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## **ID3781692 DfE - Invest NI - Provision of a Legal Services Framework Agreement**

Invest Northern Ireland Invest NI

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

Invest Northern Ireland Invest NI

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ID3781692 DfE - Invest NI - Provision of a Legal Services Framework Agreement

Reference number

ID3781692

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

- 79100000 - Legal services

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

Services

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

This competition will establish a Framework Agreement containing 12 Lots for the provision of legal services as described in the Framework Agreement Specification. 1)Company Law ; 2)Corporate Finance, Debt Recovery and Insolvency; 3)Commercial Property; 4)Public Law and Corporate Governance ; 5)Employment, Equality and Human Rights; 6)Venture Capital; 7)Intellectual Property; 8)Competition Law (including State Aid); 9)Procurement Law; 10)Information Law ; 11)Energy; 12)Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Tenderers can tender for one, multiple, or all Lots. . There is no restriction on the number of lots a tenderer may be appointed to; however a tenderer must have the capability and capacity to deliver all lots tendered for. The three highest ranked tenderers for each Lot will be awarded a place on the Framework Agreement. This Framework Agreement will be valid for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for a further year. However, the duration of contracts awarded under the scope of this Framework Agreement can extend beyond the life of this Framework Agreement, or may expire before the end of this Framework Agreement.

#### **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 maximum number of lots  
12

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Company Law

Lot No

1

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

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
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- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

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### **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**

Lot 2 - Corporate Finance, Debt Recovery and Insolvency

Lot No

2

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

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#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Commercial Property

Lot No

3

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

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NUTS codes

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### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Public Law and Corporate Governance

Lot No

4

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

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Duration in months

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### **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**

Lot 5 - Employment, Equality and Human Rights

Lot No

5

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

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Duration in months

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### **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**

Lot 6 - Venture Capital

Lot No

6

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

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- 79120000 - Patent and copyright consultancy services

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- 79131000 - Documentation services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

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Duration in months

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### **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**

Lot 7 - Intellectual Property

Lot No

7

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

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Duration in months

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**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**

Lot 8 - Competition Law (including State Aid)

Lot No

8

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

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
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**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

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### **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**

Lot 9 - Procurement Law

Lot No

9

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

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

NUTS codes

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The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 10 - Information Law

Lot No

10

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**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**



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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 11 - Energy

Lot No

11

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### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 12 - Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Lot No

12

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

As per Tender documentation

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

17 January 2022

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **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**

The overall estimated value of the framework agreement over 4 years is anticipated to be £3 million. However this is a demand driven requirement and therefore it would be difficult to provide a breakdown per lot. . Contractors not delivering. on contract requirements is a

serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated.. The issue of a notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions. being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the notice.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 (as amended).

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.