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## **Legal Services**

North Star Housing Group  
Castles and Coasts Housing Association

F02: Contract notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

**National registration number**

IP21256R

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.northstarhg.co.uk](http://www.northstarhg.co.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30788](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30788)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Castles and Coasts Housing Association

Arcadia House

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE12 8EW

**Contact**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://castlesandcoasts.co.uk/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

## Legal Services

Reference number

NSTAR P/REF 0033

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

North Star Housing Group and Castles and Coasts wish to commission a framework for the provision of legal services from independent firms of solicitors in the private sector to support the delivery of a range of housing related activities. It is estimated that the contract value is likely to be around £600k per annum with an overall contract value of around £3m over the full term of this contract including any extensions. This figure is an estimate only and may be exceeded. However, no guarantee is given as to any level of business to be awarded through the framework.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear
- UKD1 - Cumbria
- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

For North Star - Stockton on Tees For Castles and Coasts - Carlisle

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

North Star and Castles and Coast are looking to procure a framework for the provision of legal services.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term of this contract will be 24 months with the option to extend for a further 24 months on a 12 plus 12 basis.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Bidders must be authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in England & Wales

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **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

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 2

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Framework to be operated over a 4 year period

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

## **IV.2) Administrative information**

### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

11 October 2021

Local time

5:00pm

### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

12 October 2021

Local time

10:00am

Place

North Star Head Office

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 48 months

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award any contract pursuant to this procurement exercise and/or to abandon this procurement exercise at any time and/or to award a contract for part of the works at its sole discretion. The Contracting Authority shall have no liability whatsoever to any applicant or tenderer as a result of its exercise of that discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, all costs incurred by any applicant and/or tenderer before signature of any contract with the Contracting Authority shall be incurred entirely at that applicant`s/tenderer`s risk.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will observe a standstill period following the award of contract and conduct itself in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015