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Contract

## **Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e2df

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

3-8 Whitehall Place,

London

SW1A 2EG

#### **Email**

[mercedes.ekanem@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:mercedes.ekanem@energysecurity.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-energy-security-and-net-zero>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of legal services.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of legal advice in relation to electricity and gas supplier financial difficulties, insolvencies and subsequent government response which may include, but not be limited to: the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process, requirements for a Special Administration Regime (SAR) and wider considerations related to supplier failure and market stability. In the case of a SAR, this would need to be established very quickly, and short notice legal work would be required ahead of the actual initiation of a SAR. Any delay accessing legal support under such circumstances risks a disorderly exit from the market, risking the continued supply of energy to customers, and having wider repercussions on retail and wholesale markets.

### **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

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## 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:

Call-off under CCS framework no opportunity notice required

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

con\_7273

### Title

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services (Primary)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 January 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Sharpe Pritchard LLP

Elm Yard, 10-16 Elm Street

London

WC1X 0BJ

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: £1,750,000

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Contract No**

con\_7274

**Title**

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services (Secondary)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

10 January 2025

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mills & Reeve LLP

24 King William Street

London

EC4R 9AT

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: £1,750,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department of Energy Security and Net Zero

London

Country

United Kingdom