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Contract

Provision of Legal Services to the Welsh Language Commissioner

Comisiynydd y Gymraeg

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

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

Employment, 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

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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

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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](#)

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

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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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

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Employment, 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

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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

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

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