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Contract

Framework Agreement for Legal Representation for the Insurance team

Norfolk County Council

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a138

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Norfolk County Council

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR12DH

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for Legal Representation for the Insurance team

Reference number

NCCT42187

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79112000 - Legal representation 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)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

Norfolk County Council required legal services for the in-house insurance team to predominately help support the delivery of the claims service, and retendered its expiring framework agreement for these services.

The Council was seeking to purchase legal representation. The service will provide a high standard of professional service advice and guidance on all matters relating to insurance claims handled by the team. Typical duties will include but not be limited to:

- Provision of general legal advice
- Representing the authority in litigation
- Maintaining a knowledge of issues facing the authority and being prepared to offer legal opinions
- Supporting the development and knowledge of the insurance team.

Regular management information relating to claims settlement and costs will need to be provided.

The insurance team provide support to the Norse Group and as such require coverage across the country.

This is a framework agreement and as such the value quoted is the potential maximum spend under the framework agreement, but is also not a guarantee of work.

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

Duration in months

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2021/S 000-020587](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

NCCT42187

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

23 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Browne Jacobson

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Companies House

OC306448

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

DAC Beachcroft LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

OC317852

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

DWF Law LLP

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

Companies House

OC423384

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Kennedys Law LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

OC353214

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Plexus Legal LLP

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE42 - Leeds

Companies House

OC423092

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Weightmans LLP

Liverpool

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD72 - Liverpool

Companies House

OC326117

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £1,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Norfolk County Council

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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VII.1.3) Place of performance

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The insurance team provide support to the Norse Group and as such require coverage across the country.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

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

The framework agreement has been extended under Regulation 72 (1) (b) of the Public Contract Regulations (as amended) while a reprocurement takes place

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,600,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Browne Jacobson Solicitors

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Companies House

OC306448

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

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VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The framework agreement has been extended by 6 months while a reprourement is

undertaken.

Additionally, one of the originally appointed suppliers ceased trading in 2023 and can no longer be awarded contracts under the framework agreement.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Services are still needed under the framework agreement whilst a reprocurement of the framework agreement takes place.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £1,600,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,600,000