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Tender

A Multi-Provider, Multi-Lot Framework Agreement for the Provision of Legal Services Primarily in support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

Norfolk County Council

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund)

City of Edinburgh (as Administering Authority of Lothian Pension Fund)

City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of West Midlands Pension Fund)

LGPS Central Ltd

Local Pensions Partnership Investments Ltd

London Borough of Lambeth

London Pensions Authority

Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)

Staffordshire County Council (as Administering Authority for Staffordshire Pension Fund)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<http://In-Tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund

Bradford

Email

pensions@wypf.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://mypension.wypf.org.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Edinburgh (as Administering Authority of Lothian Pension Fund)

Edinburgh

Email

pensions@lpf.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lpf.org.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of West Midlands Pension Fund)

Wolverhampton

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pensionfundenquiries@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wmpfonline.com/pensionsportal

I.1) Name and addresses

LGPS Central Ltd

Wolverhampton

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procurement@lgpscentral.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lgpscentral.co.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Local Pensions Partnership Investments Ltd

London

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.localpensionspartnership.org.uk

I.1) Name and addresses

London Borough of Lambeth

London

Email

pensions@lambeth.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lgpslambeth.org>

I.1) Name and addresses

London Pensions Authority

London

Email

communications@lpfa.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lpfa.org.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)

Belfast

Email

info@nilgosc.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://nilgosc.org.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

Staffordshire County Council (as Administering Authority for Staffordshire Pension Fund)

Stafford

Email

pensions.enquiries@staffordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.staffspf.org.uk/Home.aspx>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

<http://In-Tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://In-Tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

A Multi-Provider, Multi-Lot Framework Agreement for the Provision of Legal Services Primarily in support of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

Reference number

NCCT42446

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council, on its own behalf and on behalf of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (As Administering Authority of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund), City of Wolverhampton Council (as Administering Authority of the West Midlands Pension Fund), LGPS Central Ltd, London Borough of Lambeth, London Pensions Fund Authority, Local Pensions Partnership Investments Ltd, Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC), Staffordshire County Council (as Administering Authority of Staffordshire Pension Fund) and City of Edinburgh Council (as Administering Authority of the Lothian Pension Fund) wish to let a multi-Lot, multi-provider framework agreement for the provision of Legal Services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Full Service (England and Wales)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

England and Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of Lot 1 covers advice on all aspects of the laws and regulations of England and Wales relevant to LGPS funds, Administering Authorities scheme employers (in respect of their participation in the LGPS) and the operators of LGPS investment pools.

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

48

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Full Service (Scotland)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of Lot 2 covers advice on all aspects of the laws and regulations of Scotland relevant to LGPS funds, administering Authorities, scheme employers (in respect of their participation in the LGPS) and LGPS investment pools/collaborative arrangements

Framework users are likely to use Lot 2 where they need Scots-law specific advice which requires a combination of advice across different areas of expertise (i.e. a 'full-scope' Scottish service).

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

48

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Full Service (Northern Ireland)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of Lot 3 covers advice on all aspects of the laws and regulations of Northern Ireland relevant to the LGPS in Northern Ireland (hereafter 'NI'), the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC), employing authorities (in respect of their participation in the LGPS) and LGPS investment pools/collaborative arrangements.

Framework users are likely to use Lot 3 where they need specific advice on matters of NI law which requires a combination of advice across different areas of expertise (i.e. a 'full-scope' NI service).

Please note that Framework Users situated in Northern Ireland may choose to use any other Lot, at their absolute discretion.

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

48

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Investment and Regulatory Compliance (UK Wide)

Lot No

4

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

The scope of Lot 4 is focused on legal advice relating to different aspects of pension fund investment and investment management or/administration (including as part of a pooled fund structure).

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

48

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Benefit Administration, Employer Bodies and Governance (England and Wales)

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

England and Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of Lot 5 covers legal advice on all aspects of the laws and regulations of England and Wales relating to pensions administration, management, governance and the admission, participation and exit of scheme employers.

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

48

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Benefit Administration, Employer Bodies and Governance (Scotland)

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of Lot 6 covers legal advice on all aspects of the laws and regulations of Scotland relating to pension administration, management, governance and the admission, participation and exit of scheme employers.

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

48

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Benefit Administration, Employer Bodies and Governance (Northern Ireland)

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of Lot 7 covers legal advice on all aspects of the laws and regulations of Northern Ireland relating to pensions administration, management, governance and the admission, participation and exit of employing authorities.

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

48

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-016830](#)

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

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

24 October 2022

Local time

2:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's eProcurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the 'tenders' section and 'express an interest' to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the InTend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or emailing mail to: support@in-tend.co.uk (if you are already registered there is no need to re-register).

In addition to those listed above, the framework may also be used by:

- any LGPS administering authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2356) (as amended) including the firefighters' pension scheme and police pension schemes and any of their participating employing authorities, or in relation to the LGPS in Scotland, any administering authority and any of their scheme employers as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/141) (as amended);
- NILGOSC in Northern Ireland and employing authorities as defined in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 SRNI/188 (as amended);
- the Board of the Pension Protection Fund (<http://www.pensionprotectionfund.org.uk>);
- any other administering authority or organisation of a public sector pension scheme or any public sector body or that requires pension related services;
- any common asset pool or collective investment vehicle established by or on behalf of an administering authority or group of administering authorities; or

any bodies, organisations or companies established by them for the purpose of operating on a collective basis.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Nplaw

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom