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Contract

CMS Litigation Services- Order for Sale

Department for Work and Pensions

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043b5f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Work and Pensions

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 &UA

Email

cathryn.mccrink@dwp.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CMS Litigation Services- Order for Sale

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of litigation services associated with processing Orders for Sale and Orders for Possession with associated property management, on behalf of DWP Child Maintenance Service

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: £98,440

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

5/2/24 Second Contract value uplifted from £147,660 exc VAT (£177,192 including VAT) to £196,880 Plus VAT (£236,256 including VAT) following modification under PCR Reg 72 (1) b for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor-

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, and

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority,

provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;"

-----9/1/24 Contract value uplifted from £98,440 exc VAT (£118,128 including VAT) to £147, 660 Plus VAT (£177,192 including VAT) following modification under PCR Reg 72 (1) b for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor-

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(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority,

provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;"

The contract has been amended pending commencement of a new longer term contract in February 2024 <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/009925-2023>

Please note that this notice is a retrospective FTS notice as a notice would not have been required under the original contract award in February 2023.

The required service is to instruct solicitors to make an application for an Order for Sale (OFS) and ongoing related court actions including Orders for Possession, with associated property management. The service will be delivered in England and Wales in relation to property owned by a Paying Parent (PP) for the purposes of securing arrears of child maintenance.

The Solicitor is required to attempt to set-up payment plans with the PP for the owed debt, to help avoid the sale of a property. This can be at any point of the process and the Solicitor will manage the agreed payment plans.

This requirement does not extend to cases in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: N/A- Single Tender / Weighting: 0

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:

Single Tender: Urgent requirement estimated to be under threshold at the time of award

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Shakespeare Martineau LLP

No 1 Colmore Square

Birmingham

B4 6AA

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: £98,440

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Not applicable

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

DWP

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Country

United Kingdom