

Introduction

TSol's mission is to be its client's first choice for the provision of legal services.

Our Purchasing function supports that aim by:

- Seeking good quality and innovative goods & service providers that support TSol's delivery of excellent legal services;
- Focusing on achieving Value for Money; and
- Assisting the department to comply with its obligations under EU and UK law, and to meet government and internal policies and procedures.

Purchasing

- Annual spend of approx £44 million
- Spend on standard goods and services i.e. stationery, cleaning, office equipment, IT, and telecommunications; and a significant proportion of spend in direct support of its legal services: counsel services, solicitor agents, and expert witnesses etc. (which are primarily incurred for clients).
- TSol's preference is to buy goods & services from central and collaborative framework arrangements.

Best Practice

- Our procurement processes comply with the [Government Procurement Code of Good Practice for Customers and Suppliers](#).
- TSol complies with the requirements of the EU Procurement Directive where they apply, and will normally adopt comparable processes even where tender is not subject to their full application.
- TSol utilises open, transparent competitive tendering processes. Competition is the foundation stone of central government's procurement policy and is aimed at optimising Value for Money.

Information

- Read our standard Terms and Conditions
- If you are interested in supplying us: check our Goods & Services in Procurement note which gives an overview of current and forthcoming procurement activity.

Contact us - please feel able to contact the procurement team directly:

- e-mail: procurement@tsol.gsi.gov.uk

Goods & Services in Procurement

TSol's policy is to examine the potential for utilising existing frameworks delivered by the Office of Government Commerce, and other Government Departments, before initiating its own procurement exercises.

We advertise other procurements that exceed the EU Public Procurement Directives thresholds (subject to periodic revision) in the supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) via a contract notice. The contract notice allows expressions of interest in any of the requirements advertised. You can find information about the EU Public Procurement Directives and Regulations on the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) website: (<http://www.ogc.gov.uk/>)

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A/. TSol is currently seeking framework suppliers for:

Data links *enabling data backup and off-site Disaster Recover*

Access: via PASA framework for Voice, Video and Data Products and Services
CM/ITB/03/1844

Closing Date: 19 November 2009

Hardware and ancillary IT requirements - *the provision of servers and the specialist build of a server room*

Access: via Buying Solutions framework "IT Goods and Associated Services"

Closure date: 30 November 2009

B/. Future procurement opportunities

TSol anticipates issuing invitations to, or raise opportunities for, suppliers during the next four months. The items may be withdrawn subject to new or existing frameworks meeting the Department's purchasing requirements.

- Content Management and Database System
Previously advertised in July 2009 but withdrawn to consider affordability.
Target date to re-initiate procurement: January 2010
- Office Cleaning
Target date to initiate procurement: March 2010
- Courier services
Target date to initiate procurement: March 2010

C/. Recent Contract Awards

The following major contracts have been awarded in the last three months:

Managed Print services

A contract to replace non-standard floor printers and photocopiers with standard equipment and thereafter to manage the on-going service and maintenance.

Awarded to: Altodigital on 15 October 2009

Term: 3 year contract
Estimated value: £598,000.00
Procurement: via Buying Solutions framework RM450 - Photocopiers & Multifunctional Products & Services, Print Room & Managed Services

CMS Hardware

Server hardware for the Case Management System

Awarded to: Probrand in September 2009
Estimated value: £153,000.00
Procurement: via Buying Solutions framework A217833/L2 IT Goods and Associated Services - Network Infrastructures

Voice Over Internal Protocol (VOIP) and Office Communications Server

A contract to enable "Find you" telecommunications technology in concert with the implementation of Citrix services (above).

Awarded to: DSGi Business t/a Equanet on 5 September 2009
Term: 3 year contract
Estimated value: £110,000.00
Procurement: via Buying Solutions framework A217833/L7: "IT Goods and Associated Services - Software (Office Productivity, Misc Applications and Database)

Case, Document and Records Management System (CMS)

A contract to build and implement an integrated case management and records management system

Awarded to: FWBS Limited on 3 September 2009
Estimated value: £1,383,000.00
Procurement: via Buying Solutions framework A217837/L3: Specialist Solutions – Convergent Solutions
Contract Award Notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU): 2009/S198-284190

Citrix services

A contract to replace existing desktop IT services with thin-client desktops and enhanced central server capacity.

Awarded to: BT iNET on 19 August 2009
Term: 3 year contract
Estimated value: £ 199,000.00
Procurement: via Buying Solutions framework A217837/L3: Specialist Solutions – Convergent Solutions