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Contract

## **Provision of Legal Services to the Welsh Language Commissioner**

Comisiynydd y Gymraeg

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-007868

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04b6d2

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL12 - Gwynedd

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.comisiynyddygydraeg.cymru>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0480](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0480)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Legal Services to the Welsh Language Commissioner

Reference number

CYG043

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

Services

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

The Commissioner requires a 4 year framework agreement for legal advice on a range of subjects and issues relevant to his statutory functions.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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

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

Representation in proceedings and barrister services

Lot No

2

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

- 79112000 - Legal representation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Representing the Commissioner in proceedings before the Welsh Language Tribunal, County Court or High Court. Advising and representing the Commissioner with regard to judicial reviews, and intervening in legal proceedings (Sections 8 - 10 of the Measure) or in response to judicial reviews against the Commissioner.

Advising the Commissioner on a point of law and as such, the companies appointed to the framework agreement will need to have access to barrister services where appropriate and in proceedings where the services of a barrister are needed.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Capability in the Welsh language / Weighting: 100

Quality criterion - Name: Personnel and Capacity / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Management and Communication / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 30

### **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**

Submissions for this FTS notice may be made in the Welsh language or bilingually, but only through this official FTS notice. The corresponding information in the Welsh language for this notice has been placed on the Gwerthwch i Gymru website

<https://www.gwerthwchigymru.llyw.cymru> .

## **II.2) Description**

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

Employement, commercial and governance

Lot No

3

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Employment matters common to public bodies.

Advice on building leases and other commercial matters relating to the Commissioner's resources.

Advice on data protection issues, freedom of information, environmental regulations and other matters relating to the Commissioner's Governance.

Any other legal advice as required by the Commissioner.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Capability in the Welsh Language / Weighting: 100

Quality criterion - Name: Personnel and Capacity / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Management and Communication / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

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## **II.2) Description**

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

General legal advice to the Commissioner

Lot No

1

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Advice on any matter relating to the interpretation and implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. Advice on the Welsh Language Act 1993 or any other legislation, regulation or advice relevant to the Commissioner and the implementation of the Commissioner's powers, duties and functions.

Matters relating to the implementation of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Act 1993, the Commissioner's powers, functions and duties in relation to other British, European and International legislation.

The ability to access barrister services where appropriate.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Capability in The Welsh language / Weighting: 100

Quality criterion - Name: Personnel and Capacity / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Management and Communication / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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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

#### **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 000-037012](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

General legal advice to the Commissioner

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

24 February 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4



Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

BLAKE MORGAN LLP

New Kings Court Tollgate, Chandler's Ford

Eastleigh

SO533LG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

DARWIN GRAY LLP

9 Cathedral Road

Cardiff

CF119HA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Hugh James

Two Central Square, Central Square

Cardiff

CF101FS

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £90,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £90,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Representation in proceedings and barrister services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

24 February 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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- UK - United Kingdom

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: £45,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £45,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

3

#### **Title**

Employement, commercial and governance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### **V.2) Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

24 February 2025

##### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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NUTS code

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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: £15,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The tender documents relating to this procurement have been published in the Welsh and English languages. The Welsh language version of the documents are published on <https://www.gwerthwchigymru.llyw.cymru>

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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