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Contract

Costs Lawyer Services 2

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Costs Lawyer Services 2

Reference number

RM6284

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority has put in place a Pan Government Collaborative Agreement which will provide costs law services to the Public Sector.

This framework consists of 3 lots:

Lot 1 General Costs Law Services,

Lot 2 Clinical Negligence Specialist Services; and

Lot 3: Security Clearance Specialist Services.

The framework will run for 36 months with an option to extend for 1 further period of 12 months.

We ran this competition using the open procedure. This procurement was conducted under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) therefore subject to limited regulation and conducted in accordance with regulations 74 to 76 PCR 2015.

The supplier shall provide services to buyers in the jurisdictional area of England and Wales. Further information is included in the Additional Information section VI.3.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Costs Law Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services

- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is for General Costs Law Services and covers costs services for both budgeted and non-budgeted work, for the receiving and paying party as required by the Buyer at call off. For further information concerning the scope of the services please refer to Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) of the Terms and Conditions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Clinical Negligence Specialist Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot provides all aspects of costs law and law costs draftsman services in the support of clinical negligence claims brought against public sector organisations

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Security Clearance Specialist Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot provides all aspects of costs law and law costs draftsman services in the support of legal disputes and legal litigation matters that require security cleared fee earners and service providers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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.1.3) 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: [2023/S 000-010005](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 July 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 16

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

See Contracts Finder Notice for full supplier list

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £60,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The value provided in Section II.1.7 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this Commercial Agreement.

As part of this contract award notice the following can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/a3850432-5196-4762-a249-30ac9ad4d>

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- 1) Redacted Commercial Agreement
- 2) List of Successful Suppliers
- 3) Approved Customer list
- 4) Transparency Agenda

On 02/04/2014, Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders were required to make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders were required to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

CCS reserved the right to award a framework to any bidder whose final score was within 1% of the last position. For Lot 3, 4 suppliers were awarded a place as opposed 3 places which was originally stated in the Contract Notice that was published on 5 April 2023.

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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