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**Planning** 

# **Grounds Maintenance Framework - PMEN**

Fusion21 Members Consortium

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## Scope

### Reference

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## **Description**

Fusion21 is currently preparing for the renewal of the Grounds Maintenance Framework.

The framework will cover the provision of grounds maintenance and associated services for participating contracting authorities the United Kingdom, in accordance with the objectives and requirement of the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23).

The scope includes but is not limited to:

- Routine and reactive grass cutting, lawncare, and turf management.
- Maintenance of hedges, shrubs, flowerbeds, and seasonal planting.
- Weed control, including the use of approved herbicides and environmentally sustainable

alternatives.

- Tree Maintenance, pruning and arboriculture works.
- Litter picking, leaf clearance, and general grounds tidiness.
- Winter services, such as gritting and snow clearance (where applicable).
- Associated inspections, reporting and compliance with relevant health and safety and environmental standards.

The framework aims to provide compliant, flexible, and a value for money route for contracting authorities to procure grounds maintenance services. It will support both national and regional coverage, with opportunities for SME's to participate. Successful suppliers will be required to demonstrate:

- Relevant experience and technical capability in grounds maintenance.
- Working to applicable ISO standards (e.g., ISO 9001, 14001) or equivalent quality systems.
- A commitment to sustainability, biodiversity, and social value outcomes in line with the public benefit requirements of Procurement Act 2023.

The framework will be established for a period of 4 years.

#### Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £85,000,000 excluding VAT
- £102,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 8 June 2026 to 7 June 2030
- 4 years

## Main procurement category

Services

#### **CPV** classifications

- 77314000 Grounds maintenance services
- 45112700 Landscaping work
- 45112720 Landscaping work for sports grounds and recreational areas
- 45112711 Landscaping work for parks
- 45340000 Fencing, railing and safety equipment installation work
- 77300000 Horticultural services
- 77310000 Planting and maintenance services of green areas
- 77320000 Sports fields maintenance services
- 77312100 Weed-killing services
- 77340000 Tree pruning and hedge trimming
- 77211500 Tree-maintenance services
- 77211400 Tree-cutting services
- 77211300 Tree-clearing services
- 90620000 Snow-clearing services
- 90922000 Pest-control services

- 90511300 Litter collection services
- 90630000 Ice-clearing services

### **Contract locations**

• UK - United Kingdom

## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

22 December 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Fusion21 is undertaking a pre-market engagement exercise ahead of the planned procurement of a Grounds Maintenance Framework. The framework will support in procuring high-quality, sustainable grounds maintenance service and deliver value for money, social value and environmental benefits. The purpose of this engagement is to:

- Seek feedback on proposed framework structure, service categories and regional divisions.
- Ensure that the framework promotes fair access for SMEs VCSES's and local suppliers, in line with PA23 objectives.
- Early supplier involvement to develop the proposed pricing model.

The engagement process will consist of:

- A feedback form with the opportunity for suppliers to request a 1-1 discussion to be issued once you register your interest by completing the form below.
- Individual 1-1 supplier discussions with interested parties (e.g. Grounds Maintenance

suppliers) to help inform and shape the new framework

• Virtual Webinar information session hosted by Fusion21 on 10 December, 10am to outline initial plans. Suppliers with questions will be signposted to the feedback form.

Participation in this market engagement exercise is open to all suppliers with an interest or capability in delivering grounds maintenance and associated services across national and regional areas within the United Kingdom. Fusion21 welcomes the participation from:

- Established suppliers currently providing grounds maintenance.
- SME's seeking to engage in public sector opportunities.

Interested suppliers are invited to register their interest by completing the form below.

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/da574580-b6eb-4429-ac42-d1c7a2d11971@0f3cc11b-9759-4db8-9d55-cd61194a6cab

We plan to carry out supplier engagement throughout November and early December, followed by a supplier webinar in December 2025. The preliminary market engagement will close on the 22 December 2025 and we aim to publish the final Invitation to Tender in early January 2026, with the new framework scheduled to go live in June 2026.

# **Participation**

## Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

### **Submission**

## Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

6 January 2026

# **Contracting authority**

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