



Our Ref: 01-R-004

Date: 17.09.20

Dear Sirs

Request for Quotation

You are invited to quote in competition with others to provide goods / services as specified below and as shown on the attached map:

Glenmore Non-native Regeneration control on the open hill 2021-2023 – Job Specification

Operation :-

Area – 890Ha

Removal of all non-native tree species on the open hill (outlined in red on the attached map) using hand tools (e.g. bowsaw, pruning saw, loppers) – **no chainsaw use** will be allowed as part of this contract. All non-native trees (predominantly Sitka Spruce and Norway Spruce with some lodgepole pine, larch and western hemlock) are to be cut at ground level (below lowest whorl of branches) to prevent any regrowth. In many cases this will require heather or ground vegetation to be moved to allow access (easier to do when using pruning saws). Where small enough, trees should be hand pulled to remove roots as well. No native trees to be felled or damaged (e.g. Scots Pine, Birch, Rowan, Willows, Aspen, Juniper).

Access to the site is primarily on foot (or bicycle) by the pedestrian path network throughout Glenmore. Vehicle access to get closer to the site is possible by arrangement with Forestry and Land Scotland on some of the forest roads within Glenmore. ATV's are not to be used as part of this contract.

The area to be cleared is marked on the attached plan, outlined in red, and the quote must allow for good coverage of the entire work area even where the regeneration appears to be low as it is scattered throughout and can be hidden by the heather. In other areas and closer to the forest edge, regeneration of spruce and lodgepole pine is relatively high. The area is steep and rocky in places so care must be taken when clearing the site and any areas that can't be safely accessed on foot are to be avoided, recorded on a map and the Contract Manager notified.

No services are present within the work area, but it is a very popular area for walking with well used paths next to the control areas, so operators must be aware of the public, and appropriate signage when working close to the path will be required.

There are restrictions on access related to the Special Protection Area designation which covers the work area and must be observed. Work is to be undertaken between 15th August and 15th February each year to avoid the bird breeding season.

Provision of welfare facilities must be considered when working on Forestry and Land Scotland ground (using the FISA 806 Welfare Guide for information). There are no facilities on site and the work requires the contractors to move across large areas of open hill, so this must be taken into account in the task risk assessment.

Task based risk assessments, a safe method of work statement and proof of a minimum of £5million public liability insurance will be required prior to operations starting.

For companies with more than 5 employees then proof of a minimum of £10million Employers Liability insurance will be required.

The Contract is being administered by the Cairngorms Connect Project which is hosted by RSPB Scotland, so standard RSPB funding processes and terms and conditions apply, and carried out on FLS ground under a standard Permission which will contain FLS terms and conditions.

Due to the length of the contract, invoicing on a monthly basis, based pro-rata on the area of ground treated will be acceptable. The contract manager and FLS staff will periodically visit the site to check on progress and quality of work.

Compliance with the following guidance is required :-

FISA guide 201 – Hand Tool Weeding, Brashing & Pruning

The area is still remote and potentially hazardous, so lone working will only be permitted with proof of a robust buddy system and ideally would be avoided.

Commencement Date :- 25th October 2021 at the earliest

Completion Date :- 15th February **2023**

Your quote should be emailed to steve.blow@cairngormsconnect.org.uk by **midday** on the 18th October 2021.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this quote prior to submitting, please email steve.blow@cairngormsconnect.org or call on 07548156044

Yours faithfully

Steve Blow

Cairngorms Connect Delivery Manager

See next page for filling in Company and Quote details which must include a description of the proposed methodology and any relevant experience.

Name of Company

Are you self employed? Yes No (Please tick as appropriate)

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

VAT registration number (if applicable)

Name of person applying on behalf of the company

*Are you able to meet the specification in full? If so please give details below
If not please state any differences in goods / service offered*

Specification met? Yes / No (tick as appropriate)

Details

Cost

Cost for providing goods/services, as outlined in specifications	£	+ VAT
Cost for extra work for additional person days (if required)	£	/day + VAT

Added Value

As well as any charity rate that you may be able to offer, the RSPB is always open to corporate partnerships that deliver benefit to your organisation, the RSPB and nature. Working as part of your CSR agenda we can provide opportunities for fundraising, secondments, interns and volunteering, offering your staff both personal and career development opportunities. We also welcome all forms of gifts in kind as valuable contributions to our work to [Give Nature a Home](#).

Suppliers should provide details of any associated added value features/services/gifts in kind available to the RSPB under the terms of this Quote. (Attach separate document if needed).

Please note, added value donations will not be part of the criteria we use to decide on which supplier to choose.

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Terms and Conditions

The basis of the contractual agreement between RSPB and the applicant is detailed in the [RSPB Terms and Conditions](#) – please click on this link to download. In applying for this work you are explicitly agreeing to be bound by these Terms and Conditions for the duration of the contract. If you require any alterations to these Terms and Conditions please state your issues below. (Attach separate document if needed)

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The RSPB expects that all suppliers it works with to adhere to certain ethical and environmental standards. Please download the [RSPB Ethical and Environmental Procurement Policy](#) and tick this box if you agree to be bound by its terms and conditions

Signed	
On behalf of	
Date	

Please note: a name added in an electronic document is functionally equivalent to a signature.