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Planning

Court Funds Office Service

Ministry of Justice

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

The estimated publication date of tender notice has been amended from January 2027 to September 2026

Scope

Reference

prj_15465

Description

The Court Funds Office (CFO) provides a banking and investment service for the civil courts in England and Wales, including the Court of Protection. The CFO exists to discharge the legal responsibilities of the Accountant General (AG). It is the AG's responsibility to safeguard funds in court. The Administration of Justice Act 1982 (Primary) and Court Funds Rules 2011 (Secondary Legislation) provide for CFO's statutory requirements. The Office of the Accountant General (OAG), part of the MoJ, provides oversight over the services provided by the CFO.

The CFO service, under the instructions of the Court, allows for deposits to be lodged, paid out and to interact with the Lord Chancellor's equity Investment product (Tracker Fund) provided by Legal & General for court clients {mainly Children and Court of Protection Clients (CoP)}. CFO also provides operational and back-office services for all said activities. Given the specific rules and regulations, the current service provided includes bespoke and manual requirements not ordinarily provided by a banking service provider.

This procurement aims to deliver a solution that enables the complete digital transformation of the CFO service, providing clients with secure, web-based access to account information and processing, while removing legacy barriers to efficiency.

Total value (estimated)

- £27,600,000 excluding VAT
- £33,120,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2029 to 31 March 2034
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 January 2026

Engagement process description

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) is undertaking a Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) activity in accordance with Section 16 of the Procurement Act 2023.

The purpose of this engagement is to improve MoJ's understanding of the current market for the provision of the Court Funds Office (CFO) service, including market capability, delivery models, innovation, and commercial considerations. Information gathered through this PME will be used solely to inform MoJ's internal planning, procurement strategy, and development of future requirements, prior to any decision being taken to commence a procurement.

This PME is being conducted through the issue of a Pre Qualification Questionnaire

(PQQ). The PQQ is being used purely as a structured market engagement tool and does not form part of any procurement process.

For clarity:

- The PQQ is not a procurement Pre Qualification Questionnaire;
- The PQQ will not be used to assess supplier suitability, capability, or eligibility;
- The PQQ will not be scored, ranked, or used to shortlist suppliers; and
- Submission of a response will not result in any exclusion, selection, or advantage in relation to any future procurement.

The PQQ has been selected solely as a proportionate and efficient method of gathering consistent and comparable market information from interested suppliers.

How to Access the PME PQQ

1) The PME Questionnaire is available via our e-sourcing platform (Jaggaer) at <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>. If you do not have an account with Jaggaer, please register on Jaggaer to create an account. If you have problems registering or are unsure whether you are already registered on the MoJ eSourcing Portal, please contact 0845 0100 132 or e-mail esourcing@justice.gov.uk.

2) Navigate to the left side menu and click on 'PQQs Open to All Suppliers'. Find and click on 'PQQ_556 - Court Funds Office Service (Market Engagement Only)'

3) You can express an interest by clicking 'Express interest'. Suppliers are required to download the questionnaire, complete it, and re-upload the completed document to the PQQ prior to submission.

The deadline for submission is 12 noon on Friday, 23rd January 2026.

This Notice is for information only.

The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of the requirements, the estimated value, the service classification of this requirement and the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding and the Authority reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notices or at any other time. The publication of this notice in no way obliges the Authority to commence any competitive tender process. The Authority is not and shall not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in participating in this preliminary market engagement exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 September 2026

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

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