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Planning

## **Legal Support – Renewable Energy Development**

Forestry Commission

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

FCCN004615

### **Description**

Renewable development (notably wind development) presents a new strategic opportunity for Forestry England which will require Forestry England, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, to enter into a range of complex legal agreements including partnerships with other developers and relevant stakeholders.

Renewable energy development is a highly specialist area, it therefore necessitates access to legal advisers with specific expertise and experience in this sector to ensure appropriate risk management and compliance throughout the development lifecycle.

Based on current understanding, it is anticipated legal support requirements are likely to include but are not limited to:

- Advising on collaboration agreements with other landowners and/or third parties,

exclusivity agreements and option-to-lease agreements with developers.

- Variations to existing on estate agreements, and other third-party legal interest in land etc.
- Ensuring that all arrangements are compliant with the relevant Public Law and legal obligations/requirements.
- Other additional legal advice and support as required as projects progress through the development lifecycle.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2036
- 10 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79100000 - Legal services

## **Contract locations**

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKI - London
- UKH - East of England
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKC - North East (England)

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

10 February 2026

### **Engagement process description**

Suppliers are invited to participate in this market engagement exercise to help prepare for the forthcoming procurement. Interested organisations should register their interest and indicate their capability to provide the specialist Renewable development legal services described above. This engagement aims to gauge market capacity and ensure that suppliers are aware of, and prepared for, the upcoming opportunity.

Please email your interest to [commercial.services@forestryengland.uk](mailto:commercial.services@forestryengland.uk)

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

13 February 2026

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## Contracting authority

### Forestry Commission

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLRM-7846-HGLG

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Bristol

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government