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Contract

External Legal Services (Solicitors - England & Wales)

General Medical Council (GMC)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-023226

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a2da

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

General Medical Council (GMC)

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<http://www.gmc-uk.org>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Medical Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Legal Services (Solicitors - England & Wales)

Reference number

GMC1693

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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That said, to provide flexibility, including where independent advice and scrutiny may be required it would be advantageous (not essential) if the legal services supplier were in a position to provide legal advice and support in relation to the GMC's fitness to practise work. To that end, the Statement of Requirements does contain reference to the ability to deliver legal advice in relation to fitness to practise work and litigation.

For the avoidance of doubt this tender does not include the provision of advocacy services in relation to proceedings before the MPTS / Higher Courts or the provision of legal services outside England and Wales. The GMC will continue to instruct barristers in England and Wales directly. Further, the GMC has a separate contract for the provision of Employment Law Advice and that is excluded from this tender.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion / Weighting: 75%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost criterion / Weighting: 25%

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

GMC1693

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mills & Reeve LLP

24 King William Street

London

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Telephone

+44 1214568474

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(MT Ref:230033)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>