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## **Legal Services Framework Agreement**

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL LIMITED

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI - London

**Companies House**

02486368

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.frc.org.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/1e19204b-61b1-41c3-a350-59ef3ff2c17c>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Legal Services Framework Agreement

Reference number

FRC2023-0146

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) is an independent regulator which serves the public interest by setting high standards of corporate governance, corporate reporting and audit and by holding to account those responsible for delivering them. The FRC also monitors and takes enforcement action where things go wrong to ensure the proper operation of the market and confidence in the UK economy and the UK's international reputation as an attractive place to do business.

The purpose of this exercise is to create a Framework Agreement to provide a panel of law firms (the panel) to provide legal services for the FRC, through the FRC's in-house legal team.

The legal team advises on a wide range of issues, including but not limited to:

- creating, implementing, using and maintaining the FRC's powers and procedures;
- developing and maintaining legally sound policies across the FRC;
- information handling, sharing and risk;
- corporate legal advice (eg on contracts, governance, intellectual property rights, brand and logo use, insurance etc);
- responding to challenges (eg judicial review and complaints) as well as all litigation

taken by, and against, the FRC.

We propose to appoint up to three\* law firms to act for the FRC across its business on a four-year contract (with a further one year extension).

\* The FRC reserves the right to increase this number where law firms have the same overall evaluation scoring.

PLEASE SEE THE FULL DETAILS IN THE TENDER PACK. THE TENDER PACK CAN BE ACCESSED VIA CONTRACTS FINDER

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#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,290,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Public and regulatory law

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKI - London

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Example of the matters on which advice may be sought:

- FRC regulations and procedures
- Independent tribunal procedures
- Public and regulatory law litigation (including enforcement proceedings and judicial review proceedings)
- Statutory interpretation

This Lot also includes Local audits, for example, advice may be sought on:-

- Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
- Companies Act 2006, Part 42 and Sch 10 (as modified by the 2014 Act)

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

12 months

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Information law

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKI - London

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Examples of the matters on which advice may be sought:-

- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Environmental Information Regulations 2004
- Confidential information

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

12 months

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Corporate and commercial law/general law (including litigation)

Lot No

3

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKI - London

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Examples of the matters on which advice may be sought:-

- Contracts - formation, execution, interpretation, breach and remedies, termination
- Companies law (especially relating to governance issues)
- General litigation

- Intellectual property (eg trademarks)

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

12 months

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Employment law

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes



- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKI - London

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Examples of the matters on which advice may be sought:

- Starting employment - recruitment, contract etc
- Pre-employment checks
- Pay, benefits, pensions and tax
- Legal aspects of working and travel abroad

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

12months

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The duration is four years (with the option to extend for a further 12 months should the FRC undertake transformation projects that require continuity of legal advisors).

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

7 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

7 May 2024

Local time

12:05pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please access the tender documents via

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The Financial Reporting Council

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United Kingdom