

**United Kingdom-Warrington: Legal services**  
**OJ S 195/2017 11/10/2017**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Homes and Communities Agency

Postal address: Arpley House, 110 Birchwood Boulevard, Birchwood

Town: Warrington

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: WA3 7QH

Country: United Kingdom

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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/housing/regulation>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/housing/regulation>

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login/>

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal agency/office

**I.5. Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

Regulator of Social Housing: Legal Services Framework.

Reference number: DN301724

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79100000 Legal services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

The purpose of the procurement is to procure a framework for the supply of legal services to the Regulator for Social Housing Providers in England. The regulatory function is currently carried out through the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency, independently of the HCA's other functions. The framework will provide a flexible legal resource to support delivery of the regulatory function and — after the establishment of that function within a separate organisation — to support the regulator as a corporate entity. The framework will comprise 2 Lots.

The framework advertised here is only to support Regulation. HCA is setting up a different legal services framework to support its other, non-Regulation, functions.

#### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 000 000,00 GBP

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

General — General framework to deliver support on public / administrative law and regulatory law; charity law; and corporate, commercial and financial law

Lot No: 1

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

79100000 Legal services

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The scope of services for Lot 1 General: a general framework to deliver support on public / administrative law and regulatory law; charity law; and corporate, commercial and financial law. It is envisaged that between 5 and 10 firms will be invited to participate further in the procurement process at the second stage. It is envisaged that 4 firms will be appointed to the General Lot.

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 500 000,00 GBP

#### **II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start: 01/05/2018 End: 30/04/2022

This contract is subject to renewal: no

#### **II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5 Maximum number: 10

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **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

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

##### **II.2. Description**

##### **II.2.1. Title**

Specialist — Insolvency and/or special administration law  
Lot No: 2

##### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

79100000 Legal services

##### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

##### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The scope of services for Lot 2 Specialist: A specialist panel to deliver support on insolvency and/or special administration law.

Between 5 and 10 firms will be invited to participate further in the procurement process at the second stage. It is envisaged that 3 firms will be appointed to the Specialist Lot.

##### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

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##### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

##### **II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start: 01/05/2018 End: 30/04/2022

This contract is subject to renewal: no

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **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

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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#### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

Refer to Selection Questionnaire and Memorandum of Information.

### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Description**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 7

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **IV.2. Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 08/11/2017 Local time: 17:00

#### **IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

#### **IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

### **VI.3. Additional information**

This opportunity can be accessed via the HCA's e-Tendering system. Those wishing to be considered for this contract must register their interest and submit a response to the selection questionnaire, and if selected submit a tender, through the HCA e-Tendering system. If not already registered, candidates should register on the system at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

When the HCA's regulation function is transferred to a separate organisation, this agreement will be transferred to the Regulator by the HCA. If the regulation function transfers to a separate organisation before this procurement process is completed, the remaining steps of the procurement process and the award of this agreement will be carried out by that separate organisation.

All discussions, meetings and communications will be conducted in English.

The contract will be subject to English law. Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in GBP and all payments under the contract will be made in GBP.

This procurement and award is subject to the transparency arrangements being adopted by the UK Government. These arrangements include the publication of tender documentation issued by the HCA and the contract between the HCA and supplier. Bidders should highlight any areas they consider commercially sensitive in order for the HCA to be able to honour our transparency obligations without undermining the bidder's commercial interests.

Candidates are advised that the HCA is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('The Act'). If a candidate considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidential or otherwise, they must, when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information they do not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. The HCA shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note, it is insufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response.

The HCA takes a 0-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and sets high standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity in relation to the stewardship of public funds and the management of its activities. The principles contained within this policy apply to both internal and external audiences, including anyone wishing to undertake business or engage with the HCA. Please refer to the HCA's Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anti-bribery-and-corruption-policy> for further information.

All dates in this notice are indicative and may be amended.

The NUTS code included in this notice is 'UK'. However, the services will only be procured in England.

Tenders may be submitted for 1 or both lots.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Homes and Communities Agency

Postal address: Arpley House, 110 Birchwood Boulevard, Birchwood

Town: Warrington

Postal code: WA3 7QH

Country: United Kingdom

##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

09/10/2017