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Tender

PS23216 - Legal Services for Innovate UK Loans - RFP

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about 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://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PS23216 - Legal Services for Innovate UK Loans - RFP

Reference number

PS23216

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The final date and time for the submission of bids is Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 11:00

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Introduction

Innovation loans aim to provide flexible and patient capital to support business growth through innovation. These loans are delivered through Innovate UK Loans Ltd (IUKL), a wholly owned subsidiary of UK Research and Innovation. The loans are awarded through open competition and are available to micro, small and medium-sized businesses and can be used to fund the costs of a research & development project. A lending decision is made based on the quality of the project as well as on the suitability of the applicant for a loan. Innovation loans align with the mission of Innovate UK to broaden the range of innovation finance support available to businesses, so they can access funding at all stages of innovation. The amount of funding available to a business is dependent on the agreed parameters of the innovation loan competition however, in the most recent competitions, loans of between £100,000 and £2,000,000 have been offered to successful applicants

IUKL portfolio is expanding year on year, we currently have over 200 companies on our portfolio. Due to the increase, there is the need to access specialist legal services to meet product demand. Research carried out shows on average within one year, it is estimated

Innovate UK Loans may need to access legal services approximately 20+ times per year. In addition to accessing legal advice surrounding our portfolio, changes in the macro-economic climate have created the need to source legal guidance surrounding complex cases, in particular administration cases

Aim:

To procure legal services from a firm of lawyers that have the capacity to deal with complex financial cases due new products and services, portfolio expansion, and increase in administrations.

Objective:

To access legal services from a firm who can provide legal advice, in particular advice associated with finance and complex legal services. It is expected that the firm would provide dedicated resource to resolve legal matters in a timely fashion, with particular focus on complex issues such as loan agreements, new products and services and insolvency cases covering multiple jurisdictions with different laws.

How to Apply

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) will be using the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal for this procurement.

To register on the Jaggaer eSourcing portal please use the link <https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/> and follow the instructions to register as a supplier.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

All submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations that apply to this opportunity.

Responses must be received by the date and time in the tender documentation; responses received outside of the deadline or not sent via the Jaggaer eSourcing portal will not be accepted or considered by the Contracting Authority further for this opportunity. Interested organisations should ensure that they allow a sufficiency of time, prior to the deadline to allow all sections to be completed in full and any attachments to be uploaded.

As a user of the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal you will have access to the Jaggaer messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you, as well as other messages

and updates in relation to any specific tender event. Please note that any and all information secured outside of the messaging service, shall have no merit or worth and should not be

relied upon by any organisation submitting a tender response.

Please note it is your organisations responsibility to access these messages on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information applicable to this opportunity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

ii. to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement; and under no circumstances as part of your organisations participation in this opportunity,

will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by any organisation as a result.

If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a contract with any successful

organisation(s), this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

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

Date

19 September 2023

Local time

10:00am

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 September 2023

Local time

11:00am

Place

Electronic

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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