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DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Invest NI

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Scope

Reference

ID 5827200

Description

Invest NI intends to establish a Framework Agreement for the provision of legal services to provide advice in relation to the following areas of law: 1. Contracts, 2. Corporate Finance, Debt Recovery and Finance, 3. Commercial Property, Real Estate and Construction, 4. Venture Capital and Corporate Law, 5. Intellectual Property, 6. Data Protection and Information Law, 7. Employment Law Equality and Human Rights, 8. Competition Law (including Subsidy Control and State Aid), 9. Procurement Law, 10. Administrative and Public Law, 11. Energy, Natural Resources and Climate Change, and

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Lot 11. Energy, Natural Resources and Climate Change

Description

All aspects of energy, natural resources and climate change including but not limited to:• Electricity, gas, energy efficiency, energy storage, and linkages with other energy markets;• Energy Regulations and associated legislative and licensing requirements;• Renewable and Non Renewable;• Oil and Gas;• Waste and Resource Management.

Lot 12. Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Description

Advice, support and where appropriate legal representation in all of the areas of law outlined within this specification. This will include but not be limited to: Pre-action correspondence and advice in respect of civil litigation; Providing legal opinions as required in respect of litigation options and likelihood of success; Advice and support throughout court processes including attendance at court on behalf of Invest NI, instructing Counsel on behalf of Invest NI and preparation of all relevant court documentation; Binding and non-binding alternative dispute resolution processes such as negotiation / mediation / conciliation / adjudication and arbitration.

Lot 1. Contracts

Description

All aspects of contracts and contract law, including commercial contracts and other commercial agreements, including but not limited to Drafting, advising and negotiating on commercial contracts (including but not limited to goods and services, novation's, assignments, MoU's, joint venture agreements and grants) and advising on grant funding.

Lot 2. Corporate Finance Debt Recovery and Finance

Description

All aspects including advice, support and where appropriate legal representation in areas such as Drafting and advising on guarantees, loan documentation and finance arrangements and Court proceedings relating to corporate finance, debt recovery and insolvency. Also All aspects of debt recovery including bankruptcy and liquidation, Application of insolvency legislation and Post-decree enforcement including EJO processes and Banking/corporate finance advice.

Lot 3. Commercial Property, Real Estate and Construction

Description

All aspects of real estate and real estate finance including but not limited to Disposal, purchase and re/development of Land/Property including construction documentation, Compulsory acquisition of land, compensation law and representation at Lands Tribuna, • Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, advice including references to the Lands Tribunal for Northern Ireland and Advice and representation in relation to possession proceedings. In addition, advice, support and where appropriate legal representation in areas such as Environmental law issues, Rateable Valuation Appeals, Rent arrears, Tenancy agreements, Planning law and procedure, Adverse possession/ trespass cases, Property damage claims.

Lot 4. Venture Capital & Corporate Law

Description

All aspects, including advice, support and where appropriate legal representation in areas such as but not limited to:• Drafting and updating of Fund Management Agreements including Partnership and Management Services Agreements, Fund Management Structures and advice on UK/EU Regulation in respect of same;• Share transaction advice, including investment agreements, shareholder agreements, follow-on investment advice and exit advice;• Regulatory Advice, (including FCA, application of Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 and Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive);•VC specific corporate finance:• Drafting loan agreements, including security an inter-creditor documentationAlso including:All aspects of partnership law including but not limited to:? contentious and non-contentious partnership and limited partnership matters;? directors' duties;? company secretarial services;• operating and partnership agreements, mutual arrangements;? securities and governance matters; and? restructuring of ownership and complex and innovative legal structures and initiatives;• Government joint ventures.

Lot 5. Intellectual Property

Description

All aspects including advice and support in respect of intellectual property law including but not limited to:? contentious and non-contentious support and advice relating to patents, copyright, trademarks, trade secrets and rights in confidential information, database rights, design rights, and other forms of intellectual property;? assignment and licensing of rights and commercialisation and exploitation of intellectual property;• drafting and reviewing technology licences, software and technical cooperation and development agreements;• brand licensing, sponsorship and franchising agreements.

Lot 6. Data Protection and Information Law

Description

All aspects including advice and support in respect of data protection and information law

including but not limited to:• the law surrounding the use and control of information by public and private sector bodies, including domestic and EU data protection legislation;• international data transfers;• data protection laws, data requests and complying with the principles of transparency; and• Freedom of Information• Environmental Information Regulations.

Lot 7. Employment Law Equality and Human Rights

Description

All aspects of employment law, including advice, support and where appropriate legal representation and attendance including but not limited to:• non-contentious employment matters relating to attendance management, performance management, TUPE, redundancies, restructuring, outsourcing, changes in terms and conditions, and reorganisations; and• Contentious claims in the Industrial Tribunals and Fair Employment Tribunals and related appeals• Advice on issues relating to unlawful discrimination including bullying and harassment, disability and• implementation of Equal Opportunity policies and procedures• Disciplinary and grievance policy and procedures• TUPE• Termination of employment• Complaints relating to Section 75 of the Northern Ireland ActIn addition advice, support and where appropriate legal representation in areas such as:• Redundancies and severance payments• Collective industrial relations;• Legal aspects of recruitment;• Terms and conditions of employment;? private and public sector pension schemes;? pensions litigation;? regulatory compliance;? trusteeship; and? other employee benefits.

Lot 8. Competition Law (Including Subsidy Control and State Aid)

Description

All aspects including advice, support and where appropriate legal representation including but not limited to areas such as Competition Law, Subsidy Control and legacy State Aid advice.

Lot 9. Public Procurement Law

Description

All aspects including advice, support and where appropriate legal representation in areas such as:• EU / UK procurement regime and all stages of the public procurement lifecycle and application of the Public Procurement Act 2023, Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) the Concessions ContractsRegulations 2016 (as amended) and the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (as amended);• Drafting tender and contract documents;• The evaluation and award processes;• Contract modification and contract performance;• Provision of legal advice and representation in respect of disputes and legal challenges that may arise.

Lot 10. Administrative and Public Law

Description

All aspects of public law including but not limited to:• INI corporate governance and vires queries;• inquiries and judicial reviews;• public regulatory law; and• Public Enquiries• devolved powers of Northern Ireland Assembly and sub-national devolution;• local government law.

Contract 1. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 1. Contracts

Suppliers (2)

- ARTHUR COX
- CLEAVER FULTON RANKIN LTD

Contract value

- £1,542,000 excluding VAT
- £1,850,400 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

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5 December 2025

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- 4 years

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CPV classifications

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Contract locations

• UKN - Northern Ireland

Contract 2. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

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Contract 3. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

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Lot 3. Commercial Property, Real Estate and Construction

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- CLEAVER FULTON RANKIN LTD

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Contract locations

UKN - Northern Ireland

Contract 4. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 4. Venture Capital & Corporate Law

Suppliers (2)

- ARTHUR COX
- PINSENT MASONS LLP

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Contract locations

• UKN - Northern Ireland

Contract 5. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 5. Intellectual Property

Suppliers (2)

- ARTHUR COX
- CLEAVER FULTON RANKIN LTD

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Contract locations

• UKN - Northern Ireland

Contract 6. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 6. Data Protection and Information Law

Suppliers (3)

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Contract 7. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 7. Employment Law Equality and Human Rights

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Contract 8. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 8. Competition Law (Including Subsidy Control and State Aid)

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Contract locations

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Contract 9. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 9. Public Procurement Law

Suppliers (2)

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Contract 10. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 10. Administrative and Public Law

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Lot 11. Energy, Natural Resources and Climate Change

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Contract 12. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Lots

Lot 12. Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

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Contract locations

UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

Lot 11. Energy, Natural Resources and Climate Change

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

Lot 12. Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

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

Lot 1. Contracts

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

Lot 2. Corporate Finance Debt Recovery and Finance

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

Lot 3. Commercial Property, Real Estate and Construction

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

Lot 4. Venture Capital & Corporate Law

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

Lot 5. Intellectual Property

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

Lot 6. Data Protection and Information Law

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

Lot 7. Employment Law Equality and Human Rights

- · 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
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- 3 suppliers awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 8. Competition Law (Including Subsidy Control and State Aid)

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

Lot 9. Public Procurement Law

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

Lot 10. Administrative and Public Law

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
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- 3 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Suppliers

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Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQJM-8233-ZHYV

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Email: tenders.belfast@arthurcox.com

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTQL-3484-GQGQ

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United Kingdom

Email: tenders@carson-mcdowell.com

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 4. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Contract 11. ID 5827200 - DfE- Invest NI Legal Service Framework

Contracting authority

Invest NI

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLTC-4224-XGDP

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Website: https://www.investni.com/

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

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