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Award

T115 - Legal Services

NORTHERN IRELAND WATER LIMITED

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Scope

Description

Provision of Legal Services to Northern Ireland Water

Lot 1 - The provision of strategic advice on frequently highly complex issues across: Regulation & Compliance, Procurement, PPP, Pensions, Environmental and Health & Safety, Corporate & Commercial, Employment and Litigation.

Lot 2 - The provision of advice across Litigation, Employment, Corporate & Commercial, Environmental and Health & Safety, Property & Planning and Procurement, Regulation & Compliance, Pensions and PPP.

Lot 3 - The provision of advice in relation to Public Liability Claims (inc Environmental), Employer's Liability Claims, Debt Recovery, Uninsured Loss Recovery, Defence & Prosecution of Criminal Offences, Health & Safety and Lands Tribunal.

The Contract Value range for all 3 lots is £8m - £14m over 2+2+2+2 years

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The provision of advice across Procurement, Environmental and Health & Safety, Corporate & Commercial, Employment, Litigation, Property & Planning, Regulation & Compliance, Pensions and PPP.

Lot 3. The provision of advice in relation to:

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The provision of advice in relation to Public Liability Claims, Employer's Liability Claims, Environmental Liability Claims, Debt Recovery, Uninsured Loss Recovery, Defence & Prosecution of Criminal Offences, Environmental and Health & Safety and Lands Tribunal.

Contract 1. T115 - Legal Services Lot 1

Lots

Lot 1. The provision of strategic advice on frequently highly complex issues

Supplier

- TLT LLP

Contract value

- £7,000,000 excluding VAT
- £8,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 16 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension periods are 2+2+2.

Extension periods are optional.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Client reserves the right to procure any other services associated with Legal services within the scope of the Contract.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Knowledge Sharing
- Training
- Secondment Services
- Consultations

The anticipated contract value is £5,500,000. The anticipated range is from £4,000,000 to £7,000,000 (exc VAT), this takes into account such changes to demand and scale which may result from future requirements.

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Contract 2. T115 -Legal Services Lot 2

Lots

Lot 2. The provision of advice across:

Supplier

- Arthur Cox

Contract value

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

3 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 16 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension periods are 2+2+2

Extension Periods are optional.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Client reserves the right to procure any other services associated with Legal services within the scope of the Contract.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Knowledge Sharing
- Training
- Secondment Services
- Consultations

The anticipated contract value is £3,250,000. The anticipated range is from £2,500,000 to £4,000,000 (exc VAT), this takes into account such changes to demand and scale which may result from future requirements.

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Contract 3. T115 - Legal Services Lot 3

Lots

Lot 3. The provision of advice in relation to:

Supplier

- DAC BEACHCROFT (N.IRELAND) LLP

Contract value

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

3 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 16 February 2026

- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension periods are 2+2+2

Extension periods are optional.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Client reserves the right to procure any other services associated with Legal services within the scope of the Contract.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Knowledge Sharing

- Training
- Secondment Services
- Consultations

The anticipated contract value is £2,250,000. The anticipated range is from £1,000,000 to £3,000,000 (exc VAT), this takes into account such changes to demand and scale which may result from future requirements.

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

Lot 1. The provision of strategic advice on frequently highly complex issues

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

- [CMS CAMERON MCKENNA NABARRO OLSWANG LLP](#)
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Lot 2. The provision of advice across:

- 2 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot 3. The provision of advice in relation to:

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

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

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

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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CMS CAMERON MCKENNA NABARRO OLSWANG LLP

- Companies House: OC310335
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCVD-3453-HGXV

Cannon Place

London

EC4N 6AF

United Kingdom

Website: <http://cms.law>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

DAC BEACHCROFT (N.IRELAND) LLP

- Companies House: NC001542
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQRM-8457-NMHQ

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United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.dacbeachcroft.com/en/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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TLT LLP

- Companies House: OC308658
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHZR-1968-PDCV

One Redcliff Street

Bristol

BS1 6TP

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@tlt.com

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

Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. T115 - Legal Services Lot 1

Contracting authority

NORTHERN IRELAND WATER LIMITED

- Companies House: NI054463
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCZH-7295-JJTZ

Westland House

Belfast

BT14 6TE

United Kingdom

Email: sourcing@niwater.com

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland