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Awarded contract

Rail Legal Services Framework

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS 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.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Rail Legal Services Framework

Reference number

RM6204

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 has put in place an agreement for the provision of rail legal services to be utilised by UK Central Government Departments, and other public sector bodies. The principal Buyer is the Department for Transport (DfT), who will use this Framework Contract wherever possible. Other Contracting Authorities, as detailed in VI.3 may also use it from time to time.

The policy drivers supporting the development and procurement of this Framework Contract are to:

- provide Buyers with a route to market compliant with UK Law
- offer an improved agreement for both Buyers and Suppliers
- provide Buyers with access to high quality legal services
- achieve value for money

Rail Legal Services (RM6204) has been designed as a suitable replacement for Rail Legal Services (RM3756) due to expire in 2022.

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

The Framework Agreement has been established for 36 months, with the option to extend for a further 12 months at the discretion of CCS.

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: £80,000,000

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

The Suppliers that have been appointed to this framework shall provide all of the following Core Specialisms:

1. Regulatory law
2. Rail commercial law
3. Public procurement law
4. Subsidy law

Suppliers have also been able to provide one or more of the following Non-Core Specialisms. The Non-Core Specialisms may only be provided to a Buyer in connection with a Rail Related Matter.

1. EU law
2. International law
3. Competition law
4. Dispute resolution and litigation law
5. Employment law
6. Environmental law
7. Health and Safety law
8. Information law including data protection law
9. Information technology law

10. Intellectual property law

11. Pensions law

12. Planning law

13. Real estates law

14. Restructuring/insolvency law

15. Tax law

16. Insurance law

The Deliverables that Suppliers have been required to deliver are set out in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 20

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 February 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 16

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

See Contracts Finder Notice for full supplier list

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £80,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £80,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The value provided in Section II.1.7 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this Commercial Agreement.

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

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e32845cd-2a71-4374-a6da-903f005333d8>

- 1) Redacted Commercial Agreement
- 2) List of Successful Suppliers
- 3) Approved Customer list
- 4) Transparency Agenda

On 02/04/2014, Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders were required to make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. 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 were required to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under

and in connection with this procurement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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