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Planning

The Provision of Intellectual Property Services

United Utilities Water Limited

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKD - NORTH WEST (ENGLAND)

National registration number

02366678

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Main address

<http://www.unitedutilities.com>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/43984>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Provision of Intellectual Property Services

Reference number

PRO004443

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Intellectual Property Services:

- Manage patent and trademark portfolio – help us keep track of key events and maintain our portfolio of patents
- Renew existing patents and trademarks– ensuring that all patents and trademarks are renewed in a timely manner and no unplanned lapses occur
- Advise and assist in the filing and granting of new patents and trademarks (for example arranging local power of attorney as needed for global patents)
- Advise and defend patent or trademark infringements – ensure we are made aware of infringements and advise best course of action
- Act on our behalf where required with pre-agreed scope of activities where agent can act autonomously (for example renewals)

Domain Watching Services:

- Identify new domains, changes in status or expiration of existing domains
- Validate any new domains identified and the level of risk this poses to UU

- Advise in regards to next steps of investigation where a breach of infringement has been identified

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79120000 - Patent and copyright consultancy services
- 79121000 - Copyright consultancy services
- 79121100 - Software copyright consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - NORTH WEST (ENGLAND)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The services required should cover a full range of IP portfolio management and support services, including in relation to patents, trademarks and domain watching services.

IP Services to include the following:

- Strategic input on IP management of UU's portfolio of patents and trademarks
- Assist UU in maximising the use of granted patents
- Offer expert advice in valuing patents and potential IP opportunities
- Give expert advice to UU in securing effective protection of our brand, trademarks and existing patents
- Aid with the registration/prosecution of UU patents and trademarks
- Facilitate IP awareness training via workshops/online tools to educate and raise awareness of the importance of IP
- Provision of alerts relating to general changes to law and practice relevant to IP portfolio management

Domain Watching or Monitoring Services which will provide the service:

- To proactively warn, inform and help validate the registration on new domains or trademarks, changes in status or expiration of existing domains.
- The service should identify newly registered domain that are similar to those already owned by United Utilities, as an early warning of potential fraudulent activity and cybersquatting.
- Provide expert advice in regards to the level of risk infringements identified pose and recommend next steps and investigations

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

If you have experience in this area please could you provide at a minimum the following information and submit to the United Utilities Regulatory Procurement Team mailbox:

RegulatoryProcurementTeam@uuplc.co.uk

- Company Name
- Contact details, including location telephone and e-mail address, main point of contact and position in Company
- A brief description of the Company
- What services are currently provided
- A Brief description of the companies Intelligence and insight in IP ownership and performance around Innovation.

Closing Date for responses : 2/04/2021