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Tender

Provision of Legal Services - Framework - Commercial Dispute Resolution Solicitors

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

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Changes to notice

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

The deadline for submission of tenders is now 3pm on Friday 6th March 2026 (previous deadline was 3pm on Tuesday 3rd March 2026).

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

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

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)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 February 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 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

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%

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

Contracting authority

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTYV-8666-PQQY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland