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#### Contract

## **DWP Property Legal Services**

Department for Work and Pensions

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## Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Country

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#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions

Buyer's address

www.dwp.gov.uk

## **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

**DWP Property Legal Services** 

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

**Property Legal Services** 

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

12 September 2022

End date

31 July 2025

## II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## Section V. Award of contract/concession

#### **Contract No**

ecm\_10465

#### **Title**

**DWP Property Legal Services 2** 

## V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

7 September 2022

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

**Dentos UKMEA LLP** 

London

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

# V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract; excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £4,150,000

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.3) Additional information

The Work Place Transformation (WPT) Programme for the current contract period has an unanticipated increase in the volume of work orders has been experienced during the lifetime of the contract. This has resulted in an increased demand for additional legal work which was unforeseeable and not therefore considered when the contract was let. This unanticipated work has included BAU Landlord Consents, hand backs and dilapidations, front house acquisitions and temporary expansion of Job Centres as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

There would be no continuity between work streams if a new supplier was awarded the additional workstreams alone.

The time required for a new supplier to upskill to deliver would exceed the length of mobilisation period itself, therefore, to ensure continuity and avoidance of duplicate costs this modification has been made.

A change in supplier would cause significant inconvenience, delay, and duplication of work for the Department.

The Department will not exercise it's right to enter into any extension period for this contract.

## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

**United Kingdom** 

## Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

## VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

#### VII.1.1) Main CPV code

• 79100000 - Legal services

#### VII.1.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

#### VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

**Property Legal Services** 

## VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

12 September 2022

End date

31 July 2025

#### VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£4,150,000

#### VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

**Dentons UKMEA LLP** 

London

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### VII.2) Information about modifications

#### VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Contract value uplift

#### VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

The Work Place Transformation (WPT) Programme for the current contract period has an unanticipated increase in the volume of work orders has been experienced during the lifetime of the contract. This has resulted in an increased demand for additional legal work which was unforeseeable and not therefore considered when the contract was let. This unanticipated work has included BAU Landlord Consents, hand backs and dilapidations, front house acquisitions and temporary expansion of Job Centres as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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#### VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptions and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £2,940,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £4,150,000