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Controlling priority invasive non-native riparian plants and restoring native biodiversity.

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Opportunity to tender for the control of invasive non-native riparian plants at various locations in Ayrshire during 2011.

Tender Document (v).

Control of Giant Hogweed: The River Garnock Catchment.

Control Method: Foliar application of herbicide (Roundup Pro Biactive 480g/l) using Knapsack sprayers in accordance with the Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products in Scotland.

This tender document is supported by **Document 1 'Guidance for contractors,'** and must be read in conjunction with said document.

Questions relating to any part of this document should be raised at the **Pre Tender briefing on 20th February 2012, 1.30pm** at ART's offices or directed to ART's project management staff by email info@ayrshireriverstrust.org

Questions and answers submitted prior to the briefing will be documented and raised at the meeting. Questions and answers arising subsequent to the meeting will be circulated to all contractors expressing an interest in the tendering process. No questions will be answered on a 'one to one' basis (e.g. face to face or by telephone) except during the public pre tender meeting on the 20th February 2012 at ART's offices. This is to ensure transparent and fair competition.

1. Location of target control areas

The control area includes both banks of the River Garnock extending from Dalry Railway Bridge (Grid Ref: NS 23030, 649800) downstream to the Estuary at Irvine (Grid Ref: NS 239000, 630350).

The area of control will include riparian margins, extending to riverbank, bank tops, riparian woodland, footpaths and agricultural land where applicable. The attached maps detail the upper and lower limits of control on each watercourse and any other outlying areas. (See **Section 4 of this document**).

2. Timing of works to be undertaken

ART estimate that 8 man days should be allocated to the control of giant hogweed on the River Garnock Catchment during 2012. Control should commence in April and be completed by the end of May.

3. Tender Procedures.

In accordance with INTERREG IVA procurement requirements, ART will accept tender submissions from suitably qualified contractors. Contractors are requested to supply quotations for the chemical control of INNS in the riparian zones of the control areas using Roundup Pro Biactive in accordance with the manufacturers' guidelines and the Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products in Scotland (CPPPS). An understanding of invasive non native species and their control is essential and contractors should demonstrate their knowledge at the time of tender submissions by whatever method they see fit.

Collusion between contractors is not permissible and would exclude them from this and any future opportunity to tender for this project.

Only tenders that satisfy the pre-selection criteria will progress to scoring all as detailed in supporting document 1. '*Guidance for Contractors*'.

Contractors may complete as many or few tender documents as they wish. The successful candidate for each tender will be determined using the pre-determined scoring criteria detailed in supporting document 1. '*Guidance for Contractors*'.

For ease of interpretation, tenders should be submitted in the following format with each section clearly identified and all required supporting evidence included:

1. Introduction
2. Pre-selection criteria
3. Understanding of the requirements
4. Specification
5. Proposed methodology
5. Aftercare provision
6. Cost, expressed as a day rate per person inclusive of VAT (where applicable)

All tenders submitted will be retained by ART in accordance with INTERREG IVA requirements.

4. Maps of Target Control Areas on the River Garnock

4.1 Map of the Lower River Irvine and Annick Water with target notes

