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As dated

For the attention of the Contract Liaison Manager

Dear Sir,

2010 Standard Crime Contract (the “Contract”):

Offer (subject to your acceptance) to continue working under the Contract from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015.

In its response to the consultation entitled “Transforming Legal Aid: Crime Duty Contracts” (paragraph 3.11), the Government made a commitment to extend the Contract to ensure continuous service coverage up to the start of the new 2015 Crime Contracts and to notify existing contract holders of this extension through the Legal Aid Agency. Services under the new 2015 Crime Contracts (the 2015 Own Client Crime Contract and 2015 Duty Provider Crime Contract) for those who have been successful in bidding for them are expected to commence from 1 October 2015.

Accordingly, I am writing to provide you and the other providers who hold the Contract the opportunity to continue working under it from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015 (“the Interim Service Period”) – being the period immediately prior to commencement of services under the new 2015 Crime Contracts - subject to your acceptance by 12.00pm 23 January 2015. The terms of our Offer are set out for you below.

For clarity of interpretation, any terms which are capitalised but not defined within this letter bear the meaning given to them in the Contract.

We have sent you a copy of this letter by post and email.

The Offer is made to you in consideration of, and conditional on your acceptance of and compliance with, the following terms:

- you agree to the following variation to the provisions relating to the Contract Period in your Contract for Signature so that the Contract will expire on midnight on 30 September 2015 at the end of the Interim Service Period:

Amendment to Contract for Signature (effective on acceptance by you of the Offer by the deadline as provided below)

“... ”

8 You shall be obliged to undertake Contract Work with effect from the Contract Start Date until midnight on ~~30 June~~ 30 September 2015 (the “Contract Period”), subject to clauses 9 ~~to 11~~ of this Contract for Signature...”

Clauses 10 and 11 of the Contract for Signature are deleted and the words “Not used” inserted in their place; and

- you agree to an associated variation to the Schedule End Date in your Schedule so that the new Schedule End Date is 30 September 2015; and
- for the avoidance of doubt, you shall be obliged to undertake Contract Work in accordance with the Contract in the Interim Service Period; and
- the terms and conditions of the Contract apply to you and us for the Interim Service Period; and
- you complete and sign the Offer acceptance form below and email a copy to us at **Crime.Contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk** by 12.00pm 23 January 2015 (“the deadline”).

If you do not accept this Offer by the deadline, your Contract will expire on 30 June 2015 and you will not be entitled to undertake and be paid for Contract Work for the Interim Service Period.

For the avoidance of doubt, you will be aware that from 1 October 2015 criminal legal aid services will only be able to be carried out by providers who have been successful in bidding for a 2015 Own Client Crime Contract and/or 2015 Duty Provider Crime Contract.

You will receive a notification when your current Schedule has been amended to reflect the new Schedule End Date.

If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter please contact your Contract Manager. Please complete the form below to indicate your acceptance.

Yours faithfully,



Hugh Barrett
Director of Legal Aid Commissioning and Strategy

Offer Acceptance Form: TO BE EMAILED TO Crime.Contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk BY 12.00pm 23 JANUARY 2015

Name(s) of Provider Signatory(ies)

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for *[insert full name of Provider]*, accept the terms of the Legal Aid Agency's Offer in this letter dated *[insert date]*

Signed by..... Date.....

Signed by..... Date.....

By signing the above, you acknowledge and agree to be bound by the terms of the Offer and the terms and conditions of the Contract as varied by the Offer.

This Offer must be signed for you by a person who can bind you to it. If you are a partnership, a partner must sign. If you are a sole practitioner solicitor, the sole practitioner (principal) must sign. If you are a company, a director must sign. If you are a limited liability partnership, a designated member must sign. If you are an unincorporated charity, two trustees must sign.