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Award

Legal Services

CRESCENT PURCHASING LIMITED

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Scope

Description

For the past few years, CPC has outsourced the contract management of its Legal Services framework agreement for various reasons, one of which being capacity internally. We have brought this framework back in-house with a new iteration of the framework.

Suppliers awarded are capable of delivering high-quality, cost-effective legal advice and representation to institutions such as schools, academies, colleges, universities, and educational trusts, as well as local authorities and the wider public sector.

Suppliers on this framework will cover a broad range of legal areas relevant to the education and the wider public sectors, including but not limited to:

Education Law

- Admissions, exclusions, and appeals
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Safeguarding and child protection

- Curriculum and assessment matters
- Ofsted inspection challenges and advice
- Parental complaints and disputes
- Student discipline and behaviour policies

Governance and Regulatory Compliance

- Advice on the constitution and governance of educational institutions
- Compliance with the Education Acts, Academies Act, Equality Act, GDPR, and Freedom of Information
- Support with policy development and statutory duties
- Liaison with DfE, ESFA, Ofsted, and other regulators

Employment and HR Law

- Employment contracts and staff handbooks
- Disciplinary and grievance procedures
- Employment tribunals and dispute resolution
- TUPE advice and organisational restructures
- Trade union negotiations

Property and Estates

- Acquisition, disposal, and leasing of educational premises
- PFI, PPP, and academy estate arrangements
- Land registration and title investigations
- Planning law advice relevant to education settings

Commercial and Contracts

- Drafting and review of commercial contracts and service level agreements

- Procurement advice including Public Contracts Regulations 2015 compliance
- Grant funding and partnership agreements
- ICT and software procurement, licensing and contracts

Corporate and Charities Law

- Academy conversion and re-brokerage legal support
- Group structures including multi-academy trusts (MATs)
- Charity law compliance and governance
- Company secretarial and filings (e.g., Companies House)

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Representation in judicial reviews and regulatory challenges
- Contractual disputes
- Debt recovery
- Alternative dispute resolution (ADR), including mediation

Criminal Law

- Damage to property and/or assets
- Fraud and theft
- Cybercrime
- Violence crime

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract 1

Suppliers (14)

- AARON & PARTNERS LLP
- BATES WELLS & BRAITHWAITE LONDON LLP
- CAPITAL LAW LIMITED
- CLARKE WILLMOTT LLP
- EVERSHEDES SUTHERLAND (INTERNATIONAL) LLP
- FORBES SOLICITORS LLP
- GELDARDS LLP
- SHAKESPEARE MARTINEAU LLP
- STONE KING LLP
- VEALE WASBROUGH VIZARDS LLP
- WARD HADAWAY LLP
- WEIGHTMANS LLP
- WILKIN CHAPMAN LLP
- WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) LLP

Contract value

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT

- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

23 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 5 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 March 2026 to 29 March 2029
- Possible extension to 29 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

This framework will operate on a 3+1 basis. The extension will be utilised so long as

everything is running smoothly and the suppliers are in agreement.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 14 tenders received
- 14 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 14 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

AARON & PARTNERS LLP

- Companies House: OC307122
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXLN-4948-ZGHJ

Grosvenor Court

Chester

CH1 1HG

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@aaronandpartners.com

Website: <https://www.aaronandpartners.com/>

Region: UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

BATES WELLS & BRAITHWAITE LONDON LLP

- Companies House: OC325522
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZRV-8111-PTBJ

10 Queen Street Place

London

EC4R 1BE

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@bateswells.co.uk

Website: <http://www.bateswells.co.uk>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

CAPITAL LAW LIMITED

- Companies House: 05841213
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMTD-7374-VCCD

Capital Building, Tyndall Street

Cardiff

CF10 4AZ

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@capitallaw.co.uk

Website: <https://www.capitallaw.co.uk/>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

CLARKE WILLMOTT LLP

- Companies House: OC344818
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYC-3357-YDPZ

Burlington House Botleigh Grange Business Park

Southampton

SO30 2AF

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@clarkewillmott.com

Website: <https://www.clarkewillmott.com/>

Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND (INTERNATIONAL) LLP

- Companies House: OC304065
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQZP-9267-GMPV

1 Wood Street

London

EC2V 7WS

United Kingdom

Email: pitchteam@eversheds-sutherland.com

Website: <http://www.eversheds-sutherland.com>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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FORBES SOLICITORS LLP

- Companies House: OC433300
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMMP-2131-QPLJ

Gordon House Sceptre Way Walton Summit Centre

Preston

PR5 6AW

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@forbessolicitors.co.uk

Website: <http://www.forbessolicitors.co.uk>

Region: UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

GELDARDS LLP

- Companies House: OC313172
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPNZ-6759-TVNZ

4 Capital Quarter

Cardiff

CF10 4BZ

United Kingdom

Email: marketing@geldards.com

Website: <http://www.geldards.com>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

SHAKESPEARE MARTINEAU LLP

- Companies House: OC319029
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXPX-4658-DTQQ

No 1 Colmore Square

Birmingham

B4 6AA

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@shma.co.uk

Website: <https://www.shma.co.uk/>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

STONE KING LLP

- Companies House: OC315280
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTZR-6874-ZJPD

Upper Borough Court, 3 Upper Borough Walls

Bath

BA1 1RG

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@stoneking.co.uk

Website: <https://www.stoneking.co.uk/>

Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

VEALE WASBROUGH VIZARDS LLP

- Companies House: OC384033
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTVR-2428-HJBZ

Narrow Quay House, Narrow Quay

Bristol

BS1 4QA

United Kingdom

Email: bidteam@vwv.co.uk

Website: <https://www.vwv.co.uk/>

Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

WARD HADAWAY LLP

- Companies House: OC430614
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJR-3564-XTZQ

Sandgate House

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 3DX

United Kingdom

Email: bids@wardhadaway.com

Website: <http://www.wardhadaway.com>

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

WEIGHTMANS LLP

- Companies House: OC326117
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHWT-6172-VYXR

100 Old Hall Street

Liverpool

L3 9QJ

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@weightmans.com

Website: <http://www.weightmans.com>

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

WILKIN CHAPMAN LLP

- Companies House: OC343261

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCMZ-5432-GYQX

Cartergate House

Grimsby

DN31 2LJ

United Kingdom

Email: marketing@wclaw.co.uk

Website: <https://www.wilkinchapmanrollits.co.uk>

Region: UKE13 - North and North East Lincolnshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) LLP

- Companies House: OC317661
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYBM-6288-WNYY

4 More London Riverside

London

SE1 1AU

United Kingdom

Email: bids@wbd-uk.com

Website: <http://www.womblebonddickinson.com>

Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

CRESCENT PURCHASING LIMITED

- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1130461
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZPR-8554-XHNX

Procurement House, 23 Leslie Hough Way

Salford

M6 6AJ

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@thecpc.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.thecpc.ac.uk/>

Region: UKD34 - Greater Manchester South West

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government