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Planning

Legal Panel for Government (LPG)

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service (CCS)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service (CCS)

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

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.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Public Procurement

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, as the Authority, intends to put in place an agreement for the provision of legal advice services for use by Central Government and UK public sector bodies.

It is intended that this agreement will be the recommended vehicle for all legal services in respect of a number of general specialisms, finance specialisms, complex projects, trade law service and rail legal services, as required by UK Central Government Departments.

The drivers for the development and procurement of this agreement are to:

Provide buyers with a compliant route to market for UK Law, international trade law negotiation and disputes

Offer an improved agreement for both buyers and suppliers

Provide buyers with access to high quality legal services

Achieve value for money

This agreement will ultimately replace and bring together the specialisms currently available under the live agreements:

RM6179 Legal Services

RM6204 Rail Legal Services

RM6183 Trade Law Panel

The final Lotting structure of this framework will be determined as a result of the market engagement.

This procurement is being conducted under the new public procurement regulations.

The duration of this agreement will be confirmed following further market engagement

Further information is included in the Additional Information section VI.3.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £650,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

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

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 January 2025

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

A Future Opportunity on contract finder can be found here:
<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/948f60fe-d2f2-4b18-82e2-599cec751330>

This Prior Information Notice is to signal an intention to procure a new legal services agreement and to that end to commence market engagement within the legal market.

Crown Commercial Service intends to hold market engagement sessions during early 2024 with suppliers interested in bidding for the resulting panel contracts.

If you would like to be involved please express your interest by emailing info@crowcommercial.gov.uk with the subject line 'RM6360 Supplier Engagement' no later than midday on Friday 22 March 2024 further details will be provided to you.

Your email must clearly state:

- name of your organisation
- contact details for the individual(s) who will be participating in the market engagement.

CCS invite you to complete a short survey to help us begin to gather your feedback. It should only take a few minutes to complete. The link to the survey can be found and accessed within the attachments area of the Contracts Finder notice..

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) will use an eSourcing system for this competition and reserves the right to use an electronic auction. The eSourcing system we will use is <https://crowcommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>.

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.

The value in II.1.5 is an indicative value over 4 years in total, but this may be subject to change following market engagement.

The date in II.3) is the estimated date of publication, please refer to the CCS pipeline

page <http://ccs-agreements.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/procurement-pipeline> for updates and monitor Find a Tender for the publication of the OJEU contract notice.