

**United Kingdom-Inverness: Forestry services**

**OJ S 155/2018 14/08/2018**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  
Postal address: Etive House, Beechwood Park  
Town: Inverness  
NUTS code: UKM61 Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty  
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Main address: [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

**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

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Furrow Blocking, Forsinard

**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 year '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: 150 000,00 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 brush 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: 150 000,00 GBP

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

Start: 15/10/2018 End: 31/01/2020

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**

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**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: 01/10/2018 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: 01/10/2018 Local time: 12:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.3. Additional information**

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**VI.4. Procedures for review**

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**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](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

10/08/2018