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Tender

Legal Services PA23

London Universities Purchasing Consortium

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Correct to lot value (incorrect error on original publication).

Scope

Reference

PFB5088 LU

Description

London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC) is establishing a multi-provider framework agreement for the provision of legal services in England and Wales. The framework will be available to the members of LUPC, HEPCW, NEUPC, NWUPC, and SUPC. It will need to support a diverse membership of universities and colleges of higher and further education, as well as other not-for-profit organisations in the education, arts, science, charity, and wider public sectors. The Services provided will need to support members with in-house legal teams, and members with no internal legal support. Projects will vary widely from small transactional call-offs, project driven requirements, and long-term ongoing legal support. The design of the Framework Agreement is to provide members with a range of law firms with different cultures, specialisms, and resources, while providing opportunities for SME law firms, and flexibility of call off options to meet our members ever changing needs.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £37,500,000 excluding VAT
- £45,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 19 August 2025 to 19 August 2028
- Possible extension to 19 August 2030
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Subject to the terms of the framework agreement the extension can be a maximum of 2 (two) years as one extension or in 1 (one) year increments.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 1

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 1

Lot LOT-0001. Sub Lot 1A Legal Services PA23 Band A

Description

Group A Full-Service Law Firms - Maximum 8 (eight) law firms appointed, Participants awarded will have a mean average of seniority level rates of less than £200 per hour as

calculated in Schedule 6 Pricing Schedule Sub Lot 1A provides legal services where the average hourly rate is

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,500,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0002. Sub Lot 1B Legal Services PA23 Band B

Description

Lot 1B - Group B Full-Service Law Firms - Maximum 8 (eight) law firms appointed, Participants awarded will have a mean average of seniority level rates of between £200 and less than £250 per hour as calculated in Schedule 6 Pricing Schedule

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,500,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0003. Sub Lot 1C Legal Services PA23 Band C

Description

6.1.1.3 Lot 1C - Group C Full-Service Law Firms - Maximum 8 (eight) law firms appointed, Participants awarded will have a mean average of seniority level rates of £250 per hour or greater as calculated in Schedule 6 Pricing Schedule

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,500,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

24

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

1%

Further information about fees

Framework Levy Percentage means 1% as determined by the TWP and tender strategy.

Framework operation description

London Universities Purchasing Consortium seek to provide a framework agreement for legal services to support its members and the members of the any Participating Consortium. The This Framework Agreement will replace the current agreement which will expire 3rd September 2025.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium Higher Education Purchasing Consortium, Wales

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot LOT-0001. Sub Lot 1A Legal Services PA23 Band A

Lot LOT-0002. Sub Lot 1B Legal Services PA23 Band B

Lot LOT-0003. Sub Lot 1C Legal Services PA23 Band C

Refer to ITT for full details of legal and financial capacity conditions.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot LOT-0001. Sub Lot 1A Legal Services PA23 Band A

Lot LOT-0002. Sub Lot 1B Legal Services PA23 Band B

Lot LOT-0003. Sub Lot 1C Legal Services PA23 Band C

Refer to ITT for full details of technical requirements including mandatory requirements.

Particular suitability

Lot LOT-0001. Sub Lot 1A Legal Services PA23 Band A

Lot LOT-0002. Sub Lot 1B Legal Services PA23 Band B

Lot LOT-0003. Sub Lot 1C Legal Services PA23 Band C

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 June 2025, 5:30pm

Tender submission deadline

30 June 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=94313&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical (Quality)	Technical questions will be used to assess the participant's ability to perform the services of the contract.	Quality	70%
Commercial (Price)	A structured pricing model (Schedule 6) will be used to evaluate the participant's bid split into a number of key pricing areas.	Price	30%

Other information

Payment terms

The framework supports a standard payment term of 30 days from accurate invoice submission date.

Description of risks to contract performance

This framework does not guarantee any value nor volume of use.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

PIN was released under PCR2015 for the purpose of PME; however, the tender was not available to be published before PA23 regulations came into effect. This PIN is not being used since PA23, nor is being used to reduce time limits.

Contracting authority

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