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Contract

## **External Legal Services (Solicitors - England & Wales)**

General Medical Council (GMC)

F03: Contract award notice

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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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#### **Contact**

Christine Jack

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541](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

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**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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As a consequence the GMC does not anticipate that it will require much (if any) assistance from its external legal services supplier in relation to the day to day delivery of its core statutory functions. It is anticipated that the vast majority of instructions will relate to legal issues associated with any large commercial organisation and / or public sector body as reflected in the statement of requirement.

### **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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-003457](#)

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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

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## **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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