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Tender

External Legal Services (Solicitors - England & Wales)

General Medical Council (GMC)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a2da

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.mytenders.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.mytenders.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Medical Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Legal Services (Solicitors - England & Wales)

Reference number

GMC1693

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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That said, to provide flexibility, including where independent advice and scrutiny may be required it would be advantageous (not essential) if the legal services supplier were in a position to provide legal advice and support in relation to the GMC's fitness to practise work. To that end, the Statement of Requirements does contain reference to the ability to deliver legal advice in relation to fitness to practise work and litigation.

For the avoidance of doubt this tender does not include the provision of advocacy services in relation to proceedings before the MPTS / Higher Courts or the provision of legal services outside England and Wales. The GMC will continue to instruct barristers in England and Wales directly. Further, the GMC has a separate contract for the provision of Employment Law Advice and that is excluded from this tender.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for one (1) year.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

8 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

8 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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