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Legal Services Framework

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 08 November 2018 in which you requested information regarding the 2014 legal services framework agreement.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your questions below and set out our corresponding responses.

1. Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract below and were successful and not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages.

Thirteen firms submitted Pre-Qualification Questionnaires:

Bates Wells Braithwaite (Lots 1 and 2)

Browne Jacobson (Lots 1, 2 and 3)

Winckworth Sherwood (Lots 1, 2 and 3)

Bircham Dyson Bell (Lots 1, 2 and 3)

Eversheds (Lots 1 and 3)

Blake Morgan (Lots 2 and 3)

Geldards (Lots 2 and 3)

Hugh James (Lots 2 and 3)

Weightmans (Lot 3)

Veale Wasbrough Vizards (Lot 3)

Burges Salmon (Lot 3)

Prolegal Ltd (Lot 3)

MLM Cartright (Lot 3)

We invited 10 firms to tender for one or more of three lots, as set out below. We did not invite all firms to bid for all lots – only those firms that qualified in respect of the relevant lot.

Lot 1 audit matters (both local government and non-local government):

Bates Wells Braithwaite

Browne Jacobson

Winckworth Sherwood

Bircham Dyson Bell

Lot 2 general business administration (e.g. procurement and estates):

Browne Jacobson
Bircham Dyson Bell
Winckworth Sherwood
Blake Morgan
Geldards
Bates Wells Braithwaite
Hugh James

Lot 3 employment:

Weightmans
Bircham Dyson Bell
Veale Wasbrough Vizards
Blake Morgan
MLM Cartwright

The winning tenderers and runners up for each lot, are as follows:

Lot 1 audit matters (both local government and non-local government):

Bates Wells Braithwaite
Browne Jacobson

Lot 2 general business administration (e.g. procurement and estates):

Bates Wells Braithwaite
Blake Morgan

Lot 3 employment:

Blake Morgan
Weightmans

2. Contract values of each framework/contract (& any sub lots), year to date

Spend for 2018 to date is as follows:

Lot 1 audit matters (both local government and non-local government):	£28,590.00
Lot 2 general business administration (e.g. procurement and estates):	£14,738.40
Lot 3 employment:	£12,626.00

3. Start date & duration of framework?

The Framework Agreement is dated 26 June 2015 and is for a period of 4 years.

4. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

There is provision in the framework for the agreement to be extended for an agreed set period.

5. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

No, we anticipate that lots 1 and 2 will be re-tendered through an OJEU process in 2019. Lot 3 is likely to go through a quotation process (in line with our procurement procedures) due to the lower value involved.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Information Officer