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Planning

Management of Barristers Framework

Wolverhampton City Council

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Scope

Reference

CWC25152

Description

City of Wolverhampton Council, as Lead Authority for the West Midlands Local Authorities ("WMLA"), is seeking to engage with the market to identify a suitably experienced provider to manage the WMLA Barristers Framework ("the Framework"). The framework is established under the Procurement Act 2023 and is intended to provide a compliant, cost-effective, and transparent route to instructing barristers across a wide range of legal specialists relevant to local government.

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Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79420000 - Management-related services

Contract locations

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 October 2025

Engagement process description

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Pre-market engagement documents can be found at www.wolverhamptontenders.com. The Council requests supplier to provide a written response to questions and to submit via the e-tendering portal.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Contracting authority

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