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## **Provision of Barristers' Services Framework 2026**

Bedford Borough Council

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

### **Scope**

### **Reference**

BBC CH 04135

### **Description**

Bedford Borough Council ('the Council') invites Chambers to tender for the provision of a Barristers' Framework Agreement. This Framework will provide a route to market for the purchase of barristers' services, where there is demand for capacity or specialist expertise that cannot be met within the Council's in-house Legal Services Unit.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £2,400,000 excluding VAT
- £2,880,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 7 April 2026 to 6 April 2028
- Possible extension to 7 April 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 months extensions

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79100000 - Legal services
  - 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
  - 79111000 - Legal advisory services
  - 79112000 - Legal representation services
  - 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
  - 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
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## **Lot 1. ACE**

### **Description**

Barristers' Services for Adults, Children and Education (ACE)

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are

the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 2. GPP&L**

### **Description**

Barristers' Services for Governance, Planning, Property and Litigation (GPPL)

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

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

0%

## **Framework operation description**

The Framework contract award decision will be made on the basis of bidders achieving a minimum overall score of 50%

For the quality aspect a minimum score of 40% must be achieved to be accepted onto the Framework.

The evaluation criteria and weightings are as follows;

### **Criteria Weighting for Bid Evaluation**

A Quality 50%

B Price 40%

C Social Value 10%

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

Either with or without competition

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

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

**Lot 1. ACE**

**Lot 2. GPP&L**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

2 March 2026, 11:59pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

16 March 2026, 12:00pm

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford.aspx/Home>

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

Yes

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

English

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

27 March 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	<p>The Framework contract award decision will be made on the basis of bidders achieving a minimum overall score of 50%</p> <p>For the quality aspect a minimum score of 40% must be achieved to be accepted onto the Framework. The evaluation criteria and weightings are as follows;</p> <p>Criteria Weighting for Bid Evaluation</p> <p>A Quality 50% B Price 40% C Social Value 10%</p>	Price

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## Weighting description

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Bedford Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLCV-4616-VTHL

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Region: UKH24 - Bedford

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government