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Award

Provision of Legal Services - Framework Agreement - Procurement Solicitors 2026

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

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Scope

Reference

P0557

Description

The purpose of this procurement exercise is to establish a three member Framework Agreement, covering the whole of Northern Ireland, to meet all of the requirements of the Housing Executive for external solicitors in connection with public procurement matters

and disputes ("the Services" as defined and particularised in the Specification of Requirements document). Due to the nature of the requirement, it is neither practical nor desirable to divide the proposed Framework Agreement into lots. To do so would likely add unnecessary cost and risk.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract 1. Provision of Legal Services - Framework Agreement - Procurement Solicitors 2026

Suppliers (3)

- Arthur Cox
- CARSON McDOWELL LLP
- CLEAVER FULTON RANKIN LIMITED

Contract value

- £495,604 excluding VAT
- £594,724.80 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

29 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 3 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

Arthur Cox

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQJM-8233-ZHYV

Victoria House, Gloucester Street

Belfast

BT1 4LS

United Kingdom

Email: belfast@arthurcox.com

Website: <http://www.arthurcox.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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CARSON McDOWELL LLP

- Companies House: NC000908
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTQL-3484-GQGQ

Murray House

Belfast

BT1 6DN

United Kingdom

Email: Tenders@carson-mcdowell.com

Website: <http://www.carson-mcdowell.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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CLEAVER FULTON RANKIN LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYZ-3979-RJCY

50 Bedford Street

Belfast

BT2 7FW

United Kingdom

Email: j.robinson@cfrlaw.co.uk

Website: <https://cleaverfultonrankin.co.uk/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTYV-8666-PQQY

Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8PB

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@nihe.gov.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland