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Tender

Legal Service Framework - 3 lots

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Scope

Reference

UOR/PRO/25/029

Description

The University of Reading is retendering its Legal Services Framework Agreements. There will be 3 Lots covering;

Lot 1 – General commercial

Lot 2 – Property and Estate legal services

Lot 3 – IP searching, registration and portfolio management services

Please note: as of August 1, 2024, the University of Reading is not a Contracting Authority, for the purposes of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Public Procurement Directive 2014/24/EU (the “Directive”), as less than 50% of our funding comes from public sources.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030
- Possible extension to 1 July 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The University reserves the right to extend for another 4 years in 2 year increments.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire
- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Please see tender documents.

Lot 1. Legal Services Framework - General Commercial

Description

Lot 1 -This is for General Commercial legal advice. Please see documents for further information about this lot.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section,

because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Legal Services Framework - Property and Estates

Description

Lot 2 - this Lot is for Property and Estates legal services legal advice. Please see documents for further information about this lot.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Legal Services Framework -IP Searching, Registration and Portfolio Management Services

Description

Lot 3 - this lot is for IP Searching, Registration and Portfolio Management Services. Please see documents for further information about this lot.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

N/A

Framework operation description

University of Reading

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Legal Services Framework - General Commercial

Lot 2. Legal Services Framework - Property and Estates

Lot 3. Legal Services Framework -IP Searching, Registration and Portfolio Management Services

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

16 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please submit responses through the portal, www.in-tendhost.co.uk/theuniversityofreading

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

19 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Please see tender documents for details.	Price

Weighting description

Please see tender documents for details.

Other information

Payment terms

30 days from a correctly rendered invoice.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

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Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Once the supplier has expressed interest in the tender (through the portal) the documents will be available to the supplier, once logged in, through the 'My Tenders' area of the system.

Contracting authority

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