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Contract

TC038 - Provision for Defence of Civil Litigation and Ad hoc Legal Advice

Bolton Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0375de

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bolton Council

3rd Floor Bolton Town Hall, Victoria Square

Bolton

BL1 1RU

Email

corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

TC038 - Provision for Defence of Civil Litigation and Ad hoc Legal Advice

Reference number

DN638004

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Borough Council of Bolton (the “Authority”) currently insures its liability and motor (fleet and non-fleet) risks with Zurich Municipal (note a new contract commenced 1st April 2022) and claims arising from this contract, with incident date after and including 1st April 2022 handled by Zurich Municipal in house team. Claims arising with a date of incident prior to this date will be handled by the previous insurers, claims handlers Gallagher Bassett.

From time to time the claims which arise may become litigated and the services of solicitors are required to manage and provide representation in connection with the litigation. It is this legal work which is the subject of this Framework Agreement. The contract also has provision for ad hoc legal advice, which will primarily be utilised by Legal Services

The Authority will appoint a maximum of three (3) Providers on the Framework Agreement

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

TC038

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Weightmans LLP

Manchester

M1 3BN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Plexus Law Limited

Manchester

M1 4BT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Forbes Solicitors

Blackburn

BB1 8DD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD41 - Blackburn with Darwen

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court London

London

Country

United Kingdom