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**United Kingdom-Salford: Legal services
2017/S 229-477482**

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

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I.1) **Name and addresses**

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I.2) **Joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) **Main activity**

Education

Section II: Object

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

II.1.1) **Title:**

Legal Services Framework.

Reference number: CA4435

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

79100000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The Contracting Authority wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for the provision of Legal Services. It is being established to meet the needs of Crescent Purchasing Consortium Members, <http://www.thecpc.ac.uk/members> and is also open for use by all contracting authorities across the public sector throughout the UK (and any future successors to these organisations). These include (but not limited to) central government departments and agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies, NHS bodies, Local Authorities, Police Authorities, Emergency Services, Educational Establishments, Hospices, Registered Charities, National Parks and Registered Social Landlords. The Framework is being let across thirteen regional Lots and one National One-Stop-Shop lot. Full details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas is available at <http://www.npg-ltd.com/tenders/>

There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on each of the 14 Lots.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 46 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots: 14

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 14

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

East Anglia

Lot No: 1

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

79110000

79111000
79120000
79140000
79131000
79132000
79112000
79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK
Main site or place of performance:
UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within East Anglia. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48
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: yes
Description of options:
48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

East Midlands
Lot No: 2

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

79110000
79111000
79120000
79140000

79131000
79132000
79112000
79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK
Main site or place of performance:
UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within East Midlands. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48
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: yes
Description of options:
48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**
London
Lot No: 3

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

79110000
79111000
79120000
79140000
79131000
79132000
79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within London. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

Northern Ireland

Lot No: 4

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:
UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within Northern Ireland. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services and Other Related Legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 2 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

North East England

Lot No: 5

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within North East England. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

North West England

Lot No: 6

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within North West England. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and

Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

Scotland

Lot No: 7

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within Scotland. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services and Other Related Legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 1 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

South East England

Lot No: 8

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within South East England. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

South West England

Lot No: 9

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within South West England. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

Wales

Lot No: 10

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within Wales. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services and Other Related Legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 2 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

West Midlands

Lot No: 11

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within West Midlands. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

Yorkshire
Lot No: 12

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

79110000
79111000
79120000
79140000
79131000
79132000
79112000
79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK
Main site or place of performance:
UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within Yorkshire. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48
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: yes
Description of options:
48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**

Channel Islands

Lot No: 13

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

79110000

79111000

79120000

79140000

79131000

79132000

79112000

79130000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

UK.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within Channel Islands. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services and Other Related Legal services. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 1 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

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: yes

Description of options:

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:**
National One-Stop-Shop
Lot No: 14
- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**
79110000
79111000
79120000
79140000
79131000
79132000
79112000
79130000
- II.2.3) **Place of performance**
NUTS code: UK
Main site or place of performance:
UK.
- II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**
This Lot is designed to meet the Legal Services needs of organisations across the entire public sector within the United Kingdom. This includes public sector organisations across all other 13 regional geographical Lots. The Lot covers a comprehensive range of Legal Services but specifically provides access to Property services, Human Resources services, Academy Conversion and Post Conversion services and Other Related Legal services. It also provides services to deliver multi discipline legal services to support high value major projects. Full details of the service provision are contained within the Invitation to Tender documentation. There will be a maximum of 6 suppliers awarded a place on this framework 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: 4 000 000.00 GBP
- II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**
Duration in months: 48
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: yes
Description of options:
48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 36 initial month(s) and option to extend 1 x 12 month(s).
- II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**
- 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

III.1) **Conditions for participation**

- III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
- 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
- III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**
- III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**
- III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

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
Framework agreement with several operators
Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 84
- IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**
- IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**
- 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.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**
Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 169-346939](#)
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 05/01/2018
Local time: 12:00
- 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
- IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 05/01/2018
Local time: 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: no
- VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted
Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

CPC Internal Reference Number is CPC/DU/LS/03A. Northern Procurement Group Limited (who are a subsidiary of Dukefield Limited) are acting as agents of Crescent Purchasing Consortium in the development and on-going contract management of this framework. The Contracting Authority will be using an e-tendering system to conduct the procurement exercise. To access the procurement documentation suppliers must register their company details on the Sourcing Cloud system at <https://suppliers.multipoint.com>, the tender is available from the Opportunities menu on the login page of the site. The Contracting Authority shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest tender or indeed any tender. Crescent Purchasing Consortium expressly reserves the rights:

- (a) To terminate the procurement process and not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process at any time;
- (b) To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement as detailed within the tender documentation;
- (c) To award a contract covering only part of the consortium's requirements if explicitly detailed within the tender documentation;
- (d) To disqualify any organisation from the process that canvasses any employee of the Contracting Authority during the procurement process or standstill period if applicable;
- (e) Seek clarifications to tender responses on the basis that any clarification sought will not confer any undue competitive advantage in the favour of any supplier from whom such clarifications are being sought;
- (f) Where the Contracting Authority can evidence that there is a conflict of interest, either personal or inconsideration of any organisation bidding for the contract, the Contracting Authority shall have the explicit right to immediately exclude that person or organisation from the tender process entirely;
- (g) Where the Contracting Authority has engaged in any pre-market soft testing prior to the commencement of the procurement process, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to name any organisation that has been involved in these discussions and release any and all specifications / discussion documents to the market where appropriate to the subject matter of this procurement.
- (h) The Contracting Authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by tenderers.
- (i) The value of the framework provided in section II.1.5 is only an estimate and the Contracting Authority will not guarantee any business through this framework agreement; and
- (j) The Contracting Authority wishes to establish a Framework Agreement open for use by all Public Sector Bodies as stated in II.1.4.

Tenderers should note, in reference to Section IV.1.3), Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework:

Where, following the evaluation of bids, more than one Tenderer is tied with the same final evaluation score, each of these tenderers shall be deemed to occupy the last Framework Agreement contract award position for the purpose of calculating the maximum number of Suppliers under the framework.

The Contracting Authority will award a Framework Agreement to additional Tenderers beyond the stated maximum number on any particular Lot, where their final evaluation score (S) is within 0.5 % of the last placed position only. For the avoidance of doubt, the last placed position in respect of each Lot of this framework is 6th place. Therefore on a lot by lot basis, Tenderers within 0.5 %, along with the Tenderer in last placed position, shall be deemed to occupy the last Framework Agreement contract award position for each respective lot.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

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VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Crescent Purchasing Consortium will incorporate a minimum 10-day standstill period at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. Bidders who are unsuccessful shall be informed by the Contracting Authority as soon as possible after the decision is made as to the reasons why the bidder was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for the aggrieved parties who have been harmed or who are at risk of harm by the breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any action must be generally brought within 3 months. If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where the Contracting Authority has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months of the contract being entered into. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the Contracting Authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the Contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the Contracting Authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

28/11/2017