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Tender

Legal Services Framework

Pool Re Services Limited

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Reference

PRE00049

Description

Pool Re wishes to establish a Framework Agreement (“the Framework”) with multiple suppliers for the provision of Legal Services.

The procurement is being conducted under the Light Touch Contracts regime and is therefore subject to the applicable provisions within the Procurement Act 2023.

Providers appointed to the Framework will provide services in respect of the specialisms required for the specific Lot(s) to which they are appointed.

The Framework will be divided into two (2) Lots:

Lot 1 – General Legal Advice Services; and

Lot 2 – Major Projects and Complex Legal Advice Services.

The Lots are not exclusive, and Tenderers may bid to be appointed to one and/or both Lots.

Both Lots shall provide Legal Services predominantly in the law of England and Wales.

On occasion, depending on the nature of the engagement, Pool Re may require advice on the law of foreign jurisdictions in respect of the required specialisms, for either Lot. In the event that advice is required on the law of a foreign jurisdiction, the Provider and Pool Re shall agree in advance and in writing the approach to be taken in delivering the advice.

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Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £9,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

Pool Re anticipates entering into the Framework for an initial term of five (5) years with the option, exercised wholly at the discretion of Pool Re, to extend the Framework term for a period or periods not exceeding a total of 60 months in aggregate. Call-off contracts awarded from the Framework can be for any term.

Pool Re reserves the right to extend the Lots by varying durations.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The Lots are not exclusive, and Tenderers may bid to be appointed to one and/or both Lots.

Pool Re intends to appoint a maximum of four (4) Framework Providers per Lot. As is also confirmed in both the PSQ and ITT, Pool Re will invite a maximum of six (6) Shortlisted Tenderers to submit Tenders for each Lot following the PSQ stage.

Lot 1. General Legal Advice Services

Description

The provision of legal advice on the following (non-exhaustive) areas of law and ancillary related work, with significant and demonstrable experience advising on these specialisms to Arm's Length Bodies of HM Government Departments and regulated financial services firms (including dual-regulated non-Solvency II firms):

- Employment law, with an expertise in the following overlays: (1) financial services regulatory and (2) public law
- Public procurement law
- General commercial. Including contract drafting and advice
- Outsourcing, including TUPE
- Corporate law
- Corporate governance law
- Intellectual property and technology law
- Data protection law
- Real estate law
- Financial crime law and regulation
- Tax law
- Public and administrative law matters, particularly in the context of Arm's Length Bodies' arrangements with their sponsoring departments

Tenderers appointed will look to provide value-added items to Pool Re at no additional cost. A non-exhaustive list of examples include:

- Regular relationship meetings with Pool Re, as reasonably requested
- Access to meeting space, as reasonably requested
- Relevant e-mail alerts, including training alerts
- Horizon-scanning product (specific and tailored to Pool Re) to be prepared on a quarterly basis, by rotation with the purpose of altering Pool Re to matters of interest or where there may be an impact with recommendations on how to proceed if applicable in a number of key areas.
- Access to client training brochures on an annual basis and working with Pool Re to deliver identified training
- Invitations and access to legal update briefings, seminars, conferences and events
- Invitations to masterclasses and industry events

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,250,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Major Projects and Complex Legal Advice Services

Description

The provision of a one-stop shop service for complex legal advice services covering the following specialisms and ancillary related work, with significant, demonstrable experience and expertise advising on these specialisms to Arm's Length Bodies of HM Government Departments and regulated financial services firms (including dual-regulated non-Solvency II firms). This may involve advising on non-English law matters, either directly or via instructing local counsel (which shall be charged as a disbursement):

- Complex financial services regulation (including for dual-regulated Non-Solvency II firms e.g. reinsurance firms) and regulatory changes
- Complex insurance and reinsurance law (including expertise in wordings, regulatory issues, transactional work and claims handling and coverage disputes)
- Corporate finance and guarantees (including in favour of HMG stakeholders)
- Capital markets (including debt capital markets e.g. insurance-linked securities)
- Investment and asset management, including private equity investments
- Investment and commercial banking
- Complex public and administrative law matters, particularly in the context of Arm's Length Bodies' arrangements with their sponsoring departments
- Complex competition law and subsidy control law
- Complex corporate law matters (including corporate restructurings) with detailed input required from teams advising on the above specialisms
- Litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution (including disputes relating to insurance and reinsurance claims, judicial reviews and contentious regulatory matters)

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may be an impact with recommendations on how to proceed if applicable in a number of key areas.

- Access to client training brochures on an annual basis and working with Pool Re to deliver identified training
- Invitations and access to legal update briefings, seminars, conferences and events
- Invitations to masterclasses and industry events

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,750,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

8

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

If Pool Re decides to source Services through the Framework Agreement, then it will award the Services in accordance with the following award procedures:

- Where it is anticipated that the value of the Services required will be less than £5,000 (exc. VAT), the call-off award will be made by way of Framework Agreement Direct Award; or
- Where it is anticipated that the value of the Services required will fall between £5,000 and £25,000 (exc. VAT), Pool Re may in its absolute discretion choose to make an award by way of Framework Agreement Direct Award or Framework Agreement Mini Competition Award; or
- Where it is anticipated that the value of the Services required will equal or exceed £25,000 (exc. VAT), Pool Re will award by means of Framework Agreement Mini Competition Award.

Pool Re reserves the discretion to make a Framework Agreement Direct Award, regardless of value, to the same provider that delivered Services under a recent Engagement where, in Pool Re's reasonable opinion, that provider has relevant knowledge and experience that would be of demonstrable benefit in terms of ensuring consistency, timeliness and/or value for money in delivery of the Services required. Pool Re may exercise this right regardless of whether such recent Engagement Agreement was awarded by way of Framework Agreement Direct Award or Framework Agreement Mini Competition Award.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. General Legal Advice Services

Lot 2. Major Projects and Complex Legal Advice Services

Please see tender documents for further information

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. General Legal Advice Services

Lot 2. Major Projects and Complex Legal Advice Services

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Particular suitability

Lot 1. General Legal Advice Services

Lot 2. Major Projects and Complex Legal Advice Services

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 October 2025, 2:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Deadline for requests to participate

29 October 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://poolre.delta-esourcing.com/respond/5276Y4F56U>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 January 2026

Award criteria

Lot 1. General Legal Advice Services

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	70%

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	30%

Lot 2. Major Projects and Complex Legal Advice Services

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

Selection stage, including a Procurement Specific Questionnaire.

Suppliers may be down-selected for the next stage.

Both Lots will have an Invitation to Tender stage.

Lot 2 Suppliers may be down-selected for a Presentation stage.

Lot 2 will have a Presentation stage.

Pool Re reserve the right to modify the stages in this process.

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

Contracting authority

Pool Re Services Limited

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