

United Kingdom-Prescot: Grounds maintenance services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: First Ark Group

Postal address: Lakeview, Kings Business Park

Town: Prescot

Postal code: L34 1PJ

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: tenders@cirruspurchasing.co.uk**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.firstark.com>Address of the buyer profile: [https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=\[42af43c9-5152-411c-a208-dea75c925596\]&ClientStyle=1](https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=[42af43c9-5152-411c-a208-dea75c925596]&ClientStyle=1)Electronic access to information: [https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=\[42af43c9-5152-411c-a208-dea75c925596\]&ClientStyle=1](https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=[42af43c9-5152-411c-a208-dea75c925596]&ClientStyle=1)Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: [https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=\[42af43c9-5152-411c-a208-dea75c925596\]&ClientStyle=1](https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=[42af43c9-5152-411c-a208-dea75c925596]&ClientStyle=1)**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Housing and community amenities

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Grounds Maintenance Services.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: Primarily in Knowsley, but work may also be undertaken across the North West of England.

NUTS code UKD5 Merseyside

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

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First Ark is the parent company of the First Ark Group, which includes Knowsley Housing Trust (KHT), Vivark, One Ark and KHT Services.

First Ark is seeking bids from appropriately skilled and experienced contractors to provide a grounds maintenance service across approximately 454 sites in the North West, primarily in Knowsley.

The tender is for a contract with a single contractor. The contract will commence on 1.4.2014. The contract will be an initial 2 year fixed term contract with 5 annual options to extend by a further 12 months each, up to a maximum total contract duration of 7 years.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a range of grounds maintenance services to First Ark including but not limited to:

- Grass cutting;
- Hedge trimming;
- Shrub and tree pruning;
- Chemical weed treatments
- Maintenance of hard standing areas;
- Japanese Knotweed removal / treatment.

The successful bidder may subcontract some elements of this work if necessary (e.g. Japanese Knotweed).

A contract notice has been issued for this tender as a voluntary transparency notice. This tender is being undertaken as a Part B service as defined by Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 #5.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

77314000 Grounds maintenance services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

Provision of a grounds maintenance service across approximately 454 sites in the North West, primarily in Knowsley.

II.2.2.

Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: The contract will be an initial 2 year fixed term contract with 5 annual options to extend by a further 12 months each, up to a maximum total contract duration of 7 years.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:
in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 84 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Single lead contractor with nominated subcontractors.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: Any supplier may be disqualified who has been convicted of:

(a) conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977(a) or article 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(b) where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA(c);

(b) corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889(d) or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906(e), where the offence relates to active corruption;

(c) the offence of bribery, where the offence relates to active corruption;

(ca) bribery within the meaning of section 1 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010(f);

(d) fraud, where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities(g), within the meaning of—

(i) the offence of cheating the Revenue;

(ii) the offence of conspiracy to defraud;

(iii) fraud or theft within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968(h), the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(i), the Theft Act 1978(j) or the Theft Northern Ireland) Order 1978(k);

(iv) fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 458 of the Companies Act 1985(a), article

451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(b) or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006(c);

(v) fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(d) or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994(e);

(vi) an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993(f);

(vii) destroying, defacing or concealing of documents or procuring the execution of a valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968(g) or section 19 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(h);

(viii) fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006(i); or (ix) making, adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of the Fraud Act 2006;

(e) money laundering within the meaning of section 340(11) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (j);

(ea) an offence in connection with the proceeds of criminal conduct within the meaning of section 93A, 93B or 93C of the Criminal Justice Act 1988(k) or article 45, 46 or 47 of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(l);

(eb) an offence in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking within the meaning of section 49, 50 or 51 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994(m); or

(f) any other offence within the meaning of Article 45(1) of the Public Sector Directive as defined by the national law of any relevant State.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: See tender documentation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See tender documentation.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

See tender documentation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See tender documentation.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3.

Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

20.12.2013 - 12:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 2021.

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3. Additional information

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: This tender process will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows successful tenderers to seek further debriefing from First Ark Group before the contract is entered into. Tenderers can raise appeals directly with First Ark Group via the contact points detailed in section I.1 of this contract notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not successfully been resolved between the tenderer and First Ark Group then the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No 5) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

22.11.2013