

United Kingdom-Inverness: Forestry services
OJ S 211/2018 02/11/2018
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

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Town: Inverness

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Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA16345

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

Timber Harvesting

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: 491 780,00 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 works form part of a continuing programme of targeted forest to bog restoration which has been carried out at Forsinard by RSPB since 1997 with the long term aim of restoring the blanket bogs of the Flows back to their pre-1970 naturally treeless state. Areas of forestry within the Flows which lie off deep peat soils and which are not exerting negative edge effects on the important habitat areas are likely to continue as woodlands. Areas which are damaging, such as those forming part of this application, need to be removed as soon as practical to minimise progressive damage to deep peat soils, natural vegetation, aquatic environments, roads networks and to maximise the speed of habitat and carbon store/sequestration recovery. There is a large area of even aged forestry in this area of the flows and phasing felling/age restructuring of it requires that some areas are felled ahead of maturity/windblow danger. Felling blocks such as these ahead of full rotation will provide timber to support new local processing facilities being developed and to even out the supply of timber and prevent future gluts.

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 115-261770](#)

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

15/08/2018

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

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.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: RTS Ltd

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Town: Crieff

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Postal code: PH7 4DH

Country: United Kingdom

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The contractor is an SME: no

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 491 780,00 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

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

31/10/2018