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Tender

Legal Services Framework Agreement 2026-2030

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission (SLCC)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-064acb

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission (SLCC)

12-13 St Andrew Square, Capital Building

Edinburgh

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Email

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Telephone

+44 1312012130

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scottishlegalcomplaints.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA17482

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Legal Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Legal Services Framework Agreement 2026-2030

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The SLCC looking to appoint up to three legal service providers Framework Agreement for the provision of legal services. The average annual legal spend of the SLCC over the last four years has been 266,879 GBP, the total spend in that period was 1,067,516 GBP. Work is demand led, and the SLCC does not guarantee any level of spend under the contract. Legal work will include representation of the SLCC in appeals of our decisions (Inner House of the Court of Session), Judicial Review (Outer House), general litigation (occasional sheriff court or other tribunal), advice on the legislation supporting legal regulation and the work of the SLCC, advice on general public sector legislation (Human Rights, FOI, etc.), debt recovery, general business advice and occasional advice on areas of law relating to the complaints the SLCC receives.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,100,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland
- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical quality and customer service / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,100,000

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

Duration in months

48

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: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

The provision of legal services under this contract must be by solicitors and firms regulated by the Law Society of Scotland.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The delivery of the legal services must be by solicitors and firms regulated by the Law Society of Scotland.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Quarterly meeting to review service standards.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

16 April 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 April 2026

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Edinburgh

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 4 years

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

We are looking for community benefits around training and knowledge transfer with our teams, evidence of pro bono work, and evidence of involvement in training the next generation of lawyers.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=817760.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in->

[procurement/](#)

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

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Download the ESPD document here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=817760

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom