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Tender

TVCA-PROC-0584 - Tees Valley Combined Authority Group - Group Wide Legal Services Framework

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

TVCA-PROC-0584

Description

Tees Valley Combined Authority wishes to establish an Open Framework for group-wide legal services framework to provide specialist legal support in a range of disciplines which will be divided into Lots:

Lot 1 – Corporate, Contracts and Commercial Law

Lot 2 – Property, Planning and Construction

Lot 3 – Utilities

Lot 4 – Regulatory, Employment and Litigation

Prospective providers for respective Lots will be required to demonstrate previous

experience in their field and within specific sectors. It is recognised that there may be some cross-over between Lots, and some commissions may span more than one Lot. It is anticipated that the total value of all the Lots over the next 4 years will be between seven and ten million (subject to the needs and resources of external funders).

This competition is for the award of framework one in the scheme of frameworks.

- Framework one (1) is for a term of 24 months.
- Framework two (2) will be for a term of 12 months with an option to extend up to a maximum of 12 months.
- Framework three (3) which is the final framework will last 12 months, depending on whether we exercised the option to extend framework two (2).

The open framework will last 4 years in total.

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Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried

over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 1 March 2028
- Possible extension to 1 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

This competition is for the award of framework one in the scheme of frameworks.

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Framework two (2) will be for a term of 12 months with an option to extend up to a maximum of 12 months.

Framework three (3) which is the final framework will last 12 months, depending on whether we exercised the option to extend framework two (2).

The open framework will last 4 years in total.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79100000 - Legal services

Contract locations

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham
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Lot 1. Corporate, Contracts and Commercial Law

Description

The areas of law or types of activities which might typically arise (but not limited to) under this Lot are as follows:

- Service Level Agreements
- Contracts with other public sector bodies
- Contracts with private sector bodies (in relation to part B suppliers we anticipate this may require specialist advice to include but not be limited to aviation, rail, highways and bus contracts)
- Public procurement Law
- Competition Law (excluding telecoms & IT sectors)
- Charitable Trusts
- Intellectual Property including Trademark and Patent registration)
- Commercial Disputes and Litigation

- Confidentiality
- Property aspects of commercial transactions and joint ventures
- Franchising
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Borrowing and investing
- Project Finance
- Establishing corporate vehicles
- Drafting and contributing to project documentation
- Project planning
- Drafting, negotiating and agreeing legal documentation
- Banking and Finance
- Advice and documentation on property issues
- General legal advice and assistance
- Advice and documentation on HR issues

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section,

because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Property, Planning and Construction

Description

The areas of law or types of activities which might typically arise (but not limited to) under this Lot are as follows:

- Acquisitions and disposal of property
- Landlord & Tenant related matters
- Leases and licences to use land
- Rent Reimbursement Provisions and Directions
- Reports on Title
- Site developments
- Property aspects of commercial transactions and joint ventures
- Town and Country Planning Advice/ Planning Rules knowledge, including compulsory purchase and development consent orders (DCO's)
- Environmental law advice
- Estate code and general estate management advice
- Property and construction disputes
- Building contract advice
- Restrictive covenants/ boundary issues
- Capital Charges, insurance and compliance with relevant protocols by government and public bodies
- Road Closures

- Enabling Works Contracts
- Construction Contracts (including standard form)
- Construction (including defects liability, collateral warranties, bank and surety bonds, professional appointments and procurement)
- Health & Safety (specifically relevant to the construction industry)
- Infrastructure Projects

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Utilities

Description

The areas of law or types of activities which might typically arise (but not limited to) under this Lot are as follows:

- Energy (Gas and Electricity)
- Green Energy
- Water

- Waste
- Telecoms

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Regulatory, Employment and Litigation

Description

The areas of law or types of activities which might typically arise (but not limited to) under this Lot are as follows:

Regulatory

- Intellectual Property (including Trademark and Patent registration)
- Confidentiality Agreements
- Property aspects of commercial transactions and joint ventures
- Public Procurement (under the PCRs/PA 23 and utilities Regulations) and Public Concessions
- Subsidy Control (and State Aid)

- FoI, EIR, and Data Protection including advice on the management of Subject access requests, information request
- Data protection including privacy and other associated policies.
- Confidentiality
- IT Contracts, e-commerce and Licences
- Software Licences
- IT/ Telecoms procurement
- Competition Law

Employment

- Employment Law Advice
- Employment Tribunals
- HR Policies
- Pensions
- Employment Agencies and bank staff
- Organisational Change
- Disciplinary and Appeal – All staff
- Discrimination
- Employee Payments
- Employment Relationship Advice
- Organisational Change/ Change Management
- Outsourcing/ Contracting out
- Immigration Issues
- Other Legislation and case law

- TUPE

Litigation

- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Employment Tribunal Claims
- Health & Safety
- HSE Investigations and prosecutions
- Public Liability Claims

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

1 March 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

Not applicable

Framework operation description

Refer to 'TVCA-PROC-0584 - Part 1 - ITT - Framework Agreement and Instructions' document for details on the award of contracts under this framework.

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. Corporate, Contracts and Commercial Law

Lot 2. Property, Planning and Construction

Lot 3. Utilities

Lot 4. Regulatory, Employment and Litigation

The conditions of participation relating to the legal and financial capacity are set out in the ITT, in the procurement specific questionnaire. The conditions of participation will be assessed in accordance with the assessment methodologies detailed in the procurement specific questionnaire and 'TVCA-PROC-0584 - Part 1 - ITT - Framework Agreement and Instructions' document.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Corporate, Contracts and Commercial Law

Lot 2. Property, Planning and Construction

Lot 3. Utilities

Lot 4. Regulatory, Employment and Litigation

The conditions of participation relating to technical capability are set out in the ITT, in the procurement specific questionnaire. The conditions of participation will be assessed in accordance with the assessment methodologies detailed in the procurement specific questionnaire and 'TVCA-PROC-0584 - Part 1 - ITT - Framework Agreement and Instructions' document.

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Corporate, Contracts and Commercial Law

Lot 2. Property, Planning and Construction

Lot 3. Utilities

Lot 4. Regulatory, Employment and Litigation

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 January 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 January 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/Y2H4NR3P89>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

6 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	Price	50%
Quality	Quality	Quality	30%
Social Value	Social Value	Quality	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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