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Tender

Legal Services

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

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Changes to notice

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

Scope

Reference

CA16636

Description

For the past few years, CPC has outsourced the contract management of its Legal Services framework agreement for various reasons, one of which being capacity internally. We are now looking to bring this framework back in-house and this tender exercise will form the new iteration of the framework.

Suppliers must be capable of delivering high-quality, cost-effective legal advice and representation to institutions such as schools, academies, colleges, universities, and educational trusts, as well as local authorities and the wider public sector.

Suppliers are expected to provide legal advice, guidance, representation, and transactional support across a broad range of legal areas relevant to the education and the wider public sectors, including but not limited to:

Education Law

- Admissions, exclusions, and appeals
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Safeguarding and child protection
- Curriculum and assessment matters
- Ofsted inspection challenges and advice
- Parental complaints and disputes
- Student discipline and behaviour policies

Governance and Regulatory Compliance

- Advice on the constitution and governance of educational institutions
- Compliance with the Education Acts, Academies Act, Equality Act, GDPR, and Freedom of Information
- Support with policy development and statutory duties
- Liaison with DfE, ESFA, Ofsted, and other regulators

Employment and HR Law

- Employment contracts and staff handbooks

- Disciplinary and grievance procedures
- Employment tribunals and dispute resolution
- TUPE advice and organisational restructures
- Trade union negotiations

Property and Estates

- Acquisition, disposal, and leasing of educational premises
- PFI, PPP, and academy estate arrangements
- Land registration and title investigations
- Planning law advice relevant to education settings

Commercial and Contracts

- Drafting and review of commercial contracts and service level agreements
- Procurement advice including Public Contracts Regulations 2015 compliance
- Grant funding and partnership agreements
- ICT and software procurement, licensing and contracts

Corporate and Charities Law

- Academy conversion and re-brokerage legal support
- Group structures including multi-academy trusts (MATs)
- Charity law compliance and governance
- Company secretarial and filings (e.g., Companies House)

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Representation in judicial reviews and regulatory challenges
- Contractual disputes

- Debt recovery
- Alternative dispute resolution (ADR), including mediation

Criminal Law

- Damage to property and/or assets
- Fraud and theft
- Cybercrime
- Violence crime

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Total value (estimated)

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 March 2026 to 29 March 2029
- Possible extension to 29 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Maximum 1 extensions of 12 months per extension.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 November 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	Quality	60.0%
Price	Price	Price	40.0%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)