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Contract

Practical Law and Westlaw

Manchester City Council

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Scope

Reference

P-0528

Description

The provision of legal research services. This include a subscription to Practical Law Premium and Westlaw Edge and a number of other publications (15 in total)

Contract 1. Practical Law and Westlaw

Supplier

- THOMSON REUTERS (PROFESSIONAL) UK LIMITED

Contract value

- £496,586.25 excluding VAT
- £595,903.50 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

5 September 2025

Contract dates

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

The contract is for off shelf software solutions and publications which is bespoke to the provider. The provider also owns the intellectual property rights to the publications. Therefore the authority considers that performance could not be appropriately assessed using KPIs.

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The publications required are only available for purchase through Thomson Reuters, who own the intellectual property rights to the publications/brands

MCC Legal Services have used these services for a number of years and have established business processes around them.

Failing to maintain the subscription would cause significant disruption to their ability to provide legal services.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Practical Law and Westlaw

Contracting authority

Manchester City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLNV-8798-LDMP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government