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Contract

Trade Law Panel

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service (CCS)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Trade Law Panel

Reference number

RM6183

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) put in place a Framework Contract for the provision of specialist legal services for International Trade Law, to be utilised by UK Central Government Departments and associated bodies (Buyers) identified at VI.3.

This Framework was recommended vehicle for all International Trade Law Services required by Buyers. Its purpose was to complement existing government legal frameworks

and specifically assist with international trade disputes and negotiations.

The Framework is established for 4 years and comprises of:

Lot 1 (International Trade and Disputes)

Lot 2 (International Trade and Negotiations)

The appointed Suppliers will provide legal services in respect of all the Mandatory Specialisms detailed in the Specification and Optional Specialisms (if qualified to do so). Suppliers will provide services relating to domestic law of different jurisdictions. The full Specification is set out in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £115,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

International Trade and Disputes

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 covers advice and services in relation to the mitigation and conduct of disputes under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and trade agreement dispute settlement mechanisms, as well as compliance with and enforcement of international law relating to trade, including but not limited to the law of WTO and trade agreements.

Lot 1 is predominantly for the provision of Services in the law of the WTO and trade agreement disputes as well as both international and foreign domestic law in respect of the Framework's subject matter.

Suppliers appointed to this lot must provide advice and services in relation to the areas of Mandatory Specialism detailed in the specification for Lot 1.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

International Trade & Negotiations

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 covers the provision of legal advice and services in relation to the negotiation and implementation of trade agreements and trading relationships, and compliance with and enforcement of international law relating to trade. This includes the law of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and trade agreements.

Suppliers appointed to this lot must provide advice and services in relation to the areas of Mandatory Specialism detailed in the specification for Lot 2.

Suppliers will also be required to provide subcontracting arrangements rapidly and advise on, or provide ready access to, the whole range of chapters within a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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: [2020/S 128-314885](#)

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V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 26

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ashurst LLP

London Fruit & Wool Exchange, 1 Duval Square

London

E1 6PW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £45,000,000

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Baker & McKenzie LLP

100 New Bridge Street

London

EC4V 6JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £70,000,000

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Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

Governor's House, 5 Laurence Pountney Hill

London

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Country

United Kingdom

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The contractor is an SME

No

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Burges Salmon LLP

One Glass Wharf

Bristol

BS2 0ZX

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United Kingdom

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Arent Fox LLP

1717 K St NW, Washington, DC

20006

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United States

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10 Upper Bank Street

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One Fleet Place

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DLA Piper UK LLP

160 Aldersgate Street, Barbican

London

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Riverbank House, Swan Lane

London

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Linklaters LLP

Linklaters LLP, One Silk Street, London

London

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Sidley Austin (CE) LLP

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60603

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Steptoe & Johnson UK LLP

5 Aldermanbury Square

London

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Tereposky & DeRose LLP

Suite 1000, 81 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa

Ontario

K1P 6K7

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- 00 - Other NUTS code

The contractor is an SME

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Van Bael & Bellis

Chaussée de La Hulpe 166 1170

Brussels

Country

Belgium

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- BE - BELGIUM

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White & Case LLP

5 Old Broad Street,

London

EC2N 1DW

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United Kingdom

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Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

49 Park Lane

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160 Aldersgate Street, Barbican

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The contractor is an SME

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Baker & Hostetler LLP

Key Tower, 127 Public Square, Ste. 2000

Cleveland

OH 44114-1214

Country

United States

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

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Ottawa

ON K1P 6L5

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- 00 - Other NUTS code

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ZHONG LUN LAW FIRM

28/31/33/36/37F, SK TOWER, 6A JIANGUOMENWAI AVENUE, CHAOYANG DISTRICT,
BEIJING 100022, P. R.

Country

China

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Miura & Partners

3F Otemachi First Square East Tower, 1-5-1 Chiyoda-ku, 100-0004

Tokyo

Country

Japan

NUTS code

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Yulchon LLC

Parnas Tower, 38th Floor, 521 Teheran-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul 06164

Seoul

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South Korea

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No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

A Nortons

135 Daisy Street

Sandton

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South Africa

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Bristol

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McDermott Will & Emery LLP

444 West Lake Street, Suite 4000

Chicago

IL 60606-0029

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United States

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Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Bay Adelaide Centre, East Tower, 22 Adelaide St. W, Toronto

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M5H 4E3

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NUTS code

- 00 - Other NUTS code

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

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Country

Canada

NUTS code

- 00 - Other NUTS code

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £45,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The value provided in Section II.1.7 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this Commercial Agreement.

As part of this contract award notice the following can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/4384251b-a4d0-4baf-8800-5ce61ea53d75>

- 1) Redacted Commercial Agreement;
- 2) List of Successful Suppliers;
- 3) Customer list

On 2.4.2014 Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect

is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders were required to make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders were required to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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