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## **Provision of Barristers' Services Framework - Round 2**

Bedford Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0369e0

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Bedford Borough Council

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Bedford

MK42 9AP

#### **Email**

[harry.bagnall@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:harry.bagnall@bedford.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH - East of England

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk)

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/bedford.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Barristers' Services Framework - Round 2

Reference number

BBC CH 03123

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Bedford Borough Council ('the Council') invites Chambers to tender for the provision of a Barristers' Framework Agreement. This Framework will provide a route to market for the purchase of barristers' services, where there is demand for capacity or specialist expertise that cannot be met within the Council's in-house Legal Services Unit. This is the first reopening of this framework.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

#### **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**

ACE

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Council has statutory obligations under social care legislation, including the Care Act 2014, Mental Health Act 1983 and Children Act 1989 (as amended) and supplementary legislation. Our Legal Services Unit supports front line teams in fulfilling their statutory functions and provide support at strategic level in relation to the policies and procedures that underpin the delivery of Adults' and Children's Social Care (including Mental Health). The Council also has statutory obligations to provide education in mainstream, special school settings and alternative provisions including the Virtual School. The Legal

Services Unit supports the strategic management of these duties which include school organisation, admission arrangements, exclusion, non-attendance (including education prosecutions), elective home education, children missing from education, academy conversion, safeguarding and the provision of services for children identified as having special educational needs (to include representation before the First tier and Upper Tribunal). Suppliers will be expected to have available expertise at all levels that can advise either strategically or at individual case level.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

Start date

28 October 2022

End date

31 January 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Two possible 12 months' extensions from 01/02/2024 – 31/01/2026

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

GPPL

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Council has a range of statutory obligations under legislation that fall under the GPPL remit. These include, but are not limited to: a. Obligations to respond to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to comply with data law/the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR); b. The duties of the Monitoring Officer pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended); c. Highways functions under the Highways Act 1980 and related legislation; d. Planning matters across all areas of the Town and country Planning Act 1990 and related or other legislation; e. Property matters including disposals, acquisitions, commercial leases, academy transfers, dilapidations, and a variety of general land law work; f. Housing issues including social housing and homeless provision; g. Licensing under the 2003 Act and all other licensing functions performed by a unitary authority; h. Trading Standards; i. Environmental Health; j. Housing and blue badge fraud; k. Procurement and contract work including state aid; l. General governance and administration of the Council; m. Administration of the Bedfordshire Pension Fund; and n. Administration of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel. GPPL supports the strategic management of these duties which include advising in respect of the above.

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## **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

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4

years:

NA

**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

20 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom