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Contract

Framework Agreement for Legal Representation for the Insurance team

Norfolk County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for Legal Representation for the Insurance team

Reference number

NCCT42187

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council requires legal services for the in-house insurance team to

predominately help support the delivery of the claims service, and retendered its expiring framework agreement for these services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79112000 - Legal representation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council was seeking to purchase legal representation. The service will provide a high standard of professional service advice and guidance on all matters relating to insurance claims handled by the team. Typical duties include but are not limited to:

- Provision of general legal advice
- Representing the authority in litigation
- Maintaining a knowledge of issues facing the authority and being prepared to offer legal opinions
- Supporting the development and knowledge of the insurance team.

The insurance team provide support to the Norse Group and as such require coverage across the country.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Scenarios / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Cost effectiveness / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Risk Management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Training and development / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fraud / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Added value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a framework agreement and as such the value above is the potential maximum spend under the framework agreement, but is also not a guarantee of work.

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-009066](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Browne Jacobson

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DAC Beachcroft LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DWF Law LLP

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Kennedys Law LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Plexus Legal LLP

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE42 - Leeds

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Weightmans LLP

Liverpool

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD72 - Liverpool

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Norfolk County Council

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.