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Award

LEGAL SERVICES PA23

LUPC

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Scope

Reference

PFB5088LU

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 an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

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 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 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

Contract 1. Lot 1A

Lots

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

Suppliers (4)

- BRODIES LLP
- HCR LEGAL LLP
- WARD HADAWAY LLP
- WEIGHTMANS LLP

Contract value

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

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 16 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Extensions are used where the framework agreement continues to deliver value to the members with access to it.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services
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Contract 2. Lot 1B

Lots

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

Suppliers (8)

- BEVAN BRITTAN LLP
- BIRKETTS LLP
- BRODIES LLP
- BROWNE JACOBSON LLP
- CLARKE WILLMOTT LLP
- MUCKLE LLP
- TROWERS & HAMLINS LLP
- WEIGHTMANS LLP

Contract value

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members with access to it.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services
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Contract 3. Lot 1C

Lots

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

Suppliers (8)

- ADDLESHAW GODDARD LLP
- BRODIES LLP
- DAC BEACHCROFT LLP
- FREETHS LLP
- MILLS & REEVE LLP
- SHAKESPEARE MARTINEAU LLP
- VEALE WASBROUGH VIZARDS LLP
- WEIGHTMANS LLP

Contract value

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

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

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- Possible extension to 30 September 2030

- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Extensions are used where the framework agreement continues to deliver value to the members with access to it.

These will be available as two one-year options.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Information about tenders

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

- 4 tenders received
 - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 4 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot LOT-0002. Sub Lot 1B Legal Services PA23 Band B

- 10 tenders received
 - 10 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 8 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON \(UK\) LLP](#)
 - [HARRISON DRURY & Co Limited](#)
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Lot LOT-0003. Sub Lot 1C Legal Services PA23 Band C

- 11 tenders received
 - 11 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 8 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND \(INTERNATIONAL\) LLP](#)
- [STONE KING LLP](#)

- [WEDLAKE BELL LLP](#)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

ADDLESHAW GODDARD LLP

- Companies House: OC318149
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRWH-7564-XRYD

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United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.addleshawgoddard.com/>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 1C

BEVAN BRITTAN LLP

- Companies House: OC309219
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJMX-5523-TXZX

Kings Orchard

Bristol

BS2 0HQ

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@bevanbrittan.com

Website: <https://www.bevanbrittan.com>

Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 1B

BIRKETTS LLP

- Companies House: OC317545
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNZT-4886-HCLQ

Providence House

Ipswich

IP1 1QJ

United Kingdom

Email: pitches@birketts.co.uk

Website: <http://www.birketts.co.uk>

Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 1B

BRODIES LLP

- Companies House: SO300334
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBWZ-8513-MWGP

Capital Square

Edinburgh

EH3 8BP

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@brodies.com

Website: <https://brodies.com/>

Region: UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1A

Contract 2. Lot 1B

Contract 3. Lot 1C

BROWNE JACOBSON LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGVM-7475-NQYV

Mowbray House

Nottingham

NG2 1BJ

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Website: <https://www.brownejacobson.com>

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 1B

CLARKE WILLMOTT LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYC-3357-YDPZ

Burlington House Botleigh Grange Business Park

Southampton

SO30 2AF

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@clarkewillmott.com

Website: <https://www.clarkewillmott.com/>

Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 1B

DAC BEACHCROFT LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMZN-9974-QRMT

25 Walbrook

London

EC4N 8AF

United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.dacbeachcroft.com>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 1C

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND (INTERNATIONAL) LLP

- Companies House: OC304065
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQZP-9267-GMPV

1 Wood Street

London

EC2V 7WS

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.eversheds-sutherland.com>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

FREETHS LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPCM-1511-PDGH

80 Mount Street

Nottinghamshire

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United Kingdom

Email: tenders@freeths.co.uk

Website: <http://www.freeths.co.uk>

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 1C

HARRISON DRURY & Co Limited

- Companies House: 07028711
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDMC-6773-QGQN

1a Chapel Street

Preston

PR1 8BU

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.harrison-drury.com>

Region: UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

HCR LEGAL LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: GGPX-2613-RDWM

5 Deansway

Worcester

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United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.hcrlaw.com>

Region: UKG12 - Worcestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1A

MILLS & REEVE LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQVY-8728-PGBR

24 King William Street

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United Kingdom

Email: tenders@mills-reeve.com

Website: <http://www.mills-reeve.com>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 1C

MUCKLE LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPBW-1869-LWYR

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Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 4BF

United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.muckle-llp.com>

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 1B

SHAKESPEARE MARTINEAU LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXPX-4658-DTQQ

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Birmingham

B4 6AA

United Kingdom

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Website: <https://www.shma.co.uk/>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 1C

STONE KING LLP

- Companies House: OC315280
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTZR-6874-ZJPD

Upper Borough Court, 3 Upper Borough Walls

Bath

BA1 1RG

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.stoneking.co.uk/>

Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

TROWERS & HAMLINS LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYJZ-5746-VWZN

3 Bunhill Row

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EC1Y 8YZ

United Kingdom

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Website: <http://www.trowers.com>

Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Lot 1B

VEALE WASBROUGH VIZARDS LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTVR-2428-HJBZ

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Bristol

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 1C

WARD HADAWAY LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJR-3564-XTZQ

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Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1A

WEDLAKE BELL LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPPH-8282-LMQJ

Floor 8, 71 Queen Victoria Street

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Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

WEIGHTMANS LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHWT-6172-VYXR

100 Old Hall Street

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Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1A

Contract 2. Lot 1B

Contract 3. Lot 1C

WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (UK) LLP

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYBM-6288-WNYY

4 More London Riverside

London

SE1 1AU

United Kingdom

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Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government