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Planning

Supply of Legal Services

Kent County Council trading as Procurement Services

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Scope

Reference

Y26021

Description

The purpose of this framework is to establish a panel of qualified legal service providers to deliver a comprehensive range of legal services to public sector bodies. The framework will provide a compliant, efficient, and cost-effective route to procure legal expertise across multiple specialisms.

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Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 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

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 February 2026

Engagement process description

The purpose of this engagement is to:

Understand whether the market can meet our requirements and identify any constraints or opportunities.

Gather supplier feedback to ensure specifications are realistic, achievable, and aligned with industry standards.

Use insights to determine the most appropriate route to market, framework structure, and commercial model.

Provide early visibility of the opportunity to a broad supplier base, supporting fair and open competition.

Identify potential risks and innovative solutions early, reducing the likelihood of delays or poor delivery post-award.

By engaging with the market at an early stage, we will improve the quality of our tender documents, attract a wider pool of capable suppliers, and ultimately deliver better value for money and service outcomes.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

27 February 2026

Contracting authority

Kent County Council trading as Procurement Services

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