

HCAP17011: LC160: Dorset Green Technology Park, Winfrith Newburgh, Term Landscape Maintenance and Cleansing Contract 2016 - 2019

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Q1. PQQ Query

Having accessed the above titled tender opportunities via "Contracts Finder", I note that each one requires the bidding contractors to complete a comprehensive PQQ. As we are an approved supplier for HCA and have many contracts with you, can you confirm if we have to complete all this information, even though we already work for you? The info required is very in depth and will be very time consuming to collate and submit when you already have our company information.

A It is a requirement of each supplier that the suitability assessment within the PQQ is completed. The criteria for evaluation are pass or fail. The suitability assessment will be evaluated first. If a supplier 'fails' any element of the suitability assessment, then further quality and price submissions will not be evaluated.

Q2. Tree Specification

"Watering of young trees up to 2yrs old" – Are there a mains watering point close by?

A There are no mains watering points on the site. Water is to be supplied.

Q3. Tree Replacements

Would these be one off works outside of the contract?

A Tree replacements refer to newly planted trees that would be replaced as they did not thrive or successfully establish. New planting schemes would be tendered in accordance with HCA's procurement strategy.

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Q4. TUPE Query

Are there any staff eligible to transfer under TUPE currently working on site?

A There is currently no staff for transfer under TUPE regulations.

Q5. Yard/Storage Query

Is there a depot and or yard / store facility available on the site to operate the GM contract from?

A There is no official storage facility on site at present however it will be possible to store machinery on site. The exact location is not confirmed and will be agreed with the successful Supplier but it is likely to be in close proximity to the gatehouse. There is currently 24Hr security on site, but all machinery left on site will be done so at the Suppliers own risk.

Q6. Grass cutting specification

Can you indicate the grass cutting frequency expected for short and rough grass areas? We realise the specification is output based but an indication would be useful based on the current practise?

A Where a specific number of visits/cuts is not stated the Supplier must maintain the grass as indicated within the specification. Grass growth must be monitored and maintained within the parameters of the specification regardless of growing conditions throughout the year. Therefore number of visits may vary so the tender price is expected cover maintenance for the entire duration of the year.

In our experience we would expect short grass to be cut on approximately a fortnightly cycle and rough grass on a 3-6 week cycle dependant on growing conditions, however neither of these frequencies should be predetermined by the Supplier and cutting should proceed to ensure it remains within the parameters of the specification.

Q7. Cleansing Specification

Can you indicate the volume of fly tipping collected over the past 12 months as an indicator of scale of the issue?

A HCA acquired the site within the last 12 months from a third party, initially there was a large volume to clear. There is 24 hour security, therefore the level of fly tipping across the site is minimal. A separate quote will be sought to clear all instances of fly tipping that fall outside the parameters of the cleansing regime.