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Tender

Legal Services Framework Agreement

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

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

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

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