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Tender

## **Provision of Legal Services - Framework - Commercial Dispute Resolution Solicitors**

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

P0552

### **Description**

The purpose of this procurement exercise is to establish a two member Framework, covering the whole of Northern Ireland, to meet all of the requirements of the Housing Executive for external solicitors in connection with construction, works and services related commercial contracts ("the Services" as defined and particularised in the Specification of Requirements).

Since this will be a Framework, the Housing Executive will not be obliged to procure its legal services exclusively from it and will be free to either use its own in-house legal service provision, or to procure legal services outside this Framework.

This competition is for services which are categorised as Light Touch Services as defined in Regulation 42 and Schedule 1 of the Procurement Regulations 2024 (PR 2024).

Please note, the estimated spend on solicitor professional fees, over the four year Framework Period, is £970,000.00 (£242,500.00 per annum) and £480,000.00 on non-solicitor professional fees (Counsel fees, disbursements, outlays etc.) (£120,000.00 per annum). These figures are being provided for information purposes only and the Housing Executive will not be held/bound by them.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £970,000 excluding VAT
- £1,164,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 5 May 2026 to 4 May 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

## **Contract locations**

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland
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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

2

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

The Housing Executive will award up to two places onto this Framework, ranked as per the outcome of the tendering process, i.e. Contractors will be ranked in places 1-2. The award of Retainers will be done in rotation with the Contractor in first place being offered the first requirement for Services that will be issued via the Framework. The next Retainer will be offered to the Contractor in second place on the Framework. This procedure of rotation will be carried out throughout the duration of the Framework. However, this procedure may change at the absolute discretion of the Housing Executive.

Please see the document entitled 'P0552 - Framework Management Document' which has been published with the Tender Documentation for full details on the operation of the Framework.

### **Award method when using the framework**

Without competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Please see the Tender Documentation for details, namely the document entitled 'P0552 - Conditions of Participation Questionnaire'.

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

26 February 2026, 3:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

3 March 2026, 3:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tenders may only be submitted via the <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do> portal

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

8 April 2026

### **Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 8 February 2030

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### **Award criteria**

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Award Criteria - Quality	Please see the document entitled 'P0552 - Invitation to Tender (ITT)' and the folder entitled 'P0552 - Quality Questionnaire' for full details. There are four quality questions contained within the Quality Questionnaire.	Quality	50%
Award Criteria - Cost	Please see the document entitled 'P0552 - Invitation to Tender (ITT)' for full details.	Cost	50%

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## Other information

### Payment terms

Please see the documents entitled 'P0552 - Public Sector Standard Conditions of Contract' and 'P0552 - Commercial Conditions of Contract' for details.

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

### **Reduced tendering period**

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Northern Ireland Housing Executive**

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland