation for map boundaries.

Lot value (estimated)

- £265,000 excluding VAT
- £318,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Southeast

Description

Services in Southeast area. Please see Tender documentation for map boundaries.

Lot value (estimated)

- £265,000 excluding VAT
- £318,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Northeast

Lot 2. Northwest

Lot 3. Southeast

As per Tender documentation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Northeast

Lot 2. Northwest

Lot 3. Southeast

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 December 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 December 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

19 January 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 3 June 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC1 - Service Delivery	25 percent	Quality
AC2 - Heritage Protection and Conservation Sensitivity	7.5 percent	Quality
AC3 - Contract Management and Contingency Arrangements	7.5 percent	Quality
AC4 - Social Value	10 percent	Quality

Name	Description	Type
AC5 - Fair Working Practices	Pass/Fail criterion	Quality
AC6 - Total Contract Price	50 percent	Cost

Weighting description

Qualitative Criteria 50 percent

Quantitative Criteria 50 percent

Please refer to the Instructions to Tender document for further information on all criteria.

Other information

Payment terms

For further details on invoicing procedures please see : <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/account-ni-good-invoicing-practice>

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department for Communities

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXMQ-4585-LJVM

Causeway Exchange

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.