

United Kingdom-Inverness: Forestry services

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Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

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Town: Inverness

NUTS code: UKM61 Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

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Internet address(es):Main address: www.rspb.org.ukAddress of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA16345**I.3. Communication**The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Other type: Charity

I.5. Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Hydrological Works

II.1.2. Main CPV code

77200000 Forestry services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The works relate to forestry operations within RSPB's Dyke plantation and are shown on the associated maps. The work itself forms part of the 5 years "Flows to the Future" project which is being run by the Peatland Partnership.

The primary drivers of this work relate to the blocks forming part of the RSPB Forsinard Flows Nature Reserve and to the need to:

- restore specific areas of open blanket bog and associated habitats from recent forestry on deep peat soils which will help government meet habitat restoration targets and deliver for Scotland's National Peatland Plan,
- protect the massive carbon store in the peat soils below the trees,
- mitigate climate change and improve long term water quality,
- remove damaging forest "edge effects" on birds and habitats of the adjacent EU designated Natura sites.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 200 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM61 Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

Main site or place of performance: Forsinard

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The key aspects that need to be addressed to achieve effective restoration conditions in forest to bog restoration are restored high constant water tables, the removal of any tree regeneration or regrowth, near flat surface with minimum of protruding brash or stumps, minimal disturbance of the peat surface, low nutrient levels remaining on site, low fire risk, low risk to grazing deer /sheep and natural bog plant species being favoured.

Following the tree harvesting, deep mulching and stump mulching removal phase further restoration works including conifer seedling control, water table restoration and vegetation management will be carried out to achieve the rapid bog restoration required to help mitigate climate change drivers. Tendered approaches which create conditions that will make these follow up works easier and less costly will be favoured. Although there is general agreement that forest areas on deep peat such as these should be removed with significant long term benefits all round.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Effective habitat restoration / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental impact and protection / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 200 000,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start: 01/09/2018 End: 31/12/2019

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10.

Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1. Description**IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information**IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 31/08/2018 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 31/08/2018 Local time: 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Town: Inverness

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: www.rspb.org.uk

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

11/07/2018