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## **Legal Panel for Government (LPG)**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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**Region code**

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Main address

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**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

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>

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**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**

Legal Panel for Government (LPG)

Reference number

RM6360

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

Services

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

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority intends to put in place a Framework Agreement for the provision of Legal Services to be utilised by central government departments including associated arm's length bodies (ALBs). It is intended that this commercial agreement will be the recommended vehicle for all legal services required by central government departments and their ALBs.

The Framework Agreement will have 7 Lots:

Lot 1 - Core Legal Services

Lot 2 - Major Projects and Complex Advice

Lot 3 - Finance and High Risk / Innovation

Lot 4a - Trade and Investment Negotiations

Lot 4b - International Trade Disputes

Lot 4c - International Investment Disputes

Lot 5 - Rail Legal Services

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £820,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Core Legal Services

Lot No

Lot 1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Not Mandatory

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

Lot 1 requires a full-service capability across a wide range of mandatory legal specialisms to meet the government's core legal service demands. It is designed to support buyers by providing general legal advice necessary for project delivery and addressing various legal

issues.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £275,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 10.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Major Projects and Complex Advice

Lot No

Lot 2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Not Mandatory

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

Lot 2 covers Major Projects and Complex Advice , requiring suppliers to manage high-risk, innovative initiatives with multiple priorities across a wide range of mandatory legal specialisms, including Litigation. Suppliers must navigate evolving project lifecycles, proactively addressing risks and advising on new or existing policies where established solutions may not yet exist.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 8.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Finance and High Risk / Innovation

Lot No

Lot 3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Not Mandatory

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

Lot 3 covers the highest-risk and most complex legal matters across a wide range of mandatory legal specialisms, including groundbreaking projects, major regulatory challenges, large-scale infrastructure programs, and high-value litigation. It also encompasses intricate finance and capital markets work, such as international capital markets, asset finance, restructuring, and insolvency.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90

Price - Weighting: 10

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**



Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 6.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Trade and Investment Negotiations

Lot No

Lot 4a

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Not Mandatory

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

Lot 4a covers legal advice on negotiating and implementing trade and investment agreements, ensuring compliance with international law, including WTO regulations, free trade agreements, international treaties, and EU law. Work includes drafting UK treaty text, supporting negotiations, analysing UK obligations, and providing treaty-related legal guidance on trade and investment.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 6.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

International Trade Disputes

Lot No

Lot 4b

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
- 98910000 - Services specific to international organisations and bodies

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Not Mandatory

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

Lot 4b provides legal advice and support for international trade disputes, representing the UK government in both offensive and defensive cases. It covers all stages of dispute resolution, WTO procedural rules, litigation strategy, and substantive legal issues, drawing on extensive experience in WTO and free trade agreement litigation. It also includes guidance on trade remedies and related investigations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 6.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

International Investment Disputes

Lot No

Lot 4c

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
- 98910000 - Services specific to international organisations and bodies

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Not Mandatory

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

Lot 4c provides legal advice and support for treaty-based international investment disputes, representing the UK government in investor-State and inter-State proceedings. It covers all stages of dispute resolution, including written and oral advocacy, risk assessment for policy development, and managing disputes under the UK's investment treaties. This work spans diverse economic sectors and technical areas, often involving high-sensitivity or public interest matters.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £90,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 9.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Rail Legal Services

Lot No

Lot 5

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 5 provides specialist legal services for the rail industry, requiring in-depth knowledge of its regulatory framework. It recognises the unique nature of rail law and its critical role in supporting national transport objectives.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £75,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 3 years, with an option to extend for 1 year

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The number of places on the Framework Agreement for this Lot is 8.

The value provided in section II.2.6) is only an estimate. Crown Commercial Service cannot guarantee any business through the framework agreement.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (implementing the directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an invitation to tender (ITT) registering for access.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-006040](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

1 April 2025

Local time

3:00pm

Changed to:

Date

8 April 2025

Local time

3:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 26 November 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

1 April 2025

Local time

3:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

As part of this contract notice the following documents can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/4ed350b9-9bbc-49b0-bd18-d2e93b9e6262>

- 1) Contract notice transparency information for the agreement;
- 2) Contract notice authorised customer list;
- 3) Rights reserved for CCS framework.

The Government Security Classifications (GSC) Policy came into force on 2 April 2014 and describes how HM Government classifies information assets to ensure they are appropriately protected. It applies to all information that the Government collects, stores, processes, generates or shares to deliver services and conduct business.

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or providing certain ICT products/services. The government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders must be able to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials Plus, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

Refer to <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyber-essentials-faqs> for more information.

Some purchases under this Framework Agreement may have requirements that can be met under this Framework Agreement but the purchase of which may be exempt from the Procurement Regulations (as defined in Attachment 1 – About the framework within the invitation to tender documentation). In such cases, Call-offs from this Framework will be unregulated purchases for the purposes of the Procurement Regulations, and the buyers may, at their discretion, modify the terms of the Framework and any Call-off Contracts to reflect that buyer's specific needs.

In each Lot, CCS reserves the right to award a framework contract to any bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last awarded position.

This procurement is being conducted under the Light Touch Regime ('LTR') and is therefore subject to limited regulation. It will be conducted in accordance with regulations 74 to 76 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, and relates to the legal services which are listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as a specific service.

Registering for access:

This procurement will be managed electronically via the eSourcing suite. This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with bidders. If you have recently registered on the eSourcing suite for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.

Use the following link for information on how register and use the eSourcing tool:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers>

For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help desk operated by email at [eEnablement@crownccommercial.gov.uk](mailto:eEnablement@crownccommercial.gov.uk) or call 0345 410 2222

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

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

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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