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Planning

Legal Services Market Engagement

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Railway

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Legal Services Market Engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail is engaging the market for the supply of a full range of legal services to support the delivery of its objectives for the period from 1 April 2026 – 31st March 2031.

Network Rail is striving to deliver a simpler, better, greener railway. It is a time of change for the rail industry, and we need to continue to support the day-to-day operations of Network Rail while also looking to the future.

Network Rail is set up as central functions and geographically based Regional Business units with legal teams in each area. Prospective suppliers will be expected to work with us to provide a first-class service to both the central functions and Regional Businesses.

The proposed structure for the new legal panel is:

1. Core Lot (England & Wales) – four full-service suppliers
2. Core Lot (Scotland) – two full-service suppliers
3. Specialist Lots – two suppliers per lot

Core Lots

These firms will be expected to provide legal service capability across the full range of legal disciplines, subject to the specialist areas set out below. Our requirements will include a mix of general instructions, commoditised and project work including but not limited to the following disciplines:

- Commercial Opportunities
- Commercial
- Commercial Property
- Competition
- Construction
- Contracts
- Corporate Governance and Company Secretarial
- Corporate Transactions
- Employment
- Health Safety and Environment
- Information Law including data protection
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Planning & Highways
- Procurement
- Projects and Project Finance
- Property Development
- Public and Administrative Law
- Renewable Energy
- Telecommunications

Treasury work is excluded from this procurement.

Additionally, Network Rail is looking to appoint two firms for each of three specific specialist lots: (1) Rail Regulatory, (2) Health, Safety and Environment (advice for significant incidents) and (3) Roll A Parliamentary Agents. It is anticipated that these specialist lots will be mainly used in England & Wales.

Firms will be able to bid for as many of the lots (core and specialist) as they have the capability and capacity to service properly.

Network Rail will be seeking value for money for the taxpayer in relation to the services procured. Network Rail would like to encourage prospective bidders who are forward thinking and open to innovative ideas to meet our requirements and who will work with us to deliver efficiencies in our service provision. The legal services teams are focused on providing the best possible service for our business and as such, we would expect interested suppliers to have customer focus at the heart of their delivery model.

While Network Rail values knowledge gained working with the Rail industry, we are keen to engage with firms with experience of working in other regulated industries.

Network Rail will be carrying out a market engagement event on 2nd December 2024 via Teams and we will be seeking feedback on our proposals through a survey following the event.

If you would like to be involved in the procurement going forward, then please register on this link where you will need to provide contact details and indicate the lots that you are interested in.

<https://forms.office.com/e/2Kip7gCtXy>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £210,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Market Engagement for Legal Services England & Wales

Lot No

1

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

England & Wales Core Lot

These firms will be expected to provide legal service capability across the full range of legal disciplines, subject to the specialist areas set out below. Our requirements will include a mix of general instructions, commoditised and project work including but not limited to the following disciplines:

- Commercial Opportunities
- Commercial
- Commercial Property
- Competition
- Construction
- Contracts
- Corporate Governance and Company Secretarial
- Corporate Transactions
- Employment
- Health Safety and Environment
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- Property Development
- Public and Administrative Law
- Renewable Energy
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Any potential tender event in relation to this requirement will be issued via the NR procurement platform – BravoNR.

Please note any discussions which do occur will cease immediately should a formal

competition ultimately be announced. NR is committed to ensuring fairness, openness and transparency, and to following EU procurement regulations. The Periodic Indicative Notice is issued solely for the purpose of conducting pre-procurement market engagement and does not constitute any commitment to undertake any procurement in the future. Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to the PIN event and a response to this PIN does not guarantee any invitation to participate in this event or any future procurement.

This PIN does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services, supplies or works mentioned in this PIN and NR will not accept any proposals offered in response to this PIN.

NR is not liable for any costs, fees, or expenses incurred by any party in replying to or attending any PIN event.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Market Engagement for Legal Services Scotland

Lot No

Lot 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

- 79111000 - Legal advisory 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

Scotland Core Lot

These firms will be expected to provide legal service capability across the full range of legal disciplines, subject to the specialist areas set out below. Our requirements will include a mix of general instructions, commoditised and project work including but not limited to the following disciplines:

- Commercial Opportunities
- Commercial
- Commercial Property
- Competition
- Construction
- Contracts
- Corporate Governance and Company Secretarial
- Corporate Transactions
- Employment
- Health Safety and Environment
- Information Law including data protection
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
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- Procurement
- Projects and Project Finance
- Property Development
- Public and Administrative Law
- Renewable Energy
- Telecommunications

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Market Engagement Rail Regulatory

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 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

Rail Regulatory Legal Services

II.2.14) Additional information

Legal advice regarding Network Rail's regulatory framework and regulated

contracts/processes.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Market Engagement Health, Safety & Environment for significant incidents

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 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

Health, Safety & Environment for significant incidents

II.2.14) Additional information

Legal advice and support during major incident response following a significant incident, potential/actual enforcement action and interfaces with regulators and investigating bodies.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Market Engagement for Legal Services Roll A Parliamentary Agents

Lot No

5

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

Legal Services Roll A Parliamentary Agents

II.2.14) Additional information

Legal advice and support in drafting, promoting or responding to Bills (Public, Private and / or Hybrid) and other specific legislation.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 February 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes