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Contract

General Legal Services to the IOPC Peoples team

Independent Office for Police Conduct
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F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

General Legal Services to the IOPC Peoples team

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for the provision of General Legal services to the IOPC Peoples team

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) requires a panel of solicitors to supplement their in-house services by providing specialist advice and support, particularly in litigation, employment tribunals, and employee relations. This contract is needed to ensure continuity of service following the end of a contract in December 2025.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

WBD has been selected as the most suitable supplier based on the following objective criteria:

-Continuity of Service and Technical Knowledge: Having held the previous contract (ended December 2025), WBD possesses deep institutional knowledge of IOPC's ongoing litigation and complex employee relations cases. A change in supplier would introduce significant "disproportionate technical difficulties" and risks to active legal proceedings.

-Framework Alignment: WBD is a pre-qualified supplier on RM6240 Lot 1a, which includes all mandatory specialisms (Employment, Litigation, and Dispute Resolution) required by the IOPC.

-Value for Money: By utilising the direct award process, the IOPC accepts the maximum framework prices, which have been pre-vetted by CCS for public sector value. The 75%/25% Quality/Price ratio established at the framework level is maintained through this award.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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