

United Kingdom-Inverness: Forestry services

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Contract award 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

Postal address: Etive House, Beechwood Park

Town: Inverness

NUTS code: UKM61 Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

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Country: United Kingdom

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Internet address(es):Main address: www.rspb.org.ukAddress of the buyer profile: <https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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**

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.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 126 457,00 GBP

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

Quality criterion - Name: Effective Habitat Restoration / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Impact and Protection / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 40

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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2018/S 155-356057](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

05/10/2018

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Tilhill Forestry

Postal address: 43 Clachnaharry Rd

Town: Inverness

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: IV3 8RA

Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1463234633

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 126 457,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

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

31/10/2018