

Legal Services (LUPC) (PFB5018 LU)

SUMMARY

Start date: 1st September, 2014

End date: 31st August, 2018

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Following the conclusion of a highly competitive tender process, LUPC awarded its second generation framework agreement for Legal Services on 1 September 2014. Even compared with the excellent pricing on the previous LUPC framework, there are improved rates available from some firms on the new agreement.

This agreement is intended to complement the APUC framework agreement for the Provision of Legal Services (BA-PFB021), awarded in June 2013. The APUC framework is aimed primarily at Higher Education Institutions, and LUPC's HEI Members are advised to consider this agreement in the first instance. Alongside this, the LUPC framework has been developed with a particular focus on the needs of our Members outside the Higher Education sector, though it can be accessed by all LUPC Members, should others feel it better meets their needs.

Mills and Reeve have increased their prices by 2.49% from 1 January 2018, the new pricing schedule has been uploaded to HEC.

SCOPE

In order to offer maximum flexibility, the agreement does not have a lot structure, but rather the seven successful firms have been chosen for the quality and good value of their legal services in a range of areas, including employment, commercial and finance, litigation, property, constitutional and regulatory.

AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- Designed with our Members in mind, particularly those in the research, arts, cultural and related sectors. The firms have been chosen based on their experience and skills in delivering advice to similar organisations.
- An OJEU compliant route through which Members can access legal services. This is particularly relevant now legal services has lost its Part B status under the new procurement regulations.
- Highly competitive pricing, with hourly rates in some cases showing a reduction compared with the previous LUPC framework and other similar frameworks. There is a range of other pricing options, including volume discounts, retainers rates, secondees rates and fixed pricing.
- An excellent set of added value services and tools for LUPC Members, from newsletters and alerts to free training and seminars, extranets, document health checks and free telephone advice lines.

USING THE FRAMEWORK

Please download the Buyer's Guide for more information on how to utilise the Framework, and feel free to contact LUPC for any further assistance.

SUPPLIERS

Eversheds Sutherland, Farrer & Co LLP, Michelmores LLP, Mills & Reeve LLP, Muckle LLP, Shakespeare Martineau LLP, VWV,

SUSTAINABILITY

LUPC has a strong commitment to sustainability in all our tenders and agreements. The consortium is signed up to the Sustainability Strategy of Procurement England Ltd (PEL), the body comprising LUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC and SUPC that provides a collaborative procurement and contract management service for the higher and further education institutions in England.

Read the PEL Sustainability Policy:

<http://static.uk-plc.net/library/london-universities-purchasing-consortium/documents/pel-sustainable-procurement-policy-final1.pdf>

NEXT STEPS

LUPC is currently coordinating a National Legal Services Tender, due to be published in October 2016. Please contact LUPC for further information on this upcoming tender procedure.